

Guest Spotlight



Age: 11

Transplant: Kidney

Hospital: Texas Children's Hospital

Hometown: Eagle Pass, TX

Hailey

Transplant Journey:

Hailey was born with Lipomeningocele, a rare neural tube defect that occurs when spinal tissue is present within the spinal cord. Her medical team expressed she would need to have the spinal tissue removed by the age of one but there was a chance the removal would affect her bladder nerves. After the successful surgery, Hailey was able to go home until her next follow up appointment. When Hailey returned at three years old, she was very anemic and went straight to the Emergency Room, we were told she was in end-stage four kidney disease. As a result of the surgery she had, the reflux had damaged her kidneys. Between the time she was three to ten years old, Hailey had monthly visits with her nephrologist and urologist, as well as the rest of the medical team to evaluate her labs.

In November 2022, her labs started to decline, and she required eight to twelve hours of dialysis at home per day. On May 3, 2023, we received a call from the coordinator that said was listed for a transplant. Two days later, we received the call that they had a kidney for Hailey. The following day, she was prepped for surgery and received her second chance at life.

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

You have no idea how much life your organs can provide for others. Organ donation saves lives, period. By donating your organs, you can save so many. It completely changed our daughter's lifestyle and gave her freedom. Family moments were disturbed due to her being connected to home dialysis and now she can run around and be a normal kid.

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

Your donations help everyone that walks through the door. This place is a home away from home where we feel safe. We rest assured that we are safe and have everything we need.

From Hailey:

What is your favorite food?

French fries from McDonalds even though I had to limit it.

What is your favorite animal?

Chickens! We have chickens at our home and I sell eggs to my family and dad's co-workers.

What are you most excited to do when you get home?

I am excited to see my older brother Brian since I did not get to say goodbye to him when we received the call to come to Houston.

