

# Guest Spotlight

## Daren

Age: 57

Transplant: Double Lung

Hospital: Houston Methodist

Hometown: Oklahoma City, OK



*Daren with his wife Kimberly*

### **Transplant Journey:**

In 2017, I was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. I started workup at UT Southwestern, and while that was happening, I was waiting to be put on list for a lung transplant. I was denied six different times for transplant until finally Houston Methodist accepted me. The doctors told me every case is custom to each individual, so getting a spot was very difficult, but I finally got my miracle! I received my new gift of life on April 7th, 2022.

### **What is the first thing you wanted to do after receiving your transplant?**

I just wanted to get out of the hospital. Being in there for eight months was very tiring and getting to go home was something I loved. I also wanted to get in good shape. Building my immune system and getting my body back to normal was a goal of mine.

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

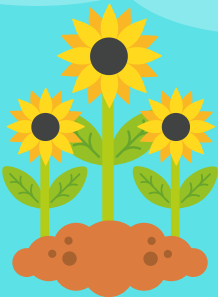
The community is the best part of the home: there are never any strangers here. The staff, residents, and people in general make this place what it is. Everyone is from everywhere. There is such a diverse group of people that stay here and that's what makes Nora's Home unique.

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

Thank you for your generosity and kindness! It's appreciated especially during a scary time of not knowing anything. Strangers wanting to help others is heartwarming and they are angels for that.

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

My donor's gift is beyond priceless! Myself and my family cannot be more thankful.



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