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THE GIFT OF LIFE MID-SOUTH NEWSLETTER



Child #87: Helena from Belize



Child #88: Stephanie from Honduras



Volunteer and Rotarian of the Month



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Helena and her father, Peter, arrived from Belize on July 15th. Helena's life saving surgery at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital was a success! She further recovered at the FedEx Family House and was even able to participate in a few outings around town. The family returned home to Belize on August 11th. Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Olive Branch and Southaven for providing this family so much love and attention!



Baby Stephanie and her mother, Maren, arrived in Memphis from Honduras at the end of July. Stephanie had heart surgery on August 3rd, and a follow-up procedure the next day. She and her mother returned to the FedEx Family House on August 10th, however a check-up visit revealed a large amount of fluid around Baby Stephanie's heart. She had her third surgery at Le Bonheur's Children's Hospital on August 18th and continues on her road to a full recovery. A BIG thank you to the Central Rotary Club for all of the love, support and attention you are providing to this family! Please sign-up to bring them a meal:

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Christine Pascus is a member of the Memphis Rotary Club and has served on the board for Gift of Life Mid-South for the last four years. She was instrumental in implementing updated policies and procedures and was the point of contact for numerous volunteers and visiting families. Christine's term on the GOLM board will end in August. She has served the organization with the utmost dedication and love. Thank you for exemplifying Service Above Self, Christine!



Joanie Bergstrom is a GOLM volunteer who went above and beyond to serve Helena and her father, Peter, during their stay in Memphis. She was even able to gain the trust of little Helena, who is terribly shy, enough to allow Joanie to hold Helena before she returned home to Belize. Thank you, Joanie, for investing your time and energy in this lovely family!

Join us Friday, October 12th for the 11th Annual Gift of Life Gala!

We are thrilled to welcome special guest, Elvis, to perform at the Gala and our speaker this year is Rob Raylman, CEO of Gift of Life International! Join us as we honor our devoted volunteers and the Le Bonheur Children's Hospital staff!



GIFT OF LIFE Gala
 October 12, 2018 • 6:00 to 10:00 pm
 Shelby Farms • FedEx Event Center
 415 Green Vistas Drive, East • Cordova, TN 38018
 Entertainment: Paula Epifanio • Catering: A Memphis Place
 *Guest Reservations *Local Friends
 *Guests will appreciate this! (Thank You)

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Ways to Help

Financial Support

Your donations go directly to help the children we bring to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. All GOLI-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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