

Transcript of Interview with Jennifer by Sharon Hunt

J: Hello

SH: Hi my name is Sharon Hunt and I'm a graduate student intern with the COVID-19 archive at ASU. The date is February 21, 2021 and the time is 2:40 pm and I'm speaking with Jennifer. I want to ask you a question about your pandemic experience, but before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital archive at ASU that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

J: Yes

SH: Thank you.

First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live.

J: My name is Jennifer, I'm over 60, and I live in Arizona.

SH: Thank you, now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive. But perhaps it's not all bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

J: Well, like you said, there were a lot of negative things but for me, the one positive was that I was able to get out of debt. With everything closed down, you really couldn't spend your money on anything, and I was blessed to be able to work through all of this so I'm finding that I had a lot of extra money. And I took that money, and I began to pay off my debts. So in a relatively small amount of time, I was able to pay off a car and several credit cards. And now I am pretty much debt free. So that's a big burden lifted off of me, and then going forward I'm continuing to see how I can continue to using my money properly and not getting into debt. So for me, that was a big positive.

SH: All right. That sounds great. Thank you for your time today. Good-bye.