



Dung's story

I am 36 years old and come from a Vietnamese background. One and a half years ago I was diagnosed with liver cancer. I felt like I was sentenced to death and was waiting to be hung. It was the hardest moment in my life.

I was diagnosed with liver cancer by a doctor who told me I needed a liver transplant to get rid of the cancer. I then had further tests and was told the tumour in my liver was too close to the main arteries and the cancer may have spread to my lungs and bones. If this was the case, then a transplant would not be possible.

After two weeks of worrying and waiting, I was very happy when I heard the news that my lungs and bones were normal. Two months later, I was placed on the transplant waiting list.

I hoped to receive a transplant as early as possible—before the cancer spread to other organs. If that happened then my name would have been withdrawn from the transplant waiting list.

One year later, I received a call from the transplant coordinator that completely changed my life. Thanks to the generosity of the donor and their family, I am now

cancer free and have a new liver. It has been two months since my surgery and my recovery is going really well. In another few months I will be able to go back to work and live a normal life.

Words cannot describe how grateful I am to the donor, their family and all the staff from the transplant team for giving me a special gift.

I will never forget you.

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