



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

Sweet Pea Partners with Chick-fil-A Mishawaka Main Street

There has been some exciting happenings for the Sweet Pea Foundation recently. One of which is a partnership that has formed between a local Chick-fil-A restaurant and the Sweet Pea Foundation. In the beginning of the year, Suzanne met with the director of marketing at the Chick-fil-A Restaurant on Main Street in Mishawaka, Indiana, to discuss a year-long partnership opportunity. The local franchise selected the Foundation to be one of two charities that it will support throughout the year with in-kind donations.



Chick-fil-A has graciously provided boxed lunches for a meeting the Foundation had with Memorial Hospital staff members in April and provided chicken nugget trays for a H.A.V.E.N. event (an educational networking event for families with medically fragile children) we attended at A Rosie Place in South Bend, Indiana. In addition, Chick-fil-A is donating promotional toys to be included in the Hugs we assemble throughout the year, coupons and breakfast items for our golf outing in September. Thank you Chick-fil-A Mishawaka Main Street for this wonderful partnership.

Memorial Hospital Seeds of Grace Plan

The Sweet Pea Foundation has been working with staff from Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana to create a plan and a budget for the Sweet Pea Foundation to underwrite activities for pediatric patients at the hospital. Our hope is to provide 6-12 programs that can be performed within the walls of the hospital for patients each year. Ideas for the activities include a magician, painting on canvases, a storyteller, a face painter, as well as many others. The programs will be presented in the pediatric playroom as well as broadcasted to the patient's rooms for those who are not able to leave their beds. This is a great way to provide a distraction for children that are receiving treatment while in the hospital. Look for more information about this wonderful opportunity in the next mailer!

Lurie Children's Hospital Delivery of Toys, Books and Christmas-Themed Hugs

The Sweet Pea Foundation visited Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, Illinois in December of 2014. We toured the new children's hospital and delivered toys, books and 100 Christmas-themed Hugs. The hospital is state of the art and beautiful. It even has a portion of a real firetruck inside! We enjoyed our tour and meeting some of Lurie's dedicated hospital staff.



The Letherman Family is pictured with chaplain Christopher Elderkin and child life specialist Amanda Anderson in the playroom at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago, IL.

Dance Marathon

The Letherman Family once again attended the Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon. It was held in March on St. Mary's campus. Our family was asked to speak again to the students about Grace and our experience with Riley Hospital for Children. The 12-hour event had a super hero



The Letherman Family speaks to the students attending the SMC Dance Marathon which raised \$90,000 for Riley Hospital.



theme and raised over \$90,000 for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN. In addition, our family was featured in an article about the Dance Marathon in the May issue of *Sassy Magazine*.

Service Work for Sweet Pea

There are several young people who have graciously helped the Sweet Pea Foundation over the past few months and we wanted to recognize them for their service. We would like to thank Paige, Anne and Megan Pisani, Quincy McCourt and Michael Vankoski for the time they devoted to the Sweet Pea Foundation. Thank you for your time and service!

Christmas Donation!

We would like to thank Jenna Mueller for her donation of toys this past holiday season. Jenna received Christmas money from her grandparents and decided to use her money to purchase toys for sick kids instead of ones for herself. She and her mother went shopping for toys that Jenna thought would be good for children in the hospitals and donated them to the Sweet Pea Foundation. Thank you Jenna for your incredible thoughtfulness and wonderful contribution to the Foundation!



Ten-year-old, Jenna Mueller holds some of the toys she purchased and donated to the Sweet Pea Foundation.

Mural Almost Complete

As we mentioned in the Autumn Newsletter, the Sweet Pea Foundation commissioned a second mural at A Rosie Place in South Bend, IN. The mural is being painted in the main hallway of the facility and will include a "wilderness" theme. The artist has finished a significant portion of the mural with only a few additions remaining for the project to be completed. We will have photos and a final update for you in the next newsletter.

Smile for the Sweet Pea Foundation

Don't forget to shop through AmazonSmile for your online purchases. The Foundation has already received several contributions through this opportunity.



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