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Seeing the Good: How People are Stepping Up

Mr. Rogers, American television personality, said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" The coronavirus pandemic has caused panic and worry to spread across the United States at a rapid rate. People are searching for toilet paper and working from home; Everybody is trying to navigate this new form of living caused by COVID-19. However, countless people are making an effort to do good during these unprecedented times of need. Grocery store workers, delivery people, nurses, doctors and health officials are working hard to keep the American people safe. Musicians and large companies, and many people in the SBA community are stepping up to make people's time at home as pleasant as possible. Although it can be hard to see the good when the world seems so dark, looking for the helpers can prove to be extremely uplifting.

Colleges began cutting their 2020 school year short in early March and students from all around the globe were forced to pack up dorms and move off campus as soon as they could. Some students had nowhere to put their belongings as they waited to find a way home, with flight delays and transportation complications making their journeys even harder. U-Haul, a storage rental company, offered 30 day free storage units to college students.

Disney Plus, Disney's streaming service, understands that many children are now stuck in the house and need entertainment. Disney has released their new movies *Frozen 2* and *Onward* earlier than they anticipated to help occupy children at home.

Famous musicians and performers around the world are encouraging people to stay home and helping to entertain people of all ages by putting on live shows through Instagram live. The *Together at Home* series, sponsored by Global Citizen and the World Health Organization, featured performances by Niall Horan, John Legend, Camilla Cabello and Shawn Mendes, and OneRepublic, among other artists on Instagram live throughout March and April. On April 18, Global Citizen and Lady Gaga put on an at a large home concert that aired on major television stations including artists like Paul McCartney and Taylor Swift.

In the SBA community, many people are working to spread cheer and happiness. For example, Ms. Weiss sent cards to St. Joseph's Manor to make the residents' Easter a little brighter. Sisters of Saint Basil, Sister Teodora and Sister Olha, sewed masks for workers at Holy Redeemer Hospital. Teachers at St. Basil Academy showed their support for seniors by dropping off signs at every seniors' house. It made the Class of 2020 feel appreciated and loved during their time in quarantine.

People around the world are coming together, despite their differences, to fight a common threat. Healthcare professionals, grocery store workers, and all of the helpers during the coronavirus are greatly appreciated now more than ever. Although the world seems to be filled with fear and uncertainty at the moment, I think Mr. Rogers was right, "...one only needs to look for the helpers to see the good in the world".