**Lisa**

**Interviewed April 2021**

Betty

Okay. Lisa, during the pandemic that started last year, 2019, what was your experience doing COVID?

Lisa

COVID, right now we can't go out because we still don't have COVID and I don't want to give it to nobody.

Betty

What was the worry you felt when COVID hit? What was your main concern?

Lisa

My main concern was that COVID wouldn't go away.

Betty

And during COVID, did your daily activities remain the same or did they change? What happened?

Lisa

It remained the same and then it changed a little bit.

Betty

What are your daily activities? Your daily life activities?

Lisa

It meant we couldn't go out because we had COVID. And then everyone got COVID at the same time.

Betty

During COVID, what are you doing to get through the pandemic?

Lisa

The pandemic year I decided to stay in waiting for the pandemic to go away and hope it don't come back.

Betty

Your disability that you have now, does it affect you during your daily life activities or not?

Lisa

No. I know I can't walk and all y'all help me a lot. I understand that. I can't do too much for myself. It's very hard for me being in a wheelchair but I appreciate what all y'all do for me. I appreciate what everybody does for me. I'm happy where I am now and happy for all the staff that help me.

Betty

Let's go back to during COVID. During COVID you were diagnosed with breast cancer. How did that impact you?

Lisa

Well, I have cancer in my breast. I didn't know I had cancer in my breast. Then I did good in my operation to let them take the breast out of me. Everybody came to the hospital when the operation was done. And then I was okay.

Betty

Are you feeling better now?

Lisa

Yes.

Betty

Tell me about the experience of having breast cancer and how it made you feel.

Lisa

Breast cancer was not fun to take the breast off. They had to take the breast off because it…

Betty

Ok relax, Lisa.

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Betty

Okay. Lisa, we're back to COVID. How was COVID impacted your life now? And your family and your community? How?

Lisa

Well now it's hard because right now I don't have […] and I don't see my family right now. In my community I go for rides and we go out in the van. We have fun going to the park and right now I like going out in the van for rides.

Betty

What impact did COVID have on you? The impact.

Lisa

The impact of COVID. Well, COVID impact me. I had cancer in my breast. The left breast. And they took it off. That took a little for me to make it through all that pain but I made it through.

Betty

Ok. And what impact it took for your community for you to go out? The things you used to do, are you doing them now or no?

Lisa

No, I'm not doing it now, not like before. I'd go out with the staff, you, and Chris.

Betty

Before COVID hit, your regular routine, is it still the same or did it change?

Lisa

It changed.

Betty

Why'd it change?

Lisa

We're not eating out and all that, we're not going to the mall as much like we do and it's very hard right now.

Betty

What challenges have you faced or will you face due to COVID?

Lisa

It's tough right now because we can't go out right now in the community, nobody coming in to visit right now because we had COVID and stuff.

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Betty

Ok. What would be your concern of COVID in the future?

Lisa

Hope for the COVID to go away so everybody can go out in the world.

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Betty

All right. She says she has more to say about the COVID topic. Lisa, during COVID-19 what impact did it have?

Lisa

COVID-19 means I had to take my left breast off.

Betty

What do you mean by that?

Lisa

I mean by that it was okay. It didn't hurt me or nothing, I just relaxed and let them take the left breast off of my body. It wasn't easy to take it off. They had to put a tube in my breast so I had to relax and let them take it off. And then I was done.

Betty

What is your story of disability?

Lisa

Disability means that I can't walk and I can't dress myself. So, it's very hard for me to dress myself.

Betty

Has disability impacted your life?

Lisa

Yes.

Betty

In what way?

Lisa

I'm limited with stuff I can do. My staff helps me a lot.

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Lisa

I'm limited to the stuff I can do for myself.

Betty

What are your limitations?

Lisa

Limitations means get dressed by myself. I need help doing that. Limitations means I can't go to the bathroom by myself so I wear diapers all the time because I need help with that too. So I'm limited, I can't do a lot of stuff for myself like I used to.

Betty

And did you lose anyone during COVID-19?

Lisa

No. I'm ok, I'm happy where I am. I'm very happy where I live now. I can't be doing a lot for myself because it's very tough right now.

Betty

What are your hopes for the future?

Lisa

My hope for the future is that everything's going to be okay. And that's it.

Betty

Hello?

Julianne

Yes.

Betty

She said she's done.

Julianne

Wonderful. Thank you both so much.