



The Way Ahead

Answering America's Call

How businesses are responding to the pandemic

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High cotton

Parkdale Mills is a 104-year-old family-run textile company in Gastonia, North Carolina. It buys more American cotton than anyone in the world.

Hard times

When the pandemic hit, clothing stores closed and "business essentially evaporated," says CEO Andy Warlick. Layoffs and shuttered factories followed.



PPE crisis

Then, out of the blue in mid-March, Andy got a call from the White House. America needed masks, medical gowns and testing swabs. Could Parkdale help?



Building a coalition



They organized over 100 of the apparel industry's biggest players. "People that are typically making blue jeans and t-shirts are working together," says Parkdale EVP Davis Warlick.

Answering the call

Employees are back at work and the coalition is producing 600 million masks, 60 million gowns and countless swabs. "When we got the call, we answered," says Andy.



"Wells Fargo provided credit support for Parkdale to re-tool its factories. What they've accomplished is extraordinary."

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