

Covid 19 Oral History Transcript

Dalia: My name is Dalia Guerrero and today's date is March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will be discussing the experiences people during the Covid 19 pandemic. And today we are in San Antonio, Texas and I am interviewing...

Rachael: Rachael Smiley

Dalia: Okay, when were you born?

Rachael: September 12, 2001

Dalia: Okay, and where are you from?

Rachael: Umm, Arizona

Dalia: What part of Arizona?

Rachael: Um, Window Rock

Dalia: Okay, and what is or was your occupation?

Rachael: hmmm, I guess I didn't really have one until the Pandemic hit.

Dalia: Okay, umm when and how did you first hear about the virus? Can you explain your experience? Like at the beginning.

Rachael: Umm I guess, the first time I heard about it, probably on the news but then umm when it really affected me was probably umm after softball game where we all like heard that our season was getting canceled because of the pandemic.

Dalia: Okay, um can you explain how has the corona virus affected you and your family and friends?

Rachael: umm it affected my family because I guess most of us, we really didn't have anything to do and it was just my mom working. And I guess my friends probably just school and not being able to attend school.

Dalia: what has changed as well, like routine wise?

Rachael: um mostly just not going to be able to going to school and probably traveling like out of the state or going to see my grandma and grandparents.

Dalia: um due to the pandemic are you able to work from home? Why or why not?

Rachael: hmm I guess my mom right; she works at school. She gets to go there but for me, I don't work or go to school so yeah, I stay home and that's about it.

Dalia: That's fine. Umm do you know anyone that has affected with the virus?

Rachael: um my whole family here in the south, um my grandparents, my uncle, but um we all recovered except my grandpa. Which um he died from the virus and yeah.

Dalia: okay, um how has adapting to the virus affected your work, school work, responsibilities affect you?

Rachael: hmm, I guess just not being able to do stuff like hang out with friends and um probably like go on with my life, with school and probably just um my family. Just not being able to get jobs right now.

Dalia: okay and what would you like to tell the future generation about the pandemic?

Rachael: umm, that... goodness, hmm probably that families important, don't ever take them for granted and things can change as quick as lighting and nothing permanent. Okay.

Dalia: Thank you

Rachael: \*laughs\*

Dalia: Do you have any more comments?

Rachael: Yeah, um no

Dalia: No? Okay \*laughs together\* thank you.