

Genaida Benson: Every day is a gift and never give up

<u>Video</u>	<u>Audio</u>
Music nats 'O Holy Night'	
Genaida Benson	"Music provides hope and healing to the entire body."
Genaida Benson	"I just had a passion for music. The love was instilled in me."
Genaida Benson	"So I started at 4-and-a-half."
Genaida Benson	"My name is Genaida Benson, and I am a radiology staff nurse here at Mayo Clinic."
Genaida Benson	"Eight years ago, my dad was treated here."
Genaida Benson	"I've always had a love for both medicine and music."
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	"This is my dad."
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	"He was treated with stage 4 liver cancer."
Nats music	
Nats Genaida taking a breath	
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	"When I saw him fighting for his life and the expert care that he was given here at Mayo, I wanted to become a nurse and give back to Mayo but, also, to help other patients going through treatment too, as well."
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	"Not only was it the expert care, but there was compassion and actually it was the only hospital that gave my dad hope."
Nats music	

Genaida Benson	“Every other hospital that had a big name that thought that they could treat this cancer ... they told him to go home and die.”
Nats music	
Nats Genaida taking another breath	
Nats music	
Genaida’s Dad	“They gave me two to three months to live ... chance of beating it, less than 1%. And now I’m cancer-free. That’s eight years ago.”
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	“I’ve been so blessed to have him here for the last few months taking care of me while I’ve been dealing with breaking my leg.”
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	“I’m looking forward to walking normally again. I’ve just met with the surgeon today. I can transition out of the boot and start walking with a brace and then transition to driving and walking normally and being back with my team in radiology.”
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	“It’s a chance to give back to God, but also a chance to give back to Mayo, as well as to help them along on their journey, give them hope, give them encouragement.”
Nats music	
Genaida Benson	“We praise God for the gift of life every day. I tell patients when I’m talking to them that every day is a gift and never give up.”
Nats music end with clapping	