

Businessman doesn't lose heart over transplant

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His motto, his license plate and his blood type are "B Positive" — and Stewart Duberstein, a Farmington businessman, is prepared to stand by that sentiment for the rest of his life.

Life began again at 40 for this entrepreneur who, after being diagnosed six years ago with a degenerative heart ailment, received a heart transplant last month at the Cleveland Clinic.

"I feel great," said Duberstein, a Redford Township resident. "I am more active now than I had been the past six years. I couldn't walk to the end of my street before and now I walk three miles a night."

Duberstein is co-owner of 20th Century pet shops in Westland and Walled Lake, as well as the Tropic Affair fish shop in Farmington.

He was diagnosed with cardiac myopathy and received treatment at the Cleveland Clinic.

"It's an exceptional hospital

and they were able to keep things going for awhile. Things started getting worse though so about eight months ago I was evaluated and placed on the heart transplant list. They did so many tests I didn't think there were that many parts of my body to evaluate."

Duberstein read all he could about the disease that was attacking his heart and knew all the steps that would be taken when the time came for a transplant. He was sent home with a pager to wait for word.

On May 12 he was hospitalized again and placed on a "last resort" drug to get every ounce of life available. In Duberstein's heart, "I never thought I'd be weak enough to be put in the hospital." His name was moved to the top of the list for a heart transplant.

The morning of May 14, Duberstein received word that he would receive the heart of a 30-year-old male donor.

"I kind of slipped into another mode," Duberstein remembers clearly. "I wasn't emotional. I just wanted to take it all in and remember everything. I knew step by step what was going to happen in the operating room and I knew that as they took me in to be prepped I could be saying goodbye to my family for the last time. I wasn't afraid because I knew I had no other choices."

By the time he was taken into surgery four hours later, Duberstein, who has never married, had 18 people from the Detroit area in the intensive care waiting room at the Cleveland hospital showing their support.

After just three weeks in the hospital Duberstein was released. He continues to make trips to the clinic every two weeks or so to make sure there are no signs of rejection, but he remains optimistic about his future.

"I am so amazed by things. It sounds so corny, but things I used to ignore seem so spectacular to me now. I notice everything."

Even with a new heart, however, Duberstein has to begin a new fight to keep the organ that is foreign to his own body. There are treadmills in the deal. Owner of a couple harness racing horses,



Stewart Duberstein: Got new heart

ing the organ donation label on your driver's license, agencies say that it is important to let your belief on the issue be known to your close family and friends. They will be your voice when the time comes.

In his letter to the donor's family, Duberstein writes: "I feel your loved one's heart beating in my chest and I can only marvel at its harmonious rhythm and how this event has opened my eyes and my mind to what a beautiful world this is and how wonderful the people are who occupy it."

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