

Robert

Transplant: Double Lung
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Guest Spotlight

Transplant Journey:

Around Christmas in 2020, I tested positive for COVID-19 – which would then become the catalyst of my journey. I decided to go to the hospital on the night of December 27th which resulted in my admission to the ICU in San Antonio and placement into a medically induced coma with a ventilator and a tracheotomy. After being on the transplant list for two weeks, I was fortunately transferred to Houston where I was able to receive a pair of new lungs on April 12th. All in all, the phrase: “play every game like it’s your last,” really resonated with me and has helped me see the good in this humbling experience.



What is the first thing you did after receiving your transplant?

I am looking forward to going home and taking a normal shower. Apart from that, I miss the little things like just driving with the windows down, feeling the air and sunshine, its heat touching my face. I also can't wait to get back to my softball girls and the Chasing Dreams Foundation I founded – they serve as my motivation to get through this tough time.

What would you want to say to your donor?

I've been contemplating this question for a while. I'm adamant about writing a letter to my donor's family and making them proud of who I am and who I have become. I believe that by writing such a letter, I would truly be fulfilling my end of the bargain.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?

The peacefulness of the home is so valuable to me; whenever I'm here, I feel relaxed. I've come to cherish the fact that I am able spend time with people who I have common experiences with and build a support system around those experiences as well. However, my favorite spot is definitely the gym – I really enjoy being there! The time I spend in the gym brings me one step closer to my goals and regaining my strength to go home.

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

Why not? Why would someone miss out on an opportunity to save a life? Once you pass, one doesn't do or use their organs for anything so why not donate them for the greater good and simply check that box off at the DPS.

