

# Deborah Moreno Lopez,

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Honored with the Sparrow RN Caregiver Spotlight, in recognition of her nursing excellence, Deborah Moreno Lopez is a clinical nurse and Vice President of the Michigan Chapter of The National Association of Hispanic Nurses.

## Deborah's Story

As a teenager, Deborah Moreno Lopez experienced the compassionate care nurses provided to her younger brother while he battled cancer and was inspired to become a Nurse herself.

She has used the same compassion with her Patients at Sparrow over the past eight years. Lopez's brother, Nathaniel Moreno, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia when he was just 4 years old. "It was a scary time for all of us," said Lopez, who grew up in Lansing. "I didn't know much about cancer at the time. The unknown was very scary."

Lopez and her family spoke with Sparrow Caregivers to educate themselves about the disease and to do whatever was necessary to help Nathaniel. "We didn't have any extended family in Michigan," said Lopez. "The Caregivers at Sparrow treated us like we were their family. It was something I'll never forget." Nathaniel, now 25, is healthy after a five-year battle with the disease. Lopez partly credits his recovery to Sparrow Nurses.

"As a Nurse, I always put the Patient first. That's what Sparrow did for my family and that's what I'm going to for every Patient, every time."