

Guest Spotlight

Olivia

Transplant: Living Donor - Kidney
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Sutherland, NE



Transplant Journey: A few years ago, my sister-in-law became ill and needed a kidney transplant. She was placed on the waiting list and underwent dialysis while awaiting a match. I got tested and while I was a match for her, I learned about the Donor Swap Program through her hospital. My own mother influenced me through her hospitalization and recovery from kidney disease complications. I quickly understood that by volunteering to be a part of the swap that I was the first piece of the puzzle to start the chain. Our transplants were delayed due to COVID but were on schedule a few months later. All three recipients that were a part of the swap are healthy and doing well, as well as their living donors. We all got to meet each other and that made this process so special and my sister-in-law is back to an active life!

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

Donating an organ is a great way to serve others! If you are thinking about being a Living Donor, do not hesitate to be a part of a swap program. You can be a part of this puzzle. My 25-year-old nephew heard what I was doing and also wondered why he wasn't doing the same for someone. He started the process and donated his kidney in Nebraska.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?

It feels just like home! You can do all the normal things like cooking, your laundry, watching TV and going outside. The community here is so special. Everyone is on the same journey and it allows for a special connection.

What is your favorite place at Nora's Home?

The Meditation Room was truly my favorite space. I was able to have a quiet space to pray, reflect and have peace and quiet before and after my surgery. I was lucky to have a lot of prayer warriors on this journey.

What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home?

You are truly serving this home through your gifts. Nora's Home is truly living their mission and you make it possible for there to be one less worry for those going through a transplant.

