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THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome Valeria Funez



Our next child, Lumara Valeria Funez, is five months old and arriving from Honduras. She will be accompanied by both parents, Kristian Funez Carcamo and Juan Funez. Although the winter storm delayed their trip, they safely arrived in Memphis on Saturday, February 20, 2021. Parents will be able to communicate via the Gift of Life phone and accommodations have been provided for the family at the FedEx Family House.

We are so very grateful for Rotary's generous support and the North East Shelby County Rotary Club for taking the lead to provide support for this Gift of Life patient family. John Keller will be the point of contact and representative for the North East Shelby County Rotary Club. Unfortunately, we are still currently unable to allow volunteers or visitors to enter FedEx Family House, due to COVID-19. Please review the guidelines for your volunteers who will be delivering meals to

individual Gift of Life families. Also, when you take meals, please take enough for both parents.

1. Ensure that all meals are individually packaged in a firm container that closes completely and/or with tape or plastic wrap.
2. Make sure each container is clearly labeled with the family's name, contents and date packaged.
3. Communicate with the family what days and times meals will be delivered.
4. Once confirmed with the family, please call the front desk at FedEx Family House at 901-322-1971 and let them know the time you will be delivering the meal.
5. On the day of your arrival, contact someone and they will let you in through the entrance gate at the back of the building. A cart will be waiting outside the back entrance to the main building for you to deposit the meal(s).
6. The front desk will bring in the cart and will call the family to come get their meal (or, if you prefer, you may also call the family directly to let them know the meal has been delivered so they can come down to get it.

We will communicate updates once they are admitted in the hospital. As always, thank you for your support!

Click on the link to volunteer to Take a Meal to the family:  
[Take Them A Meal | Easy online meal sign ups to support your loved ones.](#)



## Curbside Crawfish Boil 2021 sponsored by



The FedEx Family House has been supportive of Gift of Life families for several years. Through their partnership with Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, they provide accommodations to children and their families who travel from abroad to receive treatment for rare heart conditions and other child related illnesses or trauma. During their stay, families have ongoing needs as they focus on the recovery of their child and it is the goal of FedEx Family House to help their stay feel like home away from home. Your support will allow families to ease their stress as they provide emotional support for their child. You can help the FedEx Family House by doing one of the following:

1. Family Meals
2. Fill the Pantry
3. Grab and Go Treats
4. Pack a Welcome Bag
5. Holiday Decorations
6. Host an Activity
7. Around the House Volunteers

For more information on how you or your organization can help, please contact Amber Orr, Volunteer Service Coordinator, at (901) 347-6462 or visit the website at [Volunteer - FedExFamilyHouse](#).

Due to COVID restrictions, be sure to contact the Volunteer Service Coordinator prior to any service-related projects.

Save the Date for Gift of Life Annual Crawfish Boil on Friday, April 30, 2021. We appreciate the continuous support for this event. Here is information on how you can be a part of the "seafood" event:

**GOLD SPONSORSHIP:** \$5000 Pre-event marketing featuring your company as GOLD sponsor with listing on Event Print Media, Event signage, Event emails, Event social media announcements (GOL website, Facebook & Twitter). One table of 10 tickets. Corporate logo on event printed shirts. Opportunity to place company merchandise at event location, VERBAL Recognition at event as corporate sponsor, and on event screens, and to serve on event committee.

**SILVER SPONSORSHIP:** \$2500 Pre-event marketing featuring your company as SILVER sponsor with listing on Event Print Media, Event signage, Event social media announcements (GOL website, Facebook & Twitter). One table of 10 tickets and Corporate logo on event printed shirts.

**BRONZE SPONSORSHIP:** \$1250 Marketing featuring your company as BRONZE sponsor with listing on: Corporate logo on event printed shirts. Event social media announcements (GOL website, Facebook & Twitter). One table of 10 tickets

Click below to purchase individual tickets:

[GIFT OF LIFE MID SOUTH INC - Save a Heart Curbside Crawfish Boil \(networkforgood.com\)](#)

# Another Heart Saved...Carmen Flores

We would like to give HUGE thank you to the Collierville Rotary Club for taking the lead with this family and the continued support of all our volunteers.



## Ways You Can 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.

[Contact us.](#)

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