



Autumn News from the Sweet Pea Foundation!

Every year as we begin to pull out boxes of Christmas decorations, I'm always reminded of the time that we spent at the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis while we were caring for Grace.



My brother-in-law, Rob, sweetly gave us a little Christmas tree to help bring a little holiday cheer to Room 36 where we stayed for several weeks. As I open the storage box and begin to set up that little Christmas tree, now draped with homemade ornaments from our other children, many memories flood back to when Grace was born and all the ups and downs we experienced, as well as the many families we met along the way who were going through a similar situation.

Holidays are the toughest time for families with sick children, especially Christmas when children should be enjoying all the magical moments that the season brings.



Pete and I were fortunate and so extatic when we were able to go home for Christmas. We were able to enjoy our Savior's birth with just the three of us at home, and it was wonderful! It was our only Christmas with Grace.

Steve and Pat Power hold their granddaughter, Grace, in December of 2002.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all of the families who have sick loved ones in the hospital right now. And, as we begin to gather with our family members, remember to hold them a little tighter, hug them a little more, and enjoy every magical moment together!

Merry Christmas,

Pete and Suzanne Letherman

Donate to the Sweet Pea Foundation!

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 or cash and they can be mailed to the address listed below on this panel.



From the Foundation's website or this QR code you can make an online gift to the Sweet Pea Foundation!



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The funds received from the Autumn 2021 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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*Grace Elizabeth Letherman,
our inspiration!*





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



Kickoff Classic Returns in 2021!

The Sweet Pea Foundation's 18th Annual Kickoff Classic golf outing was a great success raising over \$14,000 with 100 participants!

Congratulations to this year's winning team: Chris Anderson, Jacqueline Letherman, Joe Letherman and Pat Parker. We would also like to congratulate the winners of our golf outing contests: Pat McCauley (closest to the pin) and Matt Windy (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. We are truly humbled by the support we have received, especially after taking 2020 off due to the pandemic.



2021 Kickoff Classic Winners!

Once again, thank you so much for your support and for making this year's Kickoff Classic a success! Please save the date for next year's Kickoff Classic which will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022, the eve of the Notre Dame vs. University of California game.

Thank You Gabriella and Mia!



The Sweet Pea Foundation would like to thank Mia and Gabriella DiGati for all their help assembling golf tees for this year's Annual Kickoff Classic golf outing. The DiGati sisters have also helped stuff Hugs with their Girl Scout troops. We appreciate all of your support!

Thank you Kickoff Classic Sponsors!

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Tour Ruthmere and Vote for Rudolph!

Visit Ruthmere, a museum located in Elkhart, Indiana, between November 27th - December 30th to see the house decked out with designs from your favorite Christmas films! Each room will feature a different movie designed by either a Ruthmere staff member, volunteer, or local designer. Amy Barbour selected the Sweet Pea Foundation to be the charity for the *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* room (Albert's Room). At the end of the tour, visitors will have a chance to vote for their favorite room. The Sweet Pea Foundation will receive a cash prize if Albert's Room is the winner!



Ruthmere Museum's Movie-Themed Holiday Tours

November 27th - December 30th, 2021

"We often think of hospitals as places that simply provide medical services, but thanks to your kindness and generosity, we are able to care for patients and families in a way that heals their bodies and nurtures their spirit and soul. Thank you for being part of our family and for your gift in support of thousands of kids, who stay at Beacon Children's Hospital every year. You are making a difference, and I can't imagine a more priceless gift for a family with a sick child."

—Susan King
President of Beacon Health Foundation