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00:00:00,381 --> 00:00:02,114  
(light instrumental music)

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00:00:02,114 --> 00:00:04,130  
(lively upbeat music)

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00:00:04,130 --> 00:00:05,390  
- The purpose of the Delta Dental

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00:00:05,390 --> 00:00:06,570  
Community Care Foundation

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00:00:06,570 --> 00:00:08,910  
is to build caring, resilient communities.

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00:00:08,910 --> 00:00:11,580  
We had to put the brakes  
on all of our plans

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00:00:11,580 --> 00:00:12,413  
for 2020 (laughs).

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00:00:12,413 --> 00:00:15,850  
We knew there was immediate  
need, and we needed to get funds

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00:00:15,850 --> 00:00:18,640  
out to our partners because they know best

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00:00:18,640 --> 00:00:21,920  
how to address the issues  
in their local community.

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00:00:21,920 --> 00:00:24,710  
So what we did is we  
gave unrestricted funds

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00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:27,280  
to our partners to make the decision

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00:00:27,280 --> 00:00:29,140

on where those funds needed to go.

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00:00:29,140 --> 00:00:30,970

So we actually reached out to them first

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00:00:30,970 --> 00:00:32,787

and said, "What do you  
need? What's going on?"

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00:00:32,787 --> 00:00:35,460

"Tell us what's happening  
in your community".

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00:00:37,350 --> 00:00:40,120

- COVID has impacted the people we serve

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00:00:40,120 --> 00:00:43,340

in a number of ways, a lot of  
people have been furloughed,

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00:00:43,340 --> 00:00:45,230

laid off, lost their jobs.

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00:00:45,230 --> 00:00:48,850

So the demand for food assistance  
has increased markedly.

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00:00:48,850 --> 00:00:52,160

It's led to a lot of shifts and changes.

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00:00:52,160 --> 00:00:56,410

For seniors, the directive  
was those who are older

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00:00:56,410 --> 00:00:58,850

should really shelter in place

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00:00:58,850 --> 00:01:01,830

and not go out unless they really need to.

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00:01:01,830 --> 00:01:04,970

They were stuck in that difficult choice,

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00:01:04,970 --> 00:01:08,290  
do I go hungry or do I risk my health?

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00:01:08,290 --> 00:01:12,430  
So we wanted to do these  
no-contact doorstep distributions

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00:01:12,430 --> 00:01:15,360  
so that seniors could feel at ease.

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00:01:15,360 --> 00:01:16,880  
We're a nonprofit organization

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00:01:16,880 --> 00:01:20,040  
so to be able to do this  
work, we can only do it

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00:01:20,040 --> 00:01:22,150  
with the support of our donors.

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00:01:22,150 --> 00:01:24,280  
Delta Dental reached out to us,

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00:01:24,280 --> 00:01:27,440  
they've come through with a  
very significant contribution.

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00:01:27,440 --> 00:01:29,480  
For every dollar that's donated to us,

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00:01:29,480 --> 00:01:31,590  
the Food Bank is able to distribute

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00:01:31,590 --> 00:01:34,130  
the equivalent of four  
meals out to the community.

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00:01:34,130 --> 00:01:37,660  
People tell me this is dinner  
tonight, we're out of food,

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00:01:37,660 --> 00:01:39,330  
we don't have any food at home.

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00:01:39,330 --> 00:01:42,420  
So this is really the huge difference

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00:01:42,420 --> 00:01:44,780  
between my family eating and not.

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00:01:44,780 --> 00:01:46,350  
I'd like to thank Delta Dental

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00:01:46,350 --> 00:01:48,850  
for this significant contribution.

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00:01:48,850 --> 00:01:52,040  
And for people who work at Delta Dental,

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00:01:52,040 --> 00:01:53,460  
I think you can take great pride

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00:01:53,460 --> 00:01:57,814  
that you work for a company that helps.

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00:01:57,814 --> 00:01:59,830  
(lively instrumental music)

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00:01:59,830 --> 00:02:04,550  
- Manna Ministries has been  
in operation since 1999.

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00:02:05,830 --> 00:02:10,830  
Our goal was then, and is  
now to serve the uninsured

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00:02:12,960 --> 00:02:15,390  
in our service area.

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00:02:15,390 --> 00:02:17,210  
In order for us to move forward

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00:02:17,210 --> 00:02:19,410  
during this time of the pandemic,

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00:02:19,410 --> 00:02:22,680  
we were gonna have to  
change how we did services.

