



Autumn News from the Sweet Pea Foundation!

November is the month to remember those who have died. It is a time to give thanks to those who have gone before us and to pray that one day we will be able to join them in heaven.

It is with sad and heavy hearts that we are remembering another family member this month. Our Mother, and Grace's Grandmother, Pat Power passed away in late September at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Pat devoted herself to her children and grandchildren and was an amazing wife to our Dad, Steve. They were married for 66 years and together they had seven children, 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Family was the joy of her life.



Mom assembling Christmas-themed Hugs for the Foundation.

Shortly after Grace's passing, the Sweet Pea Foundation was established and Mom became our number one volunteer. She and my Dad would tag toys, assemble Hugs and help us label, stamp and stuff fundraising envelopes. On many occasions they would also deliver Hugs to the hospitals for us.

I know in my heart that Mom and Grace are together once again, looking down on us from heaven.



Mom and Grace sharing a tender moment together.

This November let us pray for all deceased members of our families and all of the wonderful doctors, nurses and medical staff that have gone before us.

With gratitude,

Suzanne and Pete Letherman

It's Easy to Make a Donation to the Sweet Pea Foundation!

Make a donation to the Foundation in honor of a friend or loved one. The Sweet Pea Foundation accepts donations online. Simply scan the QR code below or mail your gift to the address on the bottom of this panel.

Thank You!



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The funds received from the Autumn 2024 Campaign will be broken down as follows:

- 25% for "Hugs from Grace"
- 20% for toys
- 20% for books
- 15% for wish list items
- 20% "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:



Sweet Pea Foundation Golf Outing A Success Despite the Fire

About a month before the Sweet Pea Foundation was to hold its annual golf outing, we received the shocking news that the Juday Creek Clubhouse had been destroyed by a devastating fire. Luckily no one was hurt in the blaze as it started early in the morning before the golf course opened. It was a significant loss to the Granger community since Juday Creek hosted banquets, wedding receptions and other events in the clubhouse. About 40 carts were also burned in the fire. Thankfully, the golf course itself was not affected.



On August 26, 2024 a fire destroyed the Juday Creek Golf Course Clubhouse.



Pictured above is the temporary space created by Juday Creek for the Kickoff Classic Outing

Juday Creek was able to quickly pivot and set up temporary facilities so golf could be played and outings could be held at the course. The newly erected shed and tent provided space for the Foundation to welcome golfers to its 21st Annual Kick-off Classic outing held on Friday, September 20. Teams were able to play the course as usual and luckily the weather cooperated.



Some golfers won door prizes at the end of the Kickoff Classic golf outing.

More than 75 golfers attended the event and the winning foursome was from Transhield Inc. — a longtime sponsor of the event. The team consisted of Rick Boepple, Nick Anglemeyer, Jim Glick and Jim Adams. We also want to congratulate



2024 Kickoff Classic Winners! (L-R) Rick Boepple, Nick Anglemeyer, Jim Glick & Jim Adams.

Irv Kloska who was the closest to the pin winner and Kirby Sprouls who hit the longest drive at the event. As usual, door prizes were given out at the end of the event and many of the golfers proceeded to Wings Etc. in Mishawaka for lunch, provided generously by food & beverage sponsors. We are grateful for all the sponsors and participants that joined us this year despite the fire. The 2024 sponsors are listed below. Thank you so much to everyone that supported this event which raised over \$11,000 for the Foundation!

Sweet Pea Continues to Bring Smiles and Joy to Beacon Children's Hospital

The Sweet Pea Foundation continues to support the Child Life Program at Beacon Children's Hospital in South Bend, Indiana. The "Seeds of Grace" endowment fund was established in 2015 and it continues to grow each year. The Foundation makes an annual donation to support activities at the hospital for pediatric patients and their families to enjoy. This year, programs have included activities such as Cookies & Canvas, magicians, educational presentations from St. Joseph County Parks & Recreation, Board & Brush and steel drummer performances. These regularly sponsored events would not be possible without your support. A portion of each donation the Foundation receives from this fundraising campaign will continue supporting this effort.



Left: Nine-year-old Shaira is hard at work painting her masterpiece during a Cookies & Canvas event. Right: Seven-year-old Eidan creates a bat bug catcher during a presentation given by the St. Joseph County Parks & Rec.

"Thank you so much for providing a place to stay and food to eat during our two-week stay in Indy. It took a load off of me to not have to worry about paying for all of that on top of missing work for a couple of weeks. Thanks for making this all much easier for us!"

—Emily La Rue
Ronald McDonald House Guest



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