



Guest Spotlight

Dina

Transplant: Heart and Liver
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: McAllen, TX

Transplant Journey: My journey has been an amazing and life changing, but it has been long. I have found myself – my faith has been tested and I've been taught the virtue of patience. I was diagnosed with atrial fibrillation in 2014 and my doctors performed all the procedures with none working, later finding out through testing that it was genetic. I was told I'd need a transplant but didn't accept this. Over the years my health declined and in 2019 my family noticed my eyes and coloring had changed. They gathered my family and close friends for an intervention and after this, along with the grand news that we'd be first-time grandparents, my motivation soared, and I knew it was time. My doctors certainly called me a scientific miracle as I challenged the team with each twist and turn! I was in the hospital for almost nine months, connected to a Heart Balloon Pump while awaiting my miracles. I received my new heart and liver on September 10, 2020!



What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant?

I want to hug my family and I can't wait to meet my first grandchild! I have been away since January 2020 and have talked to them regularly on FaceTime, but am ready to be with my family in person.

What would you want to say to your donor? You are my hero. You have made a selfless choice to give the priceless gift of life. This selfless choice has given me a new life!

What would you say to someone considering becoming an organ donor?

I encourage everyone to be a donor and give a new life. Be a hero!

Do you have a favorite memory since being at Nora's Home? My favorite memory was Christmas 2020. We had so many activities at the home to keep us busy and it was full of Christmas cheer! A group of us dressed up on Christmas Eve and we celebrated together around the tree. It was very special!

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? Nora's Home has been a beacon during my journey. It has been a place of love, caring, family and of coming together. It has been a therapeutic haven for me since my first stay in 2017. The staff and guests have also become our caregivers among the home. They embrace us, care for us, and are a big part of our community. *Nora's Home is familia!*

