



Guest Spotlight

Victor

Age: 50

Transplant: Heart

Hospital: Houston Methodist

Hometown: Corpus Christi, TX

Transplant Journey: In November 2022 I was at work when my co-worker noticed something was off about me. COVID 19 was still rampant, so I thought I must've caught it. I went to the doctor and come to find out my heart was functioning at 12% and I was in the middle of heart failure. After being in ICU for a week, I was sent home with hospice information. I was in complete shock. I thought how could this be? I had just visited my cardiologist 6 months prior and all was fine.

I went back to my cardiologist where he confirmed I was in major heart failure and would need a transplant to survive. Shortly after in March I was put on a pump to help my heart and was sent to Houston for evaluation. By this time, my heart was functioning at 9%. During the week of evaluations each day that went by I hoped to be a candidate. Shortly into the week I was admitted to the hospital to get a Impella pump and the next day it stopped working. I was told I'd have to try a different pump, my heart had finally quit.

While in the hospital the strangest thing happened, I vividly smelled the most aromatic scent of roses and asked my family if could they smell it and they said no. By that Saturday, I was told I was a candidate and on the list. By the end of the day, I got my new heart. It was unreal. The surgery took 11 hours and I spent one week recovering in the hospital. I took my recovery very seriously and was fortunate to come to Nora's Home while building the strength to go home. I am beyond blessed.

What is the first thing you want to do after receiving your transplant?

I want to hug my family and be home with them in person. I would like to hug my German Shepherd, Bear. He's my #1 guy who is always there loving me unconditionally.

What would you want to say to your donor?

I want them to know that I am beyond grateful. I have a new life because of you! Out of a horrible tragedy came a second chance.

What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home? I wouldn't be sharing words with you today if it hadn't been for Nora's Home. This space has helped heal me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. With me being out of work due to my transplant. I do not know what I would have done. There are not enough words of gratitude to share what you guys have done for me and the others here. Because of your support I can afford to stay here. Nora's Home is Godsend and people like you help make it that.



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