**Transcript of Interview with Michele Lebsack by James Rayoux**

**Interviewee:** Michele Lebsack

**Interviewer:** James Rayoux

**Date:** 02/21/2021

**Location (Interviewee):** Tucson, Arizona

**Location (Interviewer):**

**Abstract:** On 02-21-2021, I sat down with my mother-in-law to ask about the positive experiences she had since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**James Rayroux** 0:01

My name is James Rayroux, and I’m a graduate student intern with the COVID19 archive at Arizona State University. Today, is February 21st at 08:14 hours, and I’m speaking with Michele Lebsack. Michele, I want to ask you a question about the, uh, about your pandemic experience, uh, but before I do, I have to first get your informed consent to record this response to the COVID-19 archive. The COVID-19 archive is a digital public archive at Arizona State University that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the publicly accessible archive with your name?

**Michele Lebsack** 0:42

Yes.

**James Rayroux** 0:43

Thank you. Uh, first, can you tell me your, uh, name, your age, your race, and where you live.

**Michele Lebsack** 0:51

My name is Michele Lebsack. I am sixty-nine years old. I am Caucasian, and I live in Tucson, Arizona.

**James Rayroux** 1:00

Now I just have one quick question about the pandemic. We’ve experienced a lot of negative and disruptive changes in 2020, or, rather, since 2020 now, and, uh, perhaps, they’re- all the changes we’ve experienced have not been bad or negative. What’s one thing that you’ve experienced during the pandemic that’s actually been a- a positive or beneficial experience?

**Michele Lebsack** 1:30

Well, for me, personally, I think it has forced me and my husband to get back in touch with each other, so that’s a positive one. Um...I have enjoyed the outdoors a lot more since this started, and um...I think I’ve- when I am able to visit with family, I think the time has become more precious to me.

**James Rayroux** 2:217

Well, I thank you for your time today, and for contributing to this, uh, this digital public archive and helping us document this moment in history.