

Caregiver Spotlight



Frances

Age: 60
Patient Transplant: Double Lung
Caregiver to: Friend
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Plaquemine, LA

Transplant Journey:

I've been a caregiver my entire life. I come from a family of caregivers so it's just natural to me. I have been on a 15-year journey with Claudia, and we've traveled to different cities. We've been to Alabama, Austin several times, and this will be our third journey at a different hospital. It's not a hard journey because I do it because I love her, and I promised her 15 years ago that I would be there for her. Claudia and I met at church. She would come to church, and I noticed her beautiful dresses, clothes, and a beautiful big bow in her hair. One day, I tapped her on the shoulder and told her, "I know why you're late. It's that big bow in your hair." We became friends and the rest is history.

What advice would you share with a new caregiver regarding the transplant journey?

My advice to a new caregiver is to make sure that you love the person that you are doing this for. Because this cannot be done without love. If you are just doing this for money or recognition, it's not going to last. You must love the person you are caring for. If you do not have love, you cannot do it properly. It's about love.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?

The people here are inspirational. I enjoy how everyone here, although they are suffering some type of illness, everyone here is at peace. It's peaceful, it's tranquil. There is nobody telling you what you can and cannot do. Everyone can find their own place here. My favorite space in Nora's Home is outside, in the gardens.

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

I would say to them, "Thank you." It moves me to tears to see people give so much to others. I envy them because they have the heart that God wants all of us to have. Staying at Nora's Home is one of the greatest generousities that I have ever known.

