



# heartbeats

THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

June 2021

## Farewell Lia Victoria Moreno

7-month-old, LIA VICTORIA MORENO, and her mother, PAOLA MICHELLE returned to Honduras on June 11, 2021. Thank you to all our volunteers and the Collierville Rotary Club for your assistance with this family. Of course, we could not send this little miracle home without a celebration.



## Where Are They Now?

A look at Zanick Master

Before - 2019



After - Current as of June 2021



## Meet Our Volunteers

**Reverend Octavio Areas, Chaplain II  
and Pastoral Counselor**



Reverend Octavio serves as the Pediatric Chaplain II at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. He is consistently enthusiastic and imaginative when making connections with our Gift of Families.

### **Mary Ann Overman**



Mary Ann Overman has enjoyed volunteering with Mid-South Gift of Life for four years. She is retired and has the time to spare but is not ready to sit home and crochet all day. Sitting with the parents and taking them to clinic appointments, etc., gives her a chance to feel useful and practice her Spanish skills. She loves being around the children and keeps up with many of them on Facebook after they return home.

**Umar Boston, MD, Cardiovascular  
Surgery**



Dr. Umar Boston is the Surgical Director of the Pediatric Heart Transplant and Ventricular Assist Device Program and the Adult Congenital Heart Disease Program at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. We are very appreciative of the continuous support Dr. Boston and his team provide in conducting the surgeries of our Gift of Life recipients.

### **Become a Volunteer**

Volunteers are a critical part of the Gift of Life mission. They can 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 accompany families to clinic visits and provide support during the hospital stay. [Contact us.](#)

## cityCurrent Radio Show



Check out this recent interview with Gift of Life Mid-South co-founder, Bill Pickens, did with Andrew Bartolotta from cityCurrent Memphis for their weekly radio show.

<https://youtu.be/DcoObW5fm1Y>

## Thank you to Our Donors!

Your support allows us to continue the work of ***Saving a Heart*** and providing ***Service Above Self***.

(Listed donors as of May and June 2021)

Gray Carter  
Cheryl Clark  
Suha Dweik  
Blake Higgins  
C. S. McMillan  
Helping Hands of Honduras  
Safelite Auto Glass Foundation

### ***Annual Crawfish Boil 2021 - Donors***

Stephen Behrman  
Jean & Pam Sparks  
Cary Vaughn  
Bart & Melinda Watt  
Teresa Wright

## Save the Date:

Gift of Life Save a Heart Annual Gala  
October 1, 2021  
6:00 pm



Stay tuned for more information on sponsorship and ticket purchase.

## 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.

[Donate.](#)

**amazon**smile  
You shop. Amazon gives.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop on AmazonSmile, 0.5% is donated to the charitable organization of your choice. Please login and select **Gift of Life Mid-South** as your organization of choice.

### **Connect**

