Guest Spotlight

Age: 48 Transplant: Liver Hospital: Houston Methodist Hometown: Dallas, TX

# **Transplant Journey:**

Two years ago, I noticed things were not right. When I finally made it to the hospital after serious fatigue, I was told I had developed macronodular cirrhosis. I had no idea what this was but was told the only cure would be a liver transplant. I headed to Oklahoma City, and it didn't work out. The same thing happened in Dallas. I was referred to Houston by my doctor who I learned saved my life. One month later I was listed on the transplant list.

Two months had gone by and I was in the hospital waiting to be discharged to go home when I received a call from the surgeon. He asked if I was ready for a new liver. That call was at 4:00pm and that same day, on October 17, 2023, I received my new liver. Ironically that is also my caregiver/sister's birthday, so I feel very special knowing that we now share the same birthday. My three boys have been waiting patiently for me to come home.

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

The first thing I want to do is to cook a fantastic meal with my three boys.

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

Nora's Home is a magical place to me. The positivity, and the healing feeling is unlike any place I have ever been to in my life. Without Nora's Home I think my healing journey would have been so different.

### What would you want to say to your donor?

I would want them to know it is my #1 responsibility to carry my new life/new gift to the fullest and help others achieve the same goals that I have with the sacrifice they made for me. I will be forever grateful to them.

## What has been your favorite space at Nora's Home?

My favorite space at Nora's Home is the phase 2 dining room. It is a space where we all share our experiences and eat good food together.



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