

Guest Spotlight



Age: 70 Transplant: Single Lung Hospital: Houston Methodist Hometown: Denham Springs, LA

Transplant Journey:

I started becoming short of breath in late 2020 and my doctor found a heart issue that attributed to my breathing. When it was time to treat it, they discovered my lungs were more of a problem than my heart. I was diagnosed with *pulmonary fibrosis* and had a heart valve replaced in December 2022. I immediately started preparing to be listed on the transplant list.

We consulted with Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans and they recommended we reached out to other transplant facilities to get a second opinion. We began researching and found Houston Methodist. In April 2023 we traveled here to begin the testing process. By October 2023 I was listed and settled into Houston to continue waiting for my miracle.

On January 10, 2024, we received the call that they found a match! Later that day the surgery was complete and I had a new left lung. I spent 15 days in the hospital recovering until Nora's Home was ready for us to move in and join the community.

What would you want to say to your donor?

I am thankful beyond words. This gift of life and the freedom from dependence on oxygen gave me the years I desire with my family and grandchildren.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?

Nora's Home has provided a community of people in similar situations that is vitally important. We are all on a similar journey and sharing with each other helps heal while encouraging your neighbor.

What would you say to the donors who donate financially to the home?

Those who support the home monetarily are giving us all the greatest gift of community and shared experiences during the most vulnerable time. Not only do they provide a roof over our heads, but they are providing long-term effects of being in a homelike environment. Thank you!



