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THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Our 2nd Child Has Arrived

Hello Gift of Life sponsors, volunteers and Rotarians! We have accepted our second patient since COVID and first child of 2021. It has been a trying and difficult time for everyone. However, thank you to all of our supporters during this transition.



Our next child will be coming from Honduras, Carman Flores, 4 months old. Little Carmen along with mom, Marian and dad, Edwin are headed to Memphis and expected to arrive on January 18, 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 of FedEx Family House and Gift of Life patient families. Since we are currently unable to allow volunteers or visitors to enter FedEx Family House, due to COVID-19, here are some 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.](#)

A Special Thanks to Our Sponsors in 2020

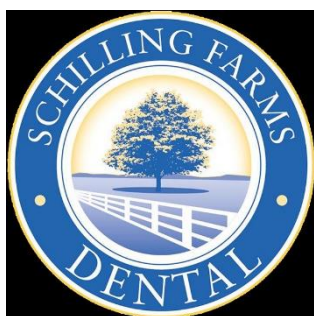


To all volunteers, family, friends, and organizations that make it possible to *Save the Heart* of a child.



Curbside Crawfish Boil 2021 is Underway

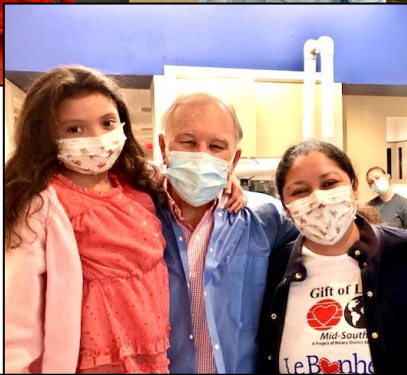
Save the Date for Gift of Life Annual Crawfish Boil sponsored by Chuck Hutton Chevrolet on Friday, April 30, 2021. Stay tuned for information on how you can support the event this year.



Dr. Jerry Midyett, DDS

Another Heart Saved...

Thank you to everyone that volunteered and supported us with our first child since COVID, Valerie Flores. She successfully returned home to Honduras on December 28, 2020.



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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