



heartbeats

THE GIFT OF LIFE MID-SOUTH NEWSLETTER



Baby Zoe



Wenqi and her guardian, Elisa Su



Baby David and his mother, Delmy



Gift of Life Mid-South 10th Annual Gala

Zoe from Honduras



Zoe and her mother, Maritza, arrived at Memphis International Airport on Saturday, 9/26/2017, after a travel delay due to Hurricane Irma. They were greeted by volunteers from Latino Memphis and members of the Rotary Club of Midtown Memphis. After extensive analysis and evaluation, the doctors determined that Zoe's heart condition is too complex for surgery, and she would likely not survive the operation. The GOLM volunteers continued to care for the family until Zoe and Maritza returned to Honduras in early October.

Wenqi from Lantian County, Shannix Province, China



Wenqi underwent successful, life saving heart surgery at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital on Thursday, 10/12/2017. She has received exceptional care from her guardian, Elisa Su, and the members of Grace Chinese Christian Church of Greater Memphis. The White Station High School Rotaract Club delivered handmade cards to Wenqi prior to her surgery as well. Thank you!

David from Honduras



David and his mother, Delmy, travelled to Memphis for heart surgery in early October. David's surgery on Tuesday, 10/10/2017, was a success and he is recovering well at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Volunteers have hosted the family for home-cooked meals, brought them to Hispanic church service, and have accompanied David and Delmy to pre-surgical appointments. These dedicated volunteers continue to visit the family in the CVICU and are bringing Delmy dinner each evening. Thank you!

10th Annual Gift of Life Mid-South Gala



The Gift of Life Mid-South Gala is an annual event that allows the organization the opportunity to thank its dedicated volunteers and donors for their continued support.

GOLM presented Le Bonheur Children's Hospital with a \$35,000 donation. Ron Roll with Helping Hands of Honduras was the featured speaker. Chuck Hutton Chevrolet and Gus's Fried Chicken were honored for their corporate sponsorship. Sarah Grace Taylor received the Outstanding Youth Award. Rotarian Becky Gallagher received the Service Above Self Award. Ruth Crawford was awarded Volunteer of the Year. GOLM Board Member, Octavio Areas and David Gould with Gould's Salon Spa were given special recognition for their significant contributions to GOLM. Co-founders of GOLM, Bill Pickens and Bill Shrader, also received special recognition for their ten years of service. Thank you!



Gift of Life Mid-South Board Member and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Chaplain, Octavio Areas, will return to Honduras on 2/19/2018 through 2/24/2018 to visit with GOLM families, while providing mental health professional training. Keep up the great work, Octavio!

Ways to Help

Financial Support

Your donations go directly to help the children we bring to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. All GOLM-affiliated hospitals charge a nominal fee to cover basic hospital costs. Funds are also used for incidental expenses while the family is staying in Memphis at the FedEx Family House

Volunteer

Rotary Club and Latino Memphis volunteers are a critical part of the Gift of Life mission. Volunteers and their families have the opportunity to get to know our guest families on a personal level. The host Club provides meals and transportation during the family's stay in Memphis. Volunteers also accompany families to clinic visits and provide support during the hospital stay.

