

Amanda Douglas receives second chance at life with double lung transplant

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Amanda (Roe) Douglas has a new lease on life. She received a double lung transplant on Monday, April 5 and has been going strong ever since!

Amanda, who currently resides in Bellevue, Neb., with her husband, Troy, and daughter Tryphena, was diagnosed near birth with Cystic Fibrosis (CF). This is a genetic disease that primarily attacks the pulmonary and digestive systems. In layman's terms, it causes the over-production of mucus in the body.

The following is a quote from Amanda about her situation:

"Come to find out my condition was worse than any of us were willing to say out loud, but it has been a true testament of the power of prayer and God's timing. Nobody is sure why but God gave me a pain-free week for my daughter's birthday, but otherwise I have been in and out of the hospital since Dec. 30 with lung failure. I gave up back in the middle of February, pleading with God to let me die and go home. He knew better and has carried me and my family through the past four months and as of April 3 I was listed for a double lung transplant. Within 48 hours a pair came available and on the morning of the 5th someone's great sacrifice gave me and my family a second chance." Amanda will be spending the next week or two in Denver for close observation, but she has been released from the hospital. Soon, she will be staying in Wauneta with her parents, James and Marvene Roe. This surgery was a miracle in the making and though God pulled our family to the very brink, He also pulled us back and we continually praise His name for it.

Cards, letters and donations can be sent to: Amanda Douglas, c/o James Roe, PO Box 16, Wauneta, NE 69045. Her care for the next couple of years will all take place in Denver, but if you see her around town, be sure to say hello and give her a hug!

Submitted by the family of 'Mandie' Douglas