

48th Annual GDLC Shrimp Boil & Benefit Auction

2026 BENEFICIARIES

The funds raised at this year's Shrimp Boil and Auction will be distributed to the following beneficiaries, each sponsored by a Gloria Dei member or members:

Crystal and Jason Oliver

Jason Oliver, husband of Crystal Oliver, Gloria Dei's Finance & HR Director, was unexpectedly diagnosed with leukemia last Thursday. He was immediately admitted to the hospital, where he will remain for at least five weeks as he undergoes intensive chemotherapy treatments.

This is an incredibly difficult and uncertain time for Crystal and Jason, but they do not have to walk this journey alone. As they face the days ahead, we invite our Gloria Dei family and friends to surround them with prayers, love, encouragement, and support.

The funds we raise will help provide Crystal and Jason with some relief with their out-of-pocket deductible, medical-related costs, and the many unexpected expenses that can arise during an extended hospital stay and treatment.

Anonymous

Andy and Debbie Kaufman, members of Gloria Dei, have become invested in helping a single mom with 4 kids they met while making deliveries from the Houston Food Bank. They have helped with food, school supplies and clothing, while others at Gloria Dei have helped with beds and dressers.

The family moved from a small trailer into a home that has been made livable, but not comfortable. We seek to help them with a small kitchen table with chairs, and with a washer and dryer.

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Amilia Townsend

Amilia is the 6-month old daughter of Gloria Dei members John and Gisselle Townsend. She was born at 2 lbs, 6 oz after less than 31 weeks of development. Gisselle spent 19 days in the hospital in antepartum and Amilia was 50 days in the NICU.

Today, they are home and doing very well. Amilia is scheduled to be baptized at Gloria Dei on Sept 27. Funds we raise will go towards off-setting some mortgage costs during the 3 months John and Gisselle were unable to work.

Michelle Mayhan

Michelle is the widow of a close customer of GD member Brad Doerre. With a special needs child and health problems of her own, Michelle has had trouble finding consistent employment to cover living costs. We intend to cover 1 month of her mortgage as she moves toward selling her house and building a new living norm.

Hope Village

Hope Village in Friendswood is a non-profit forever home and living learning community for adults with intellectual disabilities. The mission of Hope Village is to assure that individuals with intellectual and developmental challenges thrive in a loving, safe and supportive community in which they live, learn and work with purpose and dignity.

Gloria Dei member John Wolf participates in programs at Hope Village and Pastor Steve's son works there. Our funds will be used to help Hope Village serve many.