



## Autumn News from the Sweet Pea Foundation

*What is the definition of a hero? The dictionary defines a hero as a person who is admired or idealize for courage or achievements. We can all agree that during this crazy time with the coronavirus pandemic that doctors, nurses and healthcare workers are true heroes! But even before Covid-19, doctors, nurses and healthcare workers were our heroes. While we were caring for Grace, they were there for us, supported us and cared for our little Sweet Pea, just as they do for so many other families with sick children. As the pandemic continues, please keep those on the front line in our hospitals caring for the sick, in your thoughts and prayers as they truly are heroes!*

*Due to the pandemic, the Sweet Pea Foundation had to suspend our annual golf outing and replace it with a virtual fundraiser that gave donors a chance to be included on the Kickoff Classic trophy. The Vermin of Carroll Hall pooled their donations together so they could honor their friend and brother—my brother, Rob. On the trophy we will engrave “Brother’s Vermin Brothers” since Rob’s nickname among the Vermin was “Brother.” Rob and I were blessed to live in Carroll Hall with these incredible men and even though over twenty years have passed since we lived on campus, the bond with them remains strong today.*

*As we all continue to work through the challenges of the pandemic, one bright spot is that it has forced us to focus our attention on family and friends. As we approach the Christmas and Holiday season, please take a moment to reach out to your friends and family and let them know how much you truly appreciate them and if you happen to come across a Carroll Hall Vermin, I suggest you buy him a beer and enjoy the conversation—it will be well worth your time.*

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And, thank you for your support of the Sweet Pea Foundation!*

*In peace and love,*

*Pete and Suzanne Letherman*



## Sealed-Bid Auction Personalized Autographed Football from University of Notre Dame Head Football Coach Brian Kelley

The Sweet Pea Foundation is auctioning off a personalized autographed football signed by current head football coach Brian Kelly. If you are interested in making a bid on this item, please either email [sweetpeafoundation@comcast.net](mailto:sweetpeafoundation@comcast.net) with your bid, or mail your bid to:

Sweet Pea Foundation  
P.O. Box 1293  
Elkhart, Indiana 46515

The highest bid received by January 31, 2021 will win the item. Please include your contact information with the sealed bid amount.



The funds received from the Autumn 2020 Campaign will be broken down as follows:

- 25% for “Hugs from Grace”
- 20% for toys
- 25% for books
- 20% “Seeds of Grace”
- 10% for Ronald McDonald House reserve fund



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## Autumn Newsletter 2020



*Grace Elizabeth Letherman,  
our inspiration!*





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



## Golf Outing Goes Virtual!

Crazy times call for crazy ideas! The Sweet Pea Foundation's 17th Annual Kickoff Classic went virtual this year! Out of safety for all of our friends, we decided to host a virtual tournament. Golfers and non-golfers alike were able to submit gifts to the Foundation beginning September 11 through the 30th. The top four gifts received represented the winning foursome and earned their names on the coveted Rob Letherman Memorial Sweet Pea Cup!



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## Online Donations Now Accepted!

The Sweet Pea Foundation used quarantine to help bring the Foundation into the 21st century! The Foundation now has a new and improved website! Please go to [sweetpeafoundation.org](http://sweetpeafoundation.org) to check it out. In addition to redesigning the website, the Sweet Pea Foundation now accepts donations online via credit card or PayPal. The donation button on the website will take you to a secure PayPal screen where you can simply enter your

gift amount and select if you want to pay by credit card or PayPal if you have a PayPal account. Please know that the Foundation still accepts donations by check and they can be mailed to the address on the back of this newsletter.

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From the Foundation website or the QR code above, you can now make an online gift to the Sweet Pea Foundation!

## Thank You Maria and Usborne Books!

Usborne Books & More consultant, Maria Guaraci held a book drive in honor of the Sweet Pea Foundation. Maria is



pictured with the books that were donated by her customers and Usborne Books! The award-winning books are available for purchase and each purchase you make helps generate free books for the Sweet Pea Foundation. Books that are ordered will ship directly to the address of your choice.

Please go to [ilovethosebooks.com](http://ilovethosebooks.com) to order or contact Maria with any questions at [mariaguaraci@yahoo.com](mailto:mariaguaraci@yahoo.com).

*"My two-year-old daughter Mara had a moderate case of croup and had to stay overnight at the children's hospital in South Bend, Indiana. When she got to her room from the ambulance, she was met with two of her favorite stuffies, Mickey and Olaf, from your organization. They brought her a great deal of comfort during such a scary and otherwise miserable time. I want you to know how deeply grateful we were to receive those and I also want you to know how much your gesture touched my heart and meant to my family. You're doing an amazing thing. Thank you so very much!"*

— Nicole Miranda

