The Closest to Vulnerable it Gets
ft. COVID-19

Georgia Wages
Journal Entry #1: I’m sitting here watching the news with Tina (my host mother) and all we can gather is that the country will be closing soon. We don’t know when.

Journal Entry #2: I bought my flight home, Rotary still won’t give me the go ahead to leave.

Journal Entry #3: I am leaving tomorrow for Germany and then through to Denver, I hope I’ll be able to make it home!

At this time we had no idea whether US citizens were going to be let into the United States. We thought that I may have to quarantine 2 weeks in Germany.
Flight out of Milano Malpensa
# of people: ~150
Precautions: masks, sanitized surfaces, little to no social distancing.

Flight into Denver International Airport
# of people ~500
Precautions: some masks, some social distancing efforts, no screening.

Here I estimated the number of people I would have been exposed to during different times.

March

This created an atmosphere where going to the store was feared, we went less than once a week.

Panic Buying became a big issues for us in Sedona as every store was sold out of necessities like toilet paper, canned foods, and milk.

Moab, Utah: No mask requirement, no social distancing, sanitation available

Sedona, Arizona: Few mask requirements, restaurants closed, sanitation available.
Leaving Sedona:

Buffalo, Wyoming: Restaurants and bars closed, gatherings restricted to 10 or fewer, no mask requirement. 
# of people: 10

Whitewood, South Dakota: Restaurants and bars closed, limits on items (imposed by stores), no mask requirement. 
# of people: 5

JOURNAL ENTRY FROM A FOGGY DAY ON THE RANCH.

April was rainy, but April was happy. Birthdays, new babies, growth. Oh the beautiful tragedy of life, The beautiful tragedy of spring.

BLANK DAYS

STAY 6 FEET APART

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The idea of home was one that was really hard for me during this time. While I was in Italy my home caught fire and was destroyed, because of this we were in between houses during this pandemic. At this time we were at a house in the middle of my little town.

What even is art? Momma I can’t draw my break anymore.

Always wishing for Free time. Now we have more than We could ever want.

Okay what do you miss? I don’t even know. How do you miss something? In a way that shows how much you need it there? How it leaves an obvious hole on the shelf. In the kitchen, in the room really. I miss it, I really do.

Well I miss the movies. I miss the music and the humanity of being together.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK TO ENTER
Journal Entry June 26th:

June has been my favorite month of 2020 so far! I love that the sun is coming out and more outdoor activities are available. Lots of kids here have been mostly ignoring social distancing guidelines and barely anyone here wears masks. It makes me a little nervous for my dad coming back here to visit for the 4th, but our numbers have been pretty low so hopefully we’ll all be alright! I am taking the kids (my siblings) down to Denver in two weeks to see everyone. It should be really nice weather!

There is no mask mandate for businesses anymore and most places are not having workers or customers wear masks in the building. With how many tourists we are having I feel like Buffalo is going to gain a ton of cases by the end of the summer. 6/22/2020

June

HOW DO I LEARN HOW TO GROW FROM LOSS?

BLM PROTEST MONDAY JUNE 15

This idea was a hard one for me to grasp as a child and still is now, how do you continue to give even when you feel taken from?
I think that many people in our class have expressed the fact that this is a hard transitional time in life and that during this time it can be very hard to understand where you fit. When people don't understand where they fit it can be hard to make friends or be super outgoing.

Moving at such a hard point for my family has flooded me with guilt about what's the right thing to do not only for myself, but for my family.

Guilt is a word that makes me uneasy as soon as I hear it. It's knowing tone backing you into a corner. I met Bela in Italy, she is from Washington D.C.

07/27/2020: I picked Bela up from the airport today! She said the COVID precautions have been getting way more intense everywhere. I couldn't go inside to pick her up and she had worn a mask all day. Here we have no mask mandate so I wonder how that will be.

WHERE DO I FIT?

July