



Autumn News from the Sweet Pea Foundation!

It's hard to believe the 2025 holiday season is upon us! The holidays are such a special time to gather with family and friends and all of the people we care about most in our lives.

It is a season filled with the wonder of the Christmas spirit and the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. It is a time to reflect on the love, hope and salvation that Jesus brought to humanity.

The holiday season is also a time for putting up decorations, singing carols and eating cookies, as well as celebrating the multitude of other unique traditions passed down by each of our families.



Santa visits Grace at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana in December of 2001.

Christmas brings the magic of Santa Claus to children all over the world, filling stockings hung by the chimney with care and leaving the most wished-for gifts under the tree.

And lastly it's the season of giving, of kindness and generosity, and to remember those in need. Let's remember the sick children and their families who will not make it home for Christmas. Thank you for helping the Sweet Pea Foundation bring holiday cheer to them this year!

With appreciation,

Suzanne and Pete Letherman

The Sweet Pea Foundation Now Accepts Venmo Donations!

Make a donation to the Foundation in honor of a friend or loved one this holiday season. The Sweet Pea Foundation accepts donations online. Simply scan the QR codes below or mail your gift to the address on the bottom of this panel. Thank you for your support. This wouldn't be possible without your generosity!



The funds received from the Autumn 2025 Campaign will be broken down as follows:

- 25% for "Hugs from Grace"
- 20% for toys
- 20% for books
- 35% for "Seeds of Grace"

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*Grace Elizabeth Letherman,
our inspiration!*



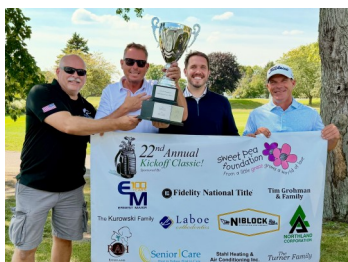


Here is a brief overview of the latest developments of the Sweet Pea Foundation:



The Sweet Pea Foundation's Kickoff Classic is 22 Years Strong!

The Sweet Pea Foundation hosted its 22nd annual Kickoff Classic Golf Outing on Friday, September 12. The outing was held at Juday Creek Golf Course in Granger, Indiana. That morning, 90 golfers gathered for Chick-fil-A and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts before playing 18 holes of golf in a scramble format. Congratulations to the winners Rick Boepple, Nick Anglemeyer, Jim Glick and Jim Adams. We also want to congratulate the game winners: Jack Urbanski who had the "Longest Drive" and Steve Brown who was "Closest to the Pin." After the event many of the participants gathered at Wings Etc. in Mishawaka for lunch. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun day. This event would not be possible without your support. It was a very successful event, raising over \$15,000 for the Sweet Pea Foundation. Thank you to all of the sponsors who are listed at the bottom of this newsletter. If you missed this year's outing, we hope you can join us at next year's event!



2025 Kickoff Classic Winners! Congratulations to repeat winners: (L-R) Jim Adams, Jim Glick, Nick Anglemeyer & Rick Boepple.

"We appreciate your gift of our "home away from home." This opportunity allowed our family to focus on health and healing. Thanks a bunch!"

With Full Hearts,

*— The Ward Family
Ronald McDonald House Guests*

Sweet Pea Sponsors RMHC Michiana Comfort & Care Bags

The Sweet Pea Foundation sponsored Comfort Bags at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana this past May and June. The bags were given to overnight guests at the RMH upon check-in. The bag is a nice reusable bag that guests can use to transport all of their items back and forth between Beacon Children's Hospital and the RMH. The contents of the bag

included the following:

- a blanket
- a reusable water bottle
- a notebook and pen for hospital notes
- a stuffed animal
- tissues to wipe away any tears
- toiletries



Pictured above is a Comfort Bag given to overnight guests at the Ronald McDonald House of Michiana.

Beacon Children's Hospital Spotlight



A Beacon Children's patient participated in a Potawatomi Zoo presentation about snakes sponsored by the Foundation. After the talk, the kids created their own paper snakes complete with googly eyes!



PetSmart Donates Stuffed Toys to the Foundation for Christmas!

This holiday season, you can make a difference by supporting PetSmart's annual holiday toy drive. Customers can purchase one of six adorable stuffed toys from the Chance & Friends Collection, and for every purchase made, PetSmart will donate 10% of the sale to PetSmart Charities. In addition, with this annual holiday event,



customers have the option to donate the stuffed toys to charity. PetSmart in Elkhart, Indiana, has selected the Sweet Pea Foundation as their charity for the 2025 season to receive the adorable stuffed toys. The Sweet Pea Foundation will include these stuffed toys in their Christmas Hugs. The Chance & Friends toys can be purchased through December 31. Thank you to PetSmart of Elkhart for your support of the Sweet Pea Foundation!



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