

# Guest Spotlight

## Brian

Age: 63

Transplant: Single Lung

Hospital: Houston Methodist

Hometown: Metairie, LA



**Transplant Journey:** It all started in August 2015 when I was put on Ofev medicine and diagnosed with IPF. I was good for about five years until I was diagnosed with COVID in January 2021. The following year, in July 2022, I developed COVID for the second time and was put on oxygen full-time. In November 2022, I developed the flu, and everything continued to go downhill from there. The pulmonologist said they could not do anything else and recommended a lung transplant. The first hospital wasn't doing transplants, so they referred me to Houston Methodist in Houston. In February 2023 I began testing to see if I was a candidate. On the last test, they found 2 heart blockages and I felt defeated. That following Monday, I had stents put in for the blockages. We moved into Nora's in June 2023 while waiting for the call. On August 12, 2023, I got the call that they found a match while at the aquarium. On August 13 I received my second chance at life. Afterward, I was on a feeding tube for 3 months but am not doing well, now I'm eating everything in sight.

### **What is the first thing you want to do when you go home?**

The first thing we are going to do when we get home is have a BBQ/Crawfish boil and enjoy our family at Easter time to celebrate.

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

I enjoy meeting new people and making new friends who are just like me. I've learned so much from all the people here.

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

Do it! It is a no brainer to give someone another chance if you can. If it wasn't for my donor, I would not have received my chance.



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