

Guest Spotlight

Randy

Transplant: Liver & Kidney
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Pflugerville, TX



Transplant Journey: I inherited polycystic kidney disease (PKD) from my father which led me to start dialysis for the very first time in April of 2010 up until July 2013 – when one of my wife’s co-workers graciously donated a kidney to me. After approximately 20 months, I had to travel from San Antonio to Austin after receiving the news that my one kidney happened to be failing because of how my liver wasn’t supporting it. Shortly after, I had to result to surviving on zero kidneys which led me to turn back to dialysis in March 2015. I went into surgery for the liver transplant the evening of June 9th and respectively, received my kidney the next morning. It’s been a little over 3 years since my transplants and now you can find me either preparing a BBQ meal for the Nora’s Home community or on the golf course, driving it down the fairway with my daughter!

Do you have a favorite memory at Nora’s Home?

The first thing that comes to mind is just memories of other guests and I just laughing “until our stitches hurt.” The sense of community that Nora’s Home fosters is indescribable and I’ve made countless friendships here, like that of my friend Tom, that mean so much to me.

What is your favorite place at Nora’s Home?

My favorite place to be is without-a-doubt the kitchen! I’ve found the act of making meals, cooking as a community, and hanging out by the grill to be truly therapeutic for me. It’s been a key staple throughout my journey because of how it has brought me so much joy and allowed me to get my mind off things.

What advice do you have for a patient coming to Nora’s Home?

I would tell them to relax and enjoy the safe space Nora’s Home provides for their guests. Other than that, I believe that an important piece of advice lies in the fact that your caregiver should get rest so that no matter what happens

