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### My Story

Since the pandemics involving the coronavirus has occurred everything has changed for the worst including lifestyle, work, and school. I live in a house in Sky Valley with both my parents and two brothers. It is a house of 5 acres so we have a high monthly bill. Both my parents do not work so it's only my siblings and I who pay the rent. It has been very tough for me paying bills at such a young age that even with the COVID-19 it became much harder. I have been the one buying the groceries as well since I do not want my parents to be exposed to the virus since I know their immune system is weak. However, it becomes hard since my mom has medicine she needs to be taking that only she can pick up which gets me very worried every time she goes. On the other hand, my sister just had her first baby and my family and I were very worried when she was at the hospital as well for the baby. Once she was out it was hard not being able to see the baby but we know it is for the best to keep her safe and healthy. All we received is pictures daily of how big she is getting and how they are doing as well. I have also taken into my own hands helping my sister and her boyfriend out by buying them the groceries they need so the baby is safe with them home. Furthermore, work has been another challenge I have been facing daily since the epidemic started. My hours at work have dropped horribly which meant I was not going to be making the same amount of money as before. Now that I go to work I get more frustrated since when I do work we are not busy I go home two or three hours into my shift which does not

help since it is more than a half hour drive so I have to pump gas often. As for my work environment it has also been hard working with gloves and a facemask since I do work with money I find it more challenging to make sure I have the right amount back or even breath well. Since I know I have to also help support my family by working I keep going to work trying to make the best of it. When I do come home I am careful and go straight to shower before seeing my family and having dinner with them. As for school it has also been very hard transferring to online class since I struggle more with learning online. Since the pandemic has started I have dropped two classes because it was being very challenging for me and was stressing way too much. I have been trying to get better at keeping up with my homework but it has gotten to the point where I forget or never see the notification. Now that the next semester is going to be the same as online class it is going to be hard again choosing classes I will be able to keep up with. Overall, it has been pretty tough dealing with the COVID-19 trying to keep my family safe because we are doing our best to protect ourselves.