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THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

August 2021

Another Successful Surgery Zeilynn Vasquez



Gift of Life Highlights Le Bonheur Employee of the Month, Dr. Lily Pereiras



Dr. Lily Pereiras grew up in Cuba. She is the daughter of an interventional cardiologist who inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. After graduating from the University of Havana School of Medicine, she recognized that her future was not in Cuba; therefore, she traveled to Mexico and eventually moved to the United States. This was a huge step in that she could

not transfer her credential from Cuba and literally had to start over. However, Dr. Pereiras ultimately overcame the obstacle and made her way to Memphis. She worked at St. Jude for 10 years before coming to Le Bonheur Children Hospital, where she has worked for the past 11 years. Although, she oversees all types of surgeries, her passion is with our Gift of Life and heart transplant patients. Her passion is demonstrated through the care she gives to the patients and their families. She stated that it is an incredible opportunity to help give children another shot at having a long healthy life. Dr. Lily Pereiras is a superstar and fits Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." Thank you for all you do for the children around the world!

~Given in memory of Lily's mentor and father, Dr. Rolando Pereiras.

~Interview by Bill Pickens, Gift of Life Mid-South Co-founder.

Our Next Gift of Life Recipient



We look forward to hosting our next child, Shadrach Anderson Ayikobua Kampala, from Uganda in September. Stay tuned for more information on you can volunteer and sign up to Take a Meal.

OUR EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED!!

For the safety of our volunteers and donors we have moved our gala to:

JANUARY 21, 2022!!!

Dine, dance, and raise a glass to raise funds for Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

Join us for a special night to help us raise the needed funds to provide life-saving surgeries for children and to honor our selfless volunteers that make our mission a success.

We will have a cocktail hour by the lake, followed by a catered meal. Our speaker this year will be Ron Roll, Chief Financial Officer of Helping Hands for Honduras. The evening will conclude with a live band, the SOUL SHOCKERS! A Memphis Favorite!! Dinner and Dancing all to benefit Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. A silent/live auction will also be available.

Purchase your tickets today:

[GIFT OF LIFE MID SOUTH INC - 2022 Gift of Life Gala Black Tie Event \(networkforgood.com\)](https://www.networkforgood.com)

Sponsorships, tables, and Individual tickets are available for purchase

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 August 2021)

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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.

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