

Person Interviewed: Grace Tolson

Date Interviewed: March 8, 2021

How has your daily life been affected by the quarantine or Corona Virus?

We've been lucky because I live on a ranch and there's lots of air between me and my people. I'm able to go out for walks and go out to my areas and visit with people from a distance, so we've been lucky.

Do you feel supported by The Valley community during this time? If yes, in what ways has your community supported you? Can you think of any other challenging time in The Valley that would compare?

No, I can't think of anything that would compare to this. As far as the first question, it's almost like we were separated from the community in a way."

Do you think that the safety precautions such as masks, social distancing, and hand washing are too much, too little, or just enough?

I think it's just right.

Have your thoughts about the pandemic changed at all since March of 2020?

In the beginning it was pretty scary, but as time has gone by I feel like I'm more at ease with COVID and with other people masking. I don't feel as nervous. I've gotten my first shot now and I'm going to get my second one. Hopefully I'll be ok with that.

Would you like to add anything about what your Valley community has meant to you during the past year?

I've lived here pretty much all my life and I feel that Dickson Ranch is a pretty big part of the community, but they're coming to me more than I'm going to them. I haven't been around the community much at all. Except when we delivered the toys for the Valley Toys and Joys program and then I was down at the community center and it was a warm feeling that we were able to take care of that program during this tough time. It was the only program that was I involved in that wasn't canceled.