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Content	<p>COVID-19 has presented many challenges to local communities overwhelming health systems and hospitals. In our community as hospital beds filled and resources were stretched thin, levels of care shifted. Patients normally cared for in intensive care settings were now being cared for in regular medical units, and those routinely cared for in noncritical units were sent home. Emergency departments were faced with discharging patients with new oxygen requirements who would typically be hospitalized. With resources nearly at capacity, it was necessary to find safe ways to care for these patients. This presentation discusses the response of Dona Ana County NM which brought together local government, medical residency programs, universities, state medical reserve corps and a technology company to care for patients at home. This innovative program adapted models from other organizations to meet the particular needs of our community. This collaboration was successful in serving over 200 individuals and acts as a model for innovative thinking and community engagement to find solutions to local needs. Rapidly developing a response during such a critical context has significant challenges. Due to longstanding intersectional relationships we were able to quickly mobilize the community to implement this program and introduce solutions such as regular meetings with key stakeholders, and prioritizing the need to serve the community over procedural concerns. In this session we will discuss obstacles encountered and our solutions. We will use breakout groups to help participants learn skills in establishing community relationships.</p>