



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

## Sweet Pea is Selected as Saint Pius X Charity for Catholic Schools Week

St. Pius X Catholic School in Granger, IN recently selected the Sweet Pea Foundation to be the recipient of their all-school charity fundraiser during Catholic Schools Week. We gave a brief presentation about the Foundation to the entire student body during an all-school assembly. As part of the week-long school celebration, St. Pius students brought in box tops. The money raised from the tops was then donated to the Founda-



*Suzanne and Pete Letherman are presented with a check from St. Pius X Student Council. The school selected the Foundation as their charity to support during Catholic Schools week.*

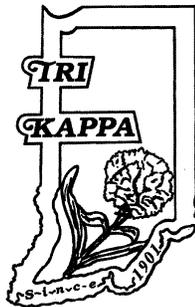


*SPX Student Council President reveals the number of box tops donated by students during the school talent show.*

tion. A check presentation followed during the talent show in May. The Student Council President announced that the students had collected 3,790 box tops! Thank you St. Pius X for all your support!

## Thank You Tri Kappa!

The Sweet Pea Foundation would like to thank the ladies of the Elkhart Chapter of Tri Kappa for their continued support of the Sweet Pea Foundation. We appreciate all of the "wishes" they have granted our Foundation over the years—from a new computer, to books for "Hugs from Grace". We also appreciate their most recent donation of toys collected from members on behalf of the Foundation.



## Pars Caeli Does Good for Sweet Pea!

Pars Caeli (pronounced pars ki lee), an online blog and shop, has recently made a donation to the Sweet Pea Foundation from the proceeds of its line of "Do Good" products. Pars Caeli focuses on a variety of topics including: family projects, parenting, style and celebration. MJ Kocovski (mom, entrepreneur, graphic designer,



social media specialist and one really talented friend!) has created a "Do Good" T-shirt and print. For each "Do Good" product

that is purchased, a portion of the proceeds benefit the Sweet Pea Foundation. The items make wonderful gifts and they can be purchased at [parscaeli.com](http://parscaeli.com).



## Usborne Books & More Partnership

The Sweet Pea Foundation is working with Usborne Books & More, a children's book publishing company, to create an additional opportunity to serve sick children and their families. Usborne Books & More offers over 1,800 engaging children's books, and will be able to donate their products to the Foundation to be included in our "Hugs" and "Grace-E-Grams". The Foundation received a wonderful donation of books this spring from Usborne consultant Maria Guarraci.



*Books that Usborne Books & More donated to the Sweet Pea Foundation!*

The award-winning books are available for purchase at <https://u4768.myubam.com/310875> for the young readers in your life. Each purchase you make will help generate free books for the Sweet Pea Foundation. Books that are ordered, will be shipped directly to the address of your choice. If you have any questions, or would like personalized book recommendations, please contact Maria Guarraci, Educational Consultant with Usborne Books & More at 605.951.6227 or by email at [mariaguarraci@yahoo.com](mailto:mariaguarraci@yahoo.com). In addition, a selection of Usborne books can be viewed in this short YouTube video [youtube.com/watch?v=fCyZt8TDpnI](https://youtube.com/watch?v=fCyZt8TDpnI).

## Girl Scout Troops Help the Foundation



We would like to thank Daisy Troop #45426, Brownie Troop #41314 from Vernon Hills, IL

*Vernon Hills, IL Girl Scouts help stuff St. Patrick's Day "Hugs" and deliver them to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.*



*Brownie Troop #00334 stuffed Easter "Hugs"!*

#00334 from Granger, IN for helping the Sweet Pea Foundation stuff St. Patrick's Day and Easter "Hugs from Grace". The girls lovingly placed window clings, books, drawing pads, craft kits, toys and holiday decorations into each sling bag. The "Hugs" were delivered to pediatric patients in hospitals in Indiana and Illinois.

## McDonald House Breaks Ground

With the recent expansion of Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend, the demand for families to be close to their child while receiving medical care is on the rise. In May, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Michiana announced a significant upgrade to its facilities. The new house will grow to twenty overnight rooms, two kitchens, laundry facilities, a playroom, library and several other common areas. We had an opportunity to tour the space prior to the renovation. We look forward to visiting the new home once it is complete.

## Pop Can Tabs

The Sweet Pea Foundation continues to collect pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Foundation recently recycled tabs that were received from Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School in Westfield, IN, Brownie Troop #00334, Our Lady of the Snows School in Chicago, IL as well as many other individuals.



*Patrick helps recycle pop can tabs at Omni Source in Elkhart, IN.*