

# Guest Spotlight

## Andrew

Age: 34

Transplant: Double Lung

Hospital: Houston Methodist

Hometown: Denver, CO

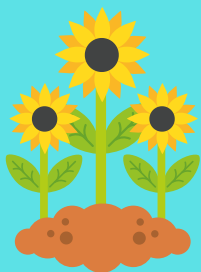


**Transplant Journey:** In July of 2020 I took a business trip to Galveston and came down with COVID-19 during Hurricane Hannah. I was doing better and had recovered from the kidney and heart failure I had incurred, but my lungs never did recover—I was stuck on ECMO. I kept getting infections in my lungs and initially wouldn't be considered for transplant with an active infection, but it was determined that the transplant would remove the infection so I was finally able to be considered as a candidate. I then came to Houston Methodist in preparation for transplant in January of 2021—after 180 days on ECMO. A week after I arrived, I was approved and they had lungs ready for me. I received my new lungs January 30th of 2021 and I was only in hospital for a little over a month before coming to Nora's Home mid-March of 2021.

**What has been your favorite space at Nora's Home?:** I love the Library and the Sunroom. I also enjoyed using the Wii in the Family Room.

**What is the first thing you wanted to do after receiving your transplant?:** I wanted to visit my nieces and just get out of the hospital! I was there for a long time. I also want to go to an open mic night since I enjoy doing stand-up comedy.

**What would you say to someone who is considering becoming an organ donor?:** Do it. It's good to leave something behind; you can't take it with you so you might as well leave something good behind and help out someone else.



**What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?** What I love most is the people and the community. I met a lot of really great people during my stay here. You start to miss everyone here. Game nights were also super fun and a great way to pass time in the evenings.



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