



Guest Spotlight

Parson

Age: 11 years old
Transplant: Double Lung
Hospital: Texas Children's Hospital
Hometown: Jasper, TX

Transplant Journey: Parson was born a healthy and sweet little baby. At two months old we noticed she had a cough and brought her to Texas Children's. We were told she was in respiratory distress, and she was put on oxygen. We were there for 12 days and were able to return home. We spent just a few months at home before returning to the hospital. She was admitted for the same issues and was in the PICU department; she was 5 months old at this time. We were told she needed to be put back on oxygen and would need new lungs. We were shocked! She stayed in the PICU until she was a year old and received her new lungs on June 7, 2012. We were grateful for the hospital staff, nurses and the doctors that helped us through such an emotional time. After her transplant, we found Nora's Home. It had just recently opened, and everything was brand new!

What is do you enjoy most about Nora's Home? Meeting all the people! It's been so wonderful to meet others who are on the same path as you and connect. It has also been great when we can talk with other families who have a child getting a transplant. We can compare notes, talk openly to each other and the kids can play. Sitting at the Phase 1 kitchen bar is where I have gotten to know so many people. And you do find your people here!

What would you say to someone who is considering becoming an organ donor? We always talk about organ donation. I feel it is my responsibility to tell Parson's story until she can. Organ donation is like the story of the Loaves and Fishes. When you are given something, you can always do more and provide more. Everyone should consider becoming a donor.

What are your hopes for Parson? My prayer is that she is a happy and healthy child. Whatever she does in life doesn't matter, she was given this second chance and I wish her a full life.

What would you say to the donors who support Nora's Home? We wouldn't have found this place or have been able to stay here if it weren't for the donors. You provided healing for our daughter with all of the basic necessities that were needed – food, shelter, water, and safety. You gave me one less worry about having to figure out where we would stay. This place allows the caregiver to focus on healing our loved one. It also is a place for making connections where we get to meet people and gain invaluable knowledge. All of the pieces come together here at Nora's Home, we are a part of the puzzle just as you are, and it all fits just right.

From Parson:

What is your favorite food? I like spaghetti and Doritos!

What is your favorite school subject? Reading and I love The Bernstein Bears

What do you like to do at home? I really like the Creation Station area. It's been really fun to do arts and crafts while I've been here. I've also gotten to play games like Connect 4 and Sorry and watch movies with my new friend, Josiah.

