

Will's Story

In 2005 Will Fougere was 54 years old and he could no longer walk two blocks to the school where he had taught for 25 years.

Steadily increasing health issues eventually forced Will into early retirement. After many years (and several diagnoses) later, the CT scans finally revealed the problem. Will had bronchiolitis obliterans, an inflammatory obstruction of the lung's tiniest airways.

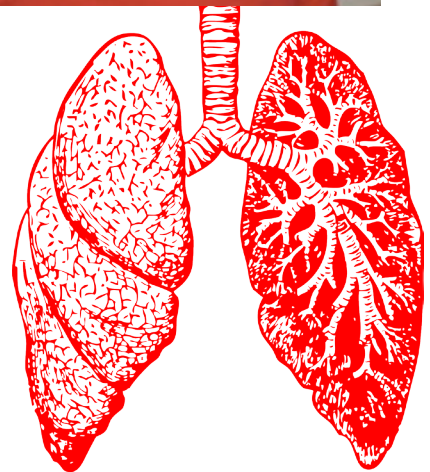
Will was told by his doctor that he was not a candidate for a lung transplant. This devastating news meant he had only a few years left to live.

It was a conversation with a stranger in the hospital that left Will with the urge to fight for his life and the chance to watch his grandchildren grow up. With this newfound encouragement, Will turned to the Lung Association of Nova Scotia for guidance.

The President and CEO of LANS, Louis Brill, secured funding from the provincial government to cover airfare and living expenses during Will's prolonged medical stay in Toronto.

In 2012, Will finally received his double lung transplant and he has been living life to the fullest ever since.

For people like Will, the Lung Association of Nova Scotia is a beacon of hope and health in dark times, because when you can't breathe, nothing else matters.



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