



Guest Spotlight

Randall

Age: 51

Transplant: Heart & Kidney
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Opelousas, LA

Transplant Journey: In 2014, I had heart failure and was placed on dialysis to help my kidneys which were failing. In 2017, I coded for 12 minutes and was then placed on life support for 5 days. The nurse there in Lafayette told me, "don't give up on yourself, you can go to Houston Methodist where they do multi-organ transplants." I didn't give up. In fact, after 1 month I was doing well enough that we discharged Hospice and reached out to Houston Methodist. In July of 2021 I was finally able to meet with the doctors in person. I remained in the hospital and was placed on a heart pump from September until October 8th, our 31st wedding anniversary. Later that day, the doctors walked in and shared that a new heart and kidney was available and they would start running tests to make sure everything matched up. My wife and I were so excited! The surgery was completed on Oct. 9th and luckily everything went well. I was discharged to Nora's Home in November and returned home to Louisiana early 2022.

What would you want your donor to know? That I'm thankful for the extension of life that they gave me. Their love gave me the gift of life and a part of their life is continuing through me.

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

You'll find you'll receive a blessing for your gift. What you're providing for us here is better than a 5-star hotel--it's both a home and a community.

What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant?: I wanted to go home and see my 7 grandkids (soon to be 9) and get on my lawnmower and cut my grass. I love mowing the lawn!



What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? It's a melting pot in a way and it's been fun to see the variety of backgrounds! My wife, Catherine might be making gumbo on one stove, while a guest to one side is making Indian cuisine, and a guest on the other side is making tacos! Never before would we have dreamed of having tacos on Thanksgiving, but that was a really fun and different experience for us.

