Dear Friend,

For nearly 30 years, Gift of Life has relied on the compassion and generosity of our many supporters to accomplish its mission of saving lives.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the extraordinarily charitable sponsors who recently championed our October cancer awareness efforts at the Julie Richardson Procter Ribbon Run. A depth of appreciation to Presenting Sponsors: Robin Dauphin, Provost Umphrey Law Firm and Quality Mat Company / Linda & Joe Penland and Title Sponsors: H-E-B and Jason's Deli.

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for your encouragement and assistance, and especially during the past two years when the situation has become critical during Covid-19 and following natural disasters.

We recognize the significant responsibilities and impact of Gift of Life’s services in the health of the region, and as the demand for our assistance has increased, the organization has positioned its resources to help those who have experienced hardships and loss. Their needs simply could not be met without your very meaningful gifts. Thank you for helping us bless thousands of individuals. With your steadfast commitment, Gift of Life will continue to provide hope, health and healing.

Life After Cancer

In 2020, Gift of Life launched its Active Living After Cancer (ALAC) program in partnership with MD Anderson Cancer Center. This free 12-week curriculum offers resources, support, health coaching and education to help all cancer survivors rebuild their lives after the devastating toll of the disease.

The program is a success! Graduates have expressed improvements in their emotional and physical well-being, as well as shared in the joy of creating new friendships at a time when so many have been isolated.

Congratulations to all our graduates! Classes are ongoing, so please contact Gift of Life to sign up.

Regina Rogers
Founder & Chair

Linda Domino
Interim Board President
**Women’s Health & Breast Cancer Program**

Throughout the pandemic, Gift of Life continued offering its full range of breast health services to medically underserved women at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas screening sites in Beaumont and Orange. More than 1,000 free breast health screenings were provided, along with nearly 300 diagnostic tests. The program’s lifesaving services have diagnosed breast cancer in four women who are currently being navigated through treatment.

An important addition to Gift of Life’s access to care was its new collaborative medical partnership with Riceland Diagnostic Health in Port Arthur. Mid-County clients now will have a premier facility close to home staffed by compassionate healthcare professionals dedicated to providing excellent care.

“Gift of Life truly saved my life! My family and I will always be grateful to this organization for providing free medical care that helped diagnose my breast cancer and whose staff supported me through treatment.”

TANYA SIMS & WITH HER MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
GIFT OF LIFE BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

**Men’s Health & Prostate Cancer Program**

In 2022, Gift of Life will resume its Men’s Health and Prostate Cancer Screening Program, which was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The initiative will provide hundreds of lifesaving prostate cancer screenings and a battery of preventative tests to local men who cannot afford health insurance or high deductibles.

Cancer does not stop for a pandemic, and neither will Gift of Life! By redirecting patient care from emergency centers and decreasing hospitalization rates with earlier disease detection, our organization improves overall public health. We look forward to serving our male clients in the new year!

“Thanks to Gift of Life, my life has changed. I had advanced prostate cancer and it was spreading. After two years of treatment, the cancer is gone. God bless this program and its staff.”

JOSÉ HERNANDEZ &
GIFT OF LIFE PROSTATE CANCER SURVIVOR
The Julie Richardson Procter 5K Ribbon Run Monster Dash brought the community together to celebrate cancer survivorship and awareness. Nearly 2,400 participants enjoyed the event benefiting the program’s breast and ovarian cancer initiatives. The Harvest of Heroes Ceremony was held in a loving memorial tribute to Board President Nell Morris, who dedicated more than 25 years of service as our organization’s devoted and compassionate leader. Known for her faith and acts of kindness, Nell was a most wonderful friend and humanitarian. Gift of Life will forever miss our angel, and her powerful legacy of love will be perpetuated in our lifesaving mission.

A special note of thanks to America’s Got Talent Semifinalist Christina Wells for her inspiring vocal performances during the Ceremony and the Ribbon Run Kickoff. Pink n’ Teal Applause to all other sponsors, chairs and coordinators, volunteers, vendors and participants for making the cancer awareness and fundraiser event a success!

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Gift of Life's H.O.P.E. Initiative provides essential education and resources across the region. Throughout the year, the organization distributed e-newsletters, social media campaigns, programming, and healthy living materials to empower others to be informed advocates for their own health. Additionally, Gift of Life provided summer camps and youth organizations with sunscreen and sun safety literature to help prevent skin cancer.

This November, Gift of Life partnered with Lamar University Dishman School of Nursing to host a special seminar – Ovarian Cancer: The Disease That Whispers with featured guest speaker Dr. Sandra Cesario, professor at Texas Woman's University. Dr. Cesario offered a poignant presentation that covered early signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer that are often overlooked. We are so grateful for the opportunity to bring increased attention to ovarian cancer.

Think Pink!

Gift of Life was “tickled pink” by phenomenal community support throughout the month of October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month! We are deeply grateful for the many schools, organizations and businesses that hosted pink outs with proceeds benefiting Gift of Life’s free breast health services.

Special appreciation to Beaumont Police Department and Officer Haley Morrow for raising awareness and funds through the Pink Patrol Car Project generously funded by Title Sponsor T&T Foundation. An additional note of gratitude to Image360 Beaumont for donating the pink wrap, as well as businesses and individuals who sponsored the car at events across the city! We are also deeply grateful to the Port Arthur Police Department for their pinktacular efforts to raise funds for our cause throughout the month!