

# Anonymous Oral History, 2020/08/17

Interviewee 0:03

Hi my name is [Anonymous]. I'm from Long Island, NY. I'm eleven years old and I'm a dancer.

Interviewer 0:09

Before Covid, what was your average day?

Interviewee 0:12

My average day before Covid was wake up, take a shower, get dressed, all the basic stuff that you do in the morning. And then I'd go to school, hang out with my friends after school... I would either chill at home, go to dance class, or go to S.T.R.O.N.G. [Youth, Inc.]

Interviewer 0:28

And what your day's like now?

Interviewee 0:31

My day is like now I wake up very, very late. And I usually go on my laptop or my brother's iPad because my phone is broken. And my mom tries her best to make us do stuff, make us do fun stuff since, since Covid is going on and she has a lot of work so we don't do it every day but we do it some days. Sometimes we go on walks. Sometimes we go out to eat. Last week we went out to eat for my uncle's birthday. And today we are going to go on a walk with my mom. My dad is at work right now so he can't go on a walk with us but it's gonna be me and my mom since my brothers are going on a bike ride with their friend.

Interviewer 1:24

How has the pandemic affected the groups that you are a part of?

Interviewee 1:27

The pandemic has affected my dancing because I'm not as flexible as I was before Covid-19. It didn't affect S.T.R.O.N.G. because I can still go to S.T.R.O.N.G. but sometimes I get afraid to speak but my counselors encourage me to speak and I remember the things my mom tells me to speak.

Interviewer 1:48

What word would you use to describe your feelings at the beginning of the pandemic?

Interviewee 1:52

The word I would use to describe my feelings at the beginning of the pandemic is... it was a little bit stressful

Interviewer 1:59

What word would you use to describe your feelings now?

Interviewee 2:02

The words I would use to describe my feelings now is painful and heartbroken because...

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