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00:02:22,680 --> 00:02:27,680  
So, that's when we transitioned  
to telehealth services.

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00:02:28,710 --> 00:02:32,430  
It was about that time that  
Delta Dental came through

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00:02:32,430 --> 00:02:34,890  
and we were able to go ahead

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00:02:34,890 --> 00:02:39,170  
and purchase the diagnostic  
equipment that we needed.

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00:02:39,170 --> 00:02:43,670  
It was amazing, we were  
not expecting that at all,

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00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:46,070  
and especially from Delta Dental.

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00:02:46,070 --> 00:02:50,520  
To get a grant from them  
or an award from them,

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00:02:50,520 --> 00:02:54,930  
which was unrestricted in  
terms of not having to be used

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00:02:54,930 --> 00:02:58,880  
for dental services but  
that could go directly

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00:02:58,880 --> 00:03:03,610

to the pandemic efforts  
was absolutely amazing.

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00:03:03,610 --> 00:03:08,610  
Our patients, they are just  
so grateful to have this.

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00:03:09,220 --> 00:03:12,810  
We're this little free clinic  
in Southern Mississippi

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00:03:12,810 --> 00:03:17,640  
and we're doing state-of-the-art  
telehealth services

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00:03:17,640 --> 00:03:22,640  
for our patients so Delta  
Dental was a huge part of that.

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00:03:28,530 --> 00:03:31,780  
- We have seen a number  
of patients come in

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00:03:31,780 --> 00:03:34,110  
that have lost their jobs.

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00:03:34,110 --> 00:03:36,370  
They're struggling because of COVID

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00:03:36,370 --> 00:03:38,290  
and its effect on the economy.

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00:03:38,290 --> 00:03:40,840  
It is important to me  
to see these patients,

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00:03:40,840 --> 00:03:43,240  
it's important to me  
to help these patients.

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00:03:43,240 --> 00:03:45,830  
The biggest problem with  
dental side is the aerosols

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00:03:45,830 --> 00:03:48,200  
that we create when we're treating a tooth

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00:03:48,200 --> 00:03:50,340  
or doing a cleaning.

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00:03:50,340 --> 00:03:53,540  
COVID has brought a whole new reality

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00:03:53,540 --> 00:03:55,550  
to our work here at Good Samaritan.

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00:03:55,550 --> 00:03:57,940  
The infection control  
procedures have expanded

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00:03:57,940 --> 00:04:00,390  
and increased between each patient.

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00:04:00,390 --> 00:04:04,330  
We were able to purchase  
Chairside evacuation units

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00:04:04,330 --> 00:04:06,430  
and it draws in that aerosol

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00:04:06,430 --> 00:04:08,400  
and keeps it from going out into the room.

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00:04:08,400 --> 00:04:10,960  
We installed a system in our HVAC

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00:04:11,820 --> 00:04:15,550  
that actually filters our  
air and purifies the air.

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00:04:15,550 --> 00:04:18,230  
It's been a lot of  
changes, a lot of expense

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00:04:18,230 --> 00:04:21,087  
in those changes but we've been  
blessed and able to do that.

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00:04:21,087 --> 00:04:23,320  
And Delta Dental has been very important

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00:04:23,320 --> 00:04:24,650  
in helping us do that.

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00:04:24,650 --> 00:04:27,830  
It's been tremendous that  
we've been able to once again

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00:04:27,830 --> 00:04:31,260  
establish treatment for  
patients, give them appointments

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00:04:31,260 --> 00:04:33,180  
that they can count on to come.

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00:04:33,180 --> 00:04:37,497  
And it is a blessing for us  
to be able to meet that need

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00:04:37,497 --> 00:04:39,600  
and to help them through this time

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00:04:39,600 --> 00:04:41,110  
and keep them well and healthy

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00:04:41,110 --> 00:04:43,100  
so that they can take  
care of their families.

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00:04:43,100 --> 00:04:45,630  
We consider Delta Dental a partner

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00:04:45,630 --> 00:04:47,853  
and we couldn't do it without you.

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00:04:48,840 --> 00:04:53,240



- What we've seen is with each  
and every partner we have,

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00:04:53,240 --> 00:04:56,610  
we have seen them be adaptive, innovative

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00:04:56,610 --> 00:04:59,310  
and really determined to make sure

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00:04:59,310 --> 00:05:02,610  
that the whole community is taken care of.

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00:05:02,610 --> 00:05:04,946  
We're your partner and we got your back.

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00:05:04,946 --> 00:05:07,631  
(light instrumental music)