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THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Meet Shadrach Ayikobua

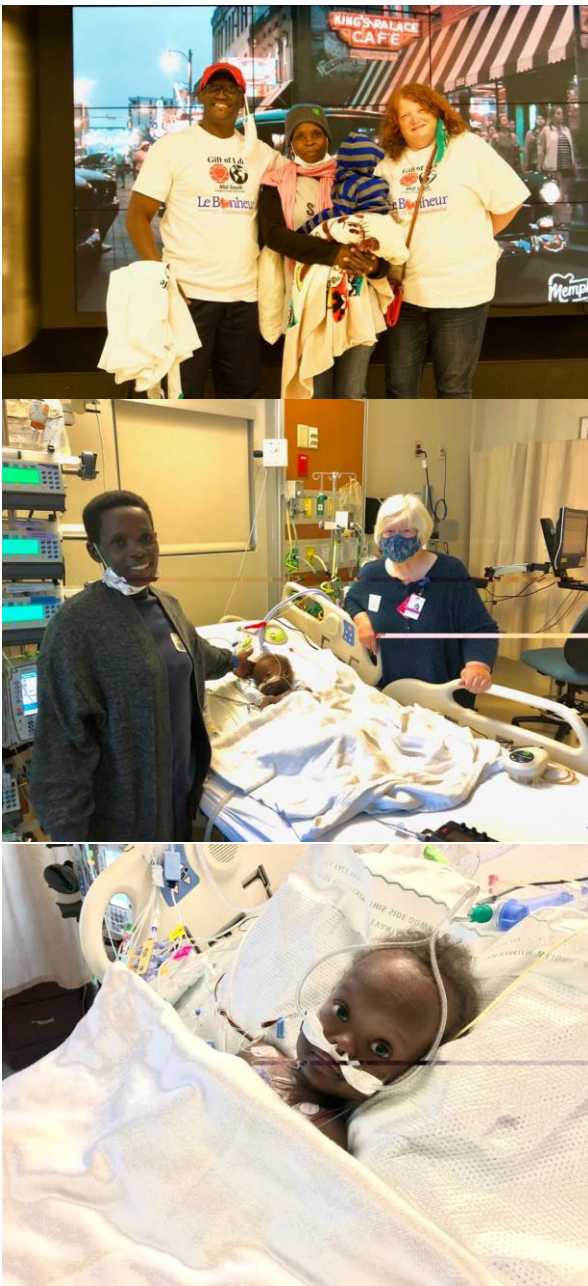


Our next Gift of Life child is 3-year-old Shadrach Ayikobua from Uganda. He arrived in Memphis on September 7, 2021, accompanied by his mother! Surgery took place on September 22nd and so far, has been a success. Shadrach and his mother are at Le Bonheur in Room 922 and can be contacted at (901) 305-0092. As always, we are so very grateful for Rotary's generous support of FedEx Family House and Gift of Life patient families. We also would like to say thank you to the Collierville Rotary Club for their service with this family.

Since we are currently unable to allow volunteers or visitors to enter the 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:

- Ensure that all meals are individually packaged, clearly labeled with family's name, and in a firm container that closes completely and/or with tape or plastic wrap
- As you have before, communicate with the family re: what day and time meals will be delivered. The family can be contacted at (901) 305-0092.
- Once confirmed with the family, please call the front desk at FedExFamilyHouse at 901-322-1971 to inform them of the time you will be delivering the meal. If they are expecting you, they will let you in through the entrance gate located in the back of the building.
- A cart will be waiting outside of the back entrance to the main building for you to deposit the meal(s).
- Once staff has received the meal, they will call the family to come get their meal (you may also call the family directly to let them know the meal has been delivered so they can come down to get it).
- Penny Schaffer will give you a reminder call of the time you have signed up for. If you have a conflict, then please call her at (901) 262-9601.

Shadrach Ayikobua cont....



Le Bonheur Physicians Saving Lives in Jordan



Congratulations to Dr. Umar Boston for being a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship presented at the Memphis East Rotary Club on September 29, 2021.



Dr. Boston, along with Dr. Mohammed Asbi, Dr. Jennifer Kramer, and Nurse Messina Lipe will be traveling to Jordan on October 28 to perform 25 surgeries to young children. This mission trip was sponsored by Le Bonheur Children Hospital with donations made by several organizations and private donors. The team will be accompanied on this mission by other physicians from Denmark.

Happy Birthday Bill Schrader

Celebrating the life and legacy of Bill Schrader, a husband, father, grandfather, friend, and co-founder for Gift of Life Mid-South. Bill's birthday was on September 22nd, and we would like to celebrate his moments by sharing this poem written by his granddaughter:

Papa's Poem

*Your happiness spread like the wake of dawn
When I was with you, I felt like a fawn
And when I close my eyes, I smell your steak and
pies
And in my heart, I know I did my part
And I still have a feeling, that I didn't give you
enough meaning
Oh, it was hard for me, to let go of hope and let you
be free
I was on the floor screaming when I heard about
you not breathing
I wonder what you are doing in heaven, for I lost
you at the age of seven
~By Madeline Tackett*



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 September 2021)

Le Bonheur Mission Trip to Jordan

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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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