

# Guest Spotlight



Viri

Age: 28  
Transplant: Liver  
Hospital: Houston Methodist  
Hometown: El Paso, TX

**Transplant Journey:** I began to feel faint and exhausted. I had lost my husband over the summer in an automobile accident and thought I was just sad and tired. When my family started saying I looked yellow and after falling many times, I knew something wasn't right. I went to the hospital and didn't go back home. I was told I needed a liver transplant, and I was lucky I came in when I did. I was flown to Houston shortly after to await a liver. After arriving I was quickly intubated and had pneumonia for a month. After recovering, a liver was matched but my body rejected it. Thinking I might not get another chance at life, we received a call that there was another liver that was a match and I received my successful transplant. My mom says it was a true Christmas gift!

**What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant?** I want to walk into the house and hug my two daughters! I haven't seen them for four months. It has been a long road and I am eager to see them in person.

**What would you want to say to your donor?**

Thank you for being a donor! God took you too soon. I appreciate you and your life that you have given me a second chance.

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

We should all appreciate those who are organ donors. They are helping to give a life and allow others to live again from their one life. It's something to think about, you could be helping to save a mother, sister or aunt like me.

**What is your favorite place at Nora's Home?**

The dining room. In this space people gather, they eat, they talk and come together. It's so nice to get to talk to other people who are on their journey too.

**What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?**

Everybody is family here! If you are having troubles and falling down, there is always someone to help bring you up. Praying for each other was so special. I also enjoyed all of the activities and spending time together.



*Viri and her mother ringing the bell as they head home*

