

## Anthony Charay

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Hi Anthony I wanted to give a brief description of how the covid shut down affected our business.

In the Fall of 2017 my wife and I shifted gears in our life. At the time we lived in Gray County out in western KS and operated a fairly successful landscaping company. After having 2 children Miranda made her health a priority and lost 88 pounds at Fit Body Boot Camp in Garden City.

After this transformation she had an entirely new outlook on life and wanted to help others experience the same.

Long story short we moved to Manhattan in fall of 2017 and in February of 2020 her 2 fitness facilities, Manhattan Fit Body Boot Camp and Topeka Fit Body Boot Camp had over 560 clients getting amazing results. Keep in mind these clients spend between \$99 and \$197 per month at our locations.

Skip Ahead to June 2020 after being forced to close we opened back up to approx 15% of the existing clientele. We were forced to sell nearly everything we owned to to somewhat keep up on the bills. To date we are still well over \$50,000 behind and have yet to pay ourselves a penny. We kept on 100% of our employees (2) during the entire shut down. We refused to force our employees into poverty in the way we were forced to do just that.

We took out PPP which was a complete joke. Only having 2 employees left us with a slap in the face from that program designed for businesses with big payroll numbers.

Instead of hiding in our basement we went out and delivered groceries and started a thrift store (Fair Lane Finds) in Manhattan to help supplement our income and have a place to sell not only our belongings but those for many others needing the help just like us.

We have kept our faith in God and Volunteer at food Distributions every Wednesday in Manhattan to attempt to provide some relief and hope to so many like us in the same boat.

From 2 parents that went out to help the community only to be deemed non-essential, we pray every day that someone in the leather chairs will look outside and see that we are all essential. From the guys cleaning sewers to you who decide how difficult our lives need to be.

Nathan and Miranda Downey  
Manhattan Fit Body Boot Camp  
Topeka Fit Body Boot Camp  
Fair Lane Finds