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Weekly Public Affairs Program

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Total running time: 29:30 (with optional exit at 24:00)

1. **Danielle Holly**, CEO of Common Impact, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Boston, which encourages skills-based volunteerism

Ms. Holly's organization recently issued a report that examined the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on nonprofit organizations. She said the effect has been staggering, and the skills and expertise of corporate employees are a critical part of restoring and sustaining non-profit organizations. She outlined the core challenges different non-profit groups are facing, and ways that Americans can help, through philanthropic and skilled volunteer support.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:44**

**Volunteerism  
Charitable Contributions  
Coronavirus**

2. **Ray Dorsey, MD**, David M. Levy Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Health + Technology at the University of Rochester Medical Center, co-author of "*Ending Parkinson's Disease: A Prescription for Action*"

Dr. Dorsey said brain diseases are now the world's leading cause of disability. The fastest growing of these is Parkinson's: the number of impacted patients has doubled to more than six million over the last twenty-five years and is projected to double again by 2040. He believes more resources must be placed into research, because while cases are on the rise, the most effective treatment is now a half century old.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 8:34**

**Parkinson's Disease  
Personal Health**

3. **Catherine Ettman**, doctoral student at the Boston University School of Public Health

Ms. Ettman led a first-of-its-kind study at the Boston University School of Public Health that found that the number of American adults with depression symptoms had tripled as of mid-April, when 96% of the U.S. population was living under some form of COVID-19 lockdown order. She said that the study also found that a person with less than \$5,000 in savings was 50% more likely to have depression symptoms than someone with more than \$5,000.

**Issues covered:**

**Length: 5:07**

**Mental Health  
Coronavirus**

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