



# heartbeats

## THE GIFT OF LIFE MID-SOUTH NEWSLETTER



Child #83: Praise from Uganda



Child #84: Christian from Jamaica



Volunteer of the Month



Rotary Club of the Month



Praise underwent successful heart surgery at Le Bonheur on April 9th! She is recovering well from her surgery and has moved out of the CVICU. Her parents, Martin and Mary, are very happy to see their daughter smiling, eating and sitting up often! The road to recovery is impressive for this little one!

Please sign up to take the family a meal and visit with Martin and Mary. Both parents speak English!

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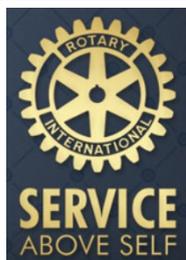
Christian recovered from his life-saving surgery and returned to Jamaica with his mother, Roxanne, on April 9th!

When Christian arrived in Memphis, he could barely walk a few feet before becoming winded and asking his mother to carry him. Approximately three weeks after his surgery at Le Bonheur, here is Christian racing his mother before boarding their flight back home:



The GOLM Volunteer of the Month is Rotarian Allen Carpenter! Allen assisted in hosting Christian and his mother, Roxanne, while they were visiting from Jamaica. He coordinated transportation, meals and clinic visits for the family, while offering continuous support and encouragement as Christian recovered from his heart surgery.

Thank you, Allen!



Gift of Life Mid-South could not fulfill its mission without the tireless efforts of Rotary District 6800 clubs!

*~Thank you to Germantown Rotary Club for hosting Rinor and his father, Xhavit!*

*~Thank you to Collierville Rotary Club for hosting Christian and his mother, Roxanne!*

*~Thank you to Rotary Club of Memphis for hosting Praise and her parents, Mary and Martin!*

## 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.

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### **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.

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