

Guest Spotlight



Ellie

Age: 5 years old
Transplant: Liver
Hospital: Texas Children's Hospital
Hometown: Lufkin, TX

Transplant Journey: Ellie is the oldest of three children, she has two younger brothers. Ellie was born with biliary atresia, and we were told she might need a transplant one day. Ellie had gotten ill a few times and had several surgeries, and it was gradual steps that led to a transplant. Her doctors told us that a transplant would help Ellie and she was placed on the transplant list in October 2022. They called on December 21 to share that a liver was ready for Ellie and we jumped in the car arriving by midnight for her surgery the next day.

What would you want to say to your daughter's donor? We would want them to know that we are very sorry for their loss. Your child was able to save my daughter and give her a better life. We will always remember the sacrifice of our donor's family.

What is your favorite place at Nora's Home? This is a great place! The outdoor area has been so nice to walk around and play. The kitchen is nice where we can make our meals and the family room has been great to have space where Ellie can play and watch TV.

What are your hopes for Ellie? This transplant will improve Ellie's life and give her a better quality of life. We want Ellie to live a normal life and be a kid with her new liver. Our hope is she grows up to be a sweet, ambitious and respectful young lady.

What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home? Thank you! This is such a wonderful place and such a blessing! If there wasn't a Nora's Home to stay in, we might not have a place. It's a jewel! It has helped us mentally, physically and financially.

From Ellie:

What is your favorite food? Oatmeal with fruit like blueberries or bananas. I also like Chipotle and my dad makes good rice and beans!

What do you like to do at home? I like to play with my little brothers. We make up games and play.

What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant? I want to hug my brothers!

What do you like most about Nora's Home?

I like to hang out with my mom and dad. We've played games, watched TV, got to do puzzles and played putt-putt outside.

