

Interview #2: Zeniyus

1) How has your life changed since March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?

My life has changed since the COVID-19 pandemic because I had to stop coming to the Club and stop hanging out with my friends. I also have to wear a mask every day and sometimes it's hard to breathe.

2) What was the hardest/biggest challenge for you or your family during/amidst COVID-19?

The hardest challenges for me is doing virtual learning and work at home and keeping my mask on.

3) How did the Club provide support to you during COVID? What was the impact of this support?

The Club supported me by helping me with my school work and making me feel safe and happy. Miss Vinessa supported me by being patient and helping me stay on track with school.

4) Who were your allies? Who were you able to lean on?

My allies are GG (step mom), my dad, my grandparents, my best friend, and the staff at the Club.

5) What were your greatest sources of strength? Where/when did you feel less strong?

Going to the Boys & Girls Club everyday has given me something to look forward to. All of the staff treat me like family and encourage me to be my best self.

6) What were your greatest disappointments as a result of the pandemic?

My greatest disappointment was not being able to go to school with my friends.

7) What surprised you about the pandemic?

I am surprised that the Coronavirus is still around. I thought it would be gone by now.

8) What are your greatest fears moving forward?

My greatest fear was that my grandmother could get COVID-19 and that I won't ever be able to hug her and be close again.

9) If there was one thing that the Club could help you with moving forward what would that be?

The Club could help me find more male mentors to help support me, due to the lack of male presence.

10) Is there anything else you would like to share that was not asked?

I love the Boys & Girls Club!