



# heartbeats

THE GIFT OF LIFE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

October 2021

## It Takes Two...Meet Esteban & Mushtak



Gift of Life Mid-South is fortunate to have two children in our care, Baby Esteban Sarmiento from Honduras, and 3-year-old Mushtak Farhan Yusof from Somaliland. Both children have completed surgeries and on their way to a healthy recovery. 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 Rotary Club of Memphis Central for their service with this family.

We are still in need of meals to help support each family. Taking a meal does not only meet their hunger need, but it also gives the family an opportunity to have some social interaction and get to know our volunteers. However, please pay close attention to listed diet restrictions when signing up to take a meal.

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).
- Beth Dowie will make a reminder call of the date and time you have signed up for. If you have a conflict, then please call her at (901) 359-7859.

## Esteban & Father, Freddie



## Mushtak & Mother, Noura





## Gift of Life International Medical Team in Action



Dr. Umar Boston and his team from Le Bonheur Children's Hospital will be working this week alongside the cardiac team at the Jordan University Hospital led by Dr. Iyad Amouri and Dr. Laila Tutunji.

Baby Aber is the first patient 2.5-year-old from the refugee camp undergoing surgery. Our mission this week is in partnership with Atfaluna اطفالنا and the International Medical Corps Jordan, who are covering the costs of the surgeries. Thank you to our generous donors, Gift of Life Mid-South, Amityville Rotary and Chain of Hope for their contribution to help in healing little hearts in Amman -

Jordan. ❤️💙 Keep praying for Aber and the rest of the children



## Happy Anniversary

Did You Know? The first Gift of Life Recipient had their heart healed in 1975. Thirty-three years later the 10,000th child was treated through our global network of giving. Then, just 13 years later in 2021, we have reached the incredible milestone of healing the heart of our 40,000th child!! This would not have been possible without the support of our donors like you, our global network of caring, our like-minded partnerships, our dedicated healthcare volunteers, and Rotarians around the world.

**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 October 2021)

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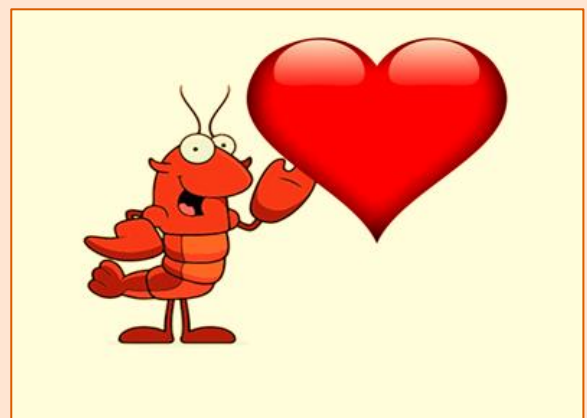
In honor and memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Bliss Hicky (Robert F.  
Fogelman)

**OUR EVENT HAS BEEN  
POSTPONED!!**

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

**October 14, 2022!!!**

**SAVE A HEART...SAVE THE DATE  
DRIVE-THRU CRAWFISH BOIL  
Saturday, April 2**



# 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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