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2013 BLF Recipient



Kerry is a native Houstonian. He grew up in a single parent family environment with one brother where he attended Sam Rayburn High School and San Jacinto Jr. College. Kerry worked as a communications networking installation technician throughout high school and college and formed his own company in 1994. He and his partner continued their business enterprise until 2005.

When he opted to change careers in the summer of 2005, he began working as a field landman in the upstream oil and gas industry and has continued to work as a contract field & in-house landman in various parts of the country. Due to his medical condition, he now has to stay in the Houston area and travel is limited.

In 2011, he started feeling run down and went to the doctor to find that he had high blood pressure. When the doctor got the results of his blood tests, he found that his kidney function was below normal. After that, the doctor ordered blood tests every couple of months and found that Kerry's kidney function continued to decline. The doctor referred Kerry to a kidney specialist. The diagnosis was end stage renal failure. At the time he received this diagnosis, he had no health insurance and the bills were stacking up.

During 2012, Kerry was able to purchase some health insurance through a government plan which went into effect on December 1, 2012. By this time, his kidney numbers had fallen to the point that he needed dialysis.

He managed to get through 2012 without having any dialysis with change of diet and medication. However, around Christmas of 2012, he wound up in the hospital. Kerry wanted to get through Christmas without the dialysis not knowing how this would affect his life.

In January, 2013 he started his dialysis treatments only to find that the dialysis treatment caused heart problems. He wound in the hospital again in January, 2013 for over 2 weeks and learned that he not only



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had kidney failure, but also a very severe urinary tract infection that had apparently been around for several years. The doctors began to treat this as well as the heart damage stemming from the dialysis treatments.

The doctors continue to monitor his heart condition and kidney numbers. Currently he is holding his own with medication and diet but his lifestyle has changed dramatically due to his health condition.

Kerry has been blessed to have some very close friends who have helped out a lot since he received this diagnosis. He is a single father with one son, Tyler, who is a freshman at Deer Park High School where he is a cadet in their ROTC program. Tyler is also an orchestra member.