



Here is a brief overview of the latest developments of the Sweet Pea Foundation:



2022 Kickoff Classic Recap

The Sweet Pea Foundation's 19th Annual Kickoff Classic golf outing was a great success, raising over \$10,000 with over 75 participants!

Congratulations to this year's winning team: (left to right) John Letherman, Irv Kloska, Mike Kloska and Brian Thomas. We would also like to congratulate the winners of our golf outing contests: Duke Mabry (closest to the pin) and Tim Rerick (longest drive).

We could not have had such a successful outing without the help of our sponsors and all the golfers that played in the outing. Thank you!



2022 Kickoff Classic Winners!

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Hug Stuffing Helpers and More

The Sweet Pea Foundation routinely relies on help from friends and family to help stuff activity bags called "Hugs from Grace that will put a Smile on Your Face." The Hugs are assembled and delivered to local hospitals on seven different holidays throughout the year. Hugs are a wonderful gift for a sick or injured child. One parent



Patrick Letherman and Bridget Matuch help stuff Thanksgiving Hugs for local hospitals.



Cecilia Letherman and Serena Miller help stuff campaign mailing envelopes for the Foundation.

said, "The Sweet Pea Hug took my child from a place of being anxious and scared to excited, distracted and happy. It was a true gift at a very scary and vulnerable time. You are making a difference in children's lives at a time when they need it most." We routinely receive notes like this from par-

ents and caregivers. Thank you to everyone that has helped support this effort as well as other needs for the Sweet Pea Foundation. We could not do it without all of our wonderful volunteers!



Volunteers help with the Sweet Pea Foundation's Annual Kickoff Classic fundraiser.

Parking for a Cause

We would like to give a big thank you to Weichert Realtors Jim Dunfee & Associates for selecting the Sweet Pea Foundation as one of their *Parking for a Cause* charity recipients. The company employees offered parking to football fans during the Notre Dame vs. Stanford football game on October 15. They have been parking cars to help raise money for local charities for 11 years. In addition to parking money collected, many



Realtors Kim and Beau on the corner during Weichert Realtor's Parking for a Cause fundraiser.



donations were made to the Sweet Pea Foundation and in all, the event raised \$1,822! Thank you to everyone who helped with this fundraiser and who donated to the Sweet Pea Foundation.

Realtors Adam, Annette and Kathy park cars to raise money for the Sweet Pea Foundation.

"Thank you so much for your "Hugs from Grace" bags. I had so much fun passing them out today. One 9-year-old girl just grinned from ear to ear and she literally hugged each book as she pulled it out of the bag! I had an 11-year-old boy who seemed like he thought the brain teasers would be a good challenge and he was up to it. A 6-year-old girl was also thrilled. She would gasp as each item was pulled out of the bag and in a dramatic fashion would show her mom. Thanks again for the "Hugs" we look forward to having them to pass out to our patients every holiday."

—Tracy Byler
Beacon Children's Hospital Child Life Specialist