



**heartbeats** Monthly Digest

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## Celebrating Children, Families, & Volunteers



Zanick Master, Gift of Life child from two years ago, returned with his mother and brother to Le Bonheur Children Hospital for a checkup. During their visit, they were able to spend time with Bill and Carolyn Pickens at their home. When the family returned to the FedEx House, they were welcomed with a delicious bucket of Gus's Fried Chicken. Mom said, "best she ever had".

THIS MONTH'S  
TOP STORIES

## Your Donations Support Le Bonheur to Keep Hearts Beating



Gift of Life presented a check in the amount of \$35,000 to Le Bonheur Children Hospital on June 29, 2022. We thank all our sponsors, donors, Rotarians, and board members for the contributions made this year. Our goal is to continue providing medical attention to children who have heart conditions. Without your support, we would not be able to do what we do...one heart at a time.

### The Award Goes To... **William "Bill" Pickens!**



William "Bill" Pickens, co-founder for Gift of Life Mid-South, was recognized as the Trailblazer for Maternal and Child Health

at the Rotary Club of Memphis Central Black Tie Gala on June 26, 2022. Bill believes that everything in life happens for a reason. He was introduced to Gift of Life International in 2007 by another Rotarian while attending an awards ceremony in New Jersey. Through this collaboration, Bill partnered with Le Bonheur Children Hospital to provide surgeries for children with congenital heart defects. Because of his dedication and passion for helping children, Gift of Life Mid-South has served 113 children from 30 different countries. Bill, we thank you for your hard work and leadership as we continue our fight to keep hearts beating.

### **Little Ava from Belize...Before and After**

Ava Miranda is a Gift of Life Midsouth patient from Belize who had a heart surgery performed in 2020. Miracles still do happen, and your support has helped Ava become stronger.



## **Purchase Your Tickets Today**

Gift of Life's Gala is an annual fundraising event that honors our volunteers and allows us to continue our work serving children with life-threatening heart defects from around the world. Join us for a special night 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. 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 auction will also be available to help us raise the needed funds to bring these children to Le Bonheur for life saving surgeries.

October 14, 2022 @ 6:00PM – 11:00PM  
FedEx Event Center at Shelby Farms Park  
415 Great View Drive East, Suite 103  
Cordova, TN 38134

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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 can 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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