



Gift of Life Mid-South

"Saving Children One Heart at a Time"

June 2016 Newsletter

Gift of Life Mid-south News

Hoaran Ma, child #67 for Gift of Life flew home to China, June 13. 18 month old Hoaran Ma came to us accompanied by Jackie his escort and was supported while in our city by the Grace Evangelical Christian Church of Collierville. He was met at the airport by Jeffrey from the church and was made to feel at home through a difficult time in his young life. Thank you Grace Church for supporting our mission.

Our 68th child came to us a few days before Hoaran left us. Jose Villeda arrived with mom from Honduras. Surgery on the 15th went well and Jose is on his way to recovery.

At the Gift of Life Mid-South June board meeting Octavio Areas, a Le Bonheur chaplin and frequent volunteer was elected to the Gift of Life Board. Welcome Octavio! We know you will continue to be a valuable asset to our families and our mission.

In addition Tom Wilson the incoming District 6800 Governor will join the Gift of Life Board taking outgoing Governor Cary Vaughn's place.

\$100,000 in 100 days to benefit Gift of Life and Le Bonheur

Gift of Life Mid-South is kicking off a 100 day campaign to raise \$50,000 in a rare one-time opportunity to receive \$50,000 in matching funds by the Le Bonheur Foundation. This is possible by a large anonymous donation made to the Foundation. Help us hit this goal which will fund 20 more kids to be brought to Memphis for life saving heart surgery. Your 501(c)3 donation is tax deductible. You can donate either by check to P.O. Box 220, Cordova, TN, 38088-0220 or by Paypal on our web site at giftoflifemidsouth.org. 100% of what we raise goes directly to Le Bonheur Children's Hospital to support the Heart Institute and the marvelous work they're doing not only with Gift of Life kids, but children from all over the world. Thank you so much in advance for helping us!

Thank you Gift of Life Donors! Thanks to all of you we made our goal of raising \$50,000 for the Methodist Le Bonheur Foundation which will qualify for the dollar for dollar match. Your generosity will help us provide hope for 20 more children.

Gift of Life Mid-South salutes our partner in our mission!



Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Achieves Magnet Designation

Le Bonheur Children's Hospital has received [Magnet designation by the American Nurses Credentialing Center \(ANCC\)](#). Le Bonheur is among only 7% of hospitals in the country to have earned the distinction of Magnet status.

Le Boheur's Heart Institute Includes:

- 3 Pediatric cardiac surgeons
- 16 Cariologists
- 6 Training fellows
- 3 cardiac anesthesiologist
- 80 specially trained nurses
- 5 cardiac researchers

The heart institute at Le Bonheur provides care for 12,800 pediatric visits a year and a dozen grateful families of Gift of Life Mid-South kids who come to us from all over the world.



Incoming District 6800 Governor Tom Wilson with Terry Dunger, a frequent Gift of Life donor at last year's Dunavant Awards



Octavio Areas, Le Bonheur Chaplin and new Gift of Life Mid-South Board member



Hoaran Ma from China back home to lead a normal life. Thank you Le Bonheur and Gift of Life Mid-South!



Jeremy from Grace Church meets Hoaran and escort, Jackie at the airport.



Jose from Honduras. Our 68th Gift of Life Mid-South child



Go to smile.amazon.com and select Gift of Life Mid-South and we will be given money back on each purchase you make! A great way to support our mission of Saving Children!

Hear about us on Rotary on the Radio KWAM 990 Thursday mornings 8:00-9:00



Gift of Life Mid-South wishes to thank those who helped us reach our goal in our \$100,000 in 100 days campaign. Every dollar goes to the Le Bonheur Foundation!

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