

Guest Spotlight



Pete

Age: 55
Transplant: Heart and Kidney
Hospital: Houston Methodist
Hometown: Weslaco, TX

Transplant Journey:

It all started when I was 10 years old and developed a Rheumatic fever that affected my heart. Throughout the years it continued to affect me until 2010 when I had my first stroke. In 2013, I had back to back strokes in February, and in March I had my third stroke along with a heart attack that left me needing a pacemaker. Fast forward to 2021 my kidneys began to fail, and I required dialysis treatment. In September 2023 I was sent back to Houston Methodist to be evaluated for a transplant. I was later admitted and stayed the rest of the year in the hospital waiting to receive a dual transplant. On December 24th at 2:00 A.M, I received the call that they had a match for me. This is the greatest Christmas gift I will ever receive. I proceeded to call my family and let them know the news. two days later I received both a new heart and a new kidney. From there I was on the road to recovery. After the transplant, my new heart was working perfectly while waiting for the kidney to wake up.

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

I have a lot to do. I will rekindle with my immediate family, visit friends, and I am going to speak at three different churches who prayed for me during my journey to thank everyone for their prayers and advocate for organ donation.

What do you enjoy most about Nora's Home?

The thing I enjoy most is the opportunity to interact with the staff and meet new people going through a similar journey in need of companionship during this time. My favorite memory is enjoying home cooked meals with my new friends and my wife and being able to share our culture with others. I am so glad there are hospitality homes like Nora's so that there is always room for me to come back.

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

I would say you have God-like power to give someone a second chance at life.



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