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Stephanie Stays Positive with Meals that Heal

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Stephanie is a born and bred New Yorker. She is from a lineage of strong, positive people, and raised by a single-dad. Though she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a young girl, she did not let that condition hold her back. She is still living in New York and still drawing from that strength and positivity. A single mother herself, until recently she was working three jobs to support her family. But in 2017, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. The cancer metastasized to her bones and her liver. At first, she continued working all three of her jobs, but due to her illness and treatment she had to stop.

This spring, Stephanie was hospitalized for pain due to her treatment. “I didn’t want to go to the hospital because I was frightened of the coronavirus, but I finally did, and when I got home one of the social workers mentioned God’s Love. Seeing as I’m a single mom, and I raise the girls on my own, it’s an incredible help.” Now, we send breakfast and dinner to Stephanie’s daughters Gabriella and Sabrina, and lunch and dinner to Stephanie.

Stephanie says that with the help of our meals she is able to expend her energy on spending time with Gabriella and Sabrina. She feels an immense relief to know that she and her daughters are being taken care of nutritionally.

“Being a mother right now in this pandemic is very hard, especially with having an illness. My kids are also severely asthmatic. It just makes my life a lot easier having the help of the volunteers and of God’s Love We Deliver.”

Stephanie sends her deepest gratitude to our volunteers. She says that she’ll continue to stay positive, as she has her whole life. She adds—with characteristic generosity—that when she gets stronger and is able, she hopes to come volunteer in the kitchen herself one day.

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