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

My life has changed financially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was used to working full time, but the pandemic caused my hours to be cut.

- 2) What was the hardest/biggest challenge for you or your family during/amidst COVID-19? The hardest challenge for my family during/amidst COVID-19 was balancing my job as well as my son doing virtual school since the Boys and Girls Club did not reopen yet.
- 3) How did the Club provide support to you during COVID? What was the impact of this support?

The Boys and Girls Club has provided immense support to my family especially my son during the pandemic. First, BGC reopened their doors full day so my child can do his virtual schooling and receive the help he needs. Also, with the reopening of the club I can go back to work full time to support my family.

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

Before the Boys and Girls Club reopened, my ally was my oldest son. Since he did not return back to campus due to COVID, he has assisted my youngest son with his schooling.

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

My greatest sources of strength were my oldest son (when the Boys and Girls Club was closed) and The Boys and Girls Club. I felt less strong when the pandemic first hit because of the unknown. I didn't know what was going to happen with school or my job.

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

My greatest disappointment as a result of the pandemic was that my son is not going to receive the proper education due to virtual schooling. My son learns better in face-to-face settings and that's why I am so grateful for his counselor who fills in that role my son needs.

7) What surprised you about the pandemic?

The thing that surprised me most about the pandemic is that it is still going on. Cases are still continuing to rise.

8) What are your greatest fears moving forward?

My greatest fear moving forward is that I or my family will catch the virus.

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

One thing the Club could help with me with moving forward is continuing to support my sons educational needs as well as running an after school programming and care.

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

One thing I would like to share is that the Boys and Girls Club has done an incredible job with reopening the club. The staff are being very cautious about the virus and taking it very seriously. When I pick my son up, I always see everyone wearing masks, sanitizing, etc. It feels good to know that my son is in a safe environment during such a scary time. Also, my son's counselor has been amazing since day one. She has been a huge asset to my son's life as well as mine. She supports my son and assists him with anything he needs and I'm so grateful for her.