



Spring News from the Sweet Pea Foundation

It's hard to believe that so much time has passed since Grace, our little Sweet Pea, was born. We



were so fortunate to have love and support from family and friends and even strangers we met while caring for Grace. During that time, several organizations touched our hearts as well. One of the organizations was the Ronald McDonald House in Indianapolis just steps away from Riley Hospital for Children. The Ronald McDonald House was our "home away from home" while Grace was being treated by so many wonderful doctors and nurses. (To my niece's disappointment, we were not living in a McDonald's restaurant!) The Ronald McDonald House was a warm and welcoming place that provided parents, patients and sometimes siblings a place to sleep, eat, and do laundry. It was a place where parents could gather knowing that we were all going through similar experiences with our children. We were able to leave the hospital and know we were just minutes away if we needed to be called to our daughter's bedside. Because the Ronald McDonald House was so instrumental in our time with Grace, we would like to help the Houses in both Michiana and Central Indiana fulfill some of their wish list items. The support that we generate from this mailing will go directly to aid that effort.

"From a little Grace grows a world of love" is the motto of the Sweet Pea Foundation. We appreciate your continued support of the Foundation to help keep our daughter Grace's memory alive and give meaning to her short time with us. Your financial gift allows us to extend grace to others experiencing the most difficult and scary time in their child's life. Thank you for providing blessings, and ultimately love, to the kids who need it the most.

Sincerely,

Pete and Suzanne Letherman

Make Your Donations Online!

The Sweet Pea Foundation now accepts donations online via credit card or PayPal.



The donation button on the Sweet Pea Foundation website at sweetpeafoundation.org or the QR code below, 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 bottom of this panel.



The QR code above will take you to the Foundation's online donation screen.

100% of the funds donated to the Sweet Pea Foundation support the goals of the Foundation. The funds received from the Spring 2022 Campaign will be broken down as follows:

- 20% for "Hugs from Grace"
- 20% for toys
- 20% for books
- 40% for wish list items



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*Grace Elizabeth Letherman,
our inspiration!*



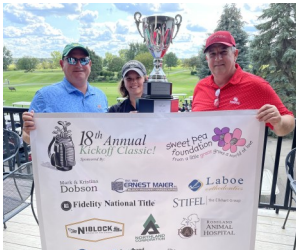


Here is a brief overview of the latest developments of the Sweet Pea Foundation:



Annual Kickoff Classic—Save the Date!

The Sweet Pea Foundation will hold its 19th annual golf outing on **Friday, September 16, 2022**, the eve of the Notre Dame vs. California home football game. Last year the Foundation had record attendance with 96 golfers. Help us break 100 golfers this year by registering yourself or an entire foursome at sweetpea-foundation.org or scan the QR code on the bottom of this panel.



2021 Kickoff Classic Winners: Joe Letherman, Jacqueline Letherman, Pat Parker and Chris Anderson (not pictured).

The Kickoff Classic is an annual charity event, and the sole fundraising event, for the Sweet Pea Foundation. The golf outing is held at Juday Creek Golf Course in Granger, Indiana. The cost to golf is \$90.00 per golfer and it includes

18 holes of golf, cart, breakfast, beverages, lunch and a ticket for the chance to win a door prize—a great deal! The outing is played in a scramble format with a shotgun start. After the outing, participants will gather for lunch at Wing's Etc. in Mishawaka, IN. Golfers can register individually or sign up as a foursome.



Kieran Miller and Patrick Letherman sell pink balls and mulligans at the 2021 Annual Kickoff Classic Golf Outing!

If you are interested in sponsoring a prize, hole, food, beverages or the event, please email the Foundation at sweetpeafoundation@comcast.net or scan the QR code to the right on this panel and fill out a sponsorship registration form on the website.



Sweet Pea Creates #SweetPeaHug

The Sweet Pea Foundation has decided to create a hashtag to help grow a world of love. The Foundation has wanted to create an easy way for “Hug” recipients to post a photo, video or a message in one central location. To launch this new endeavor, a custom sticky note will be included in the Fourth of July Hug activity bags and in all future Hugs. We hope the hashtag will be a wonderful way to showcase the impact your donation can have for a child receiving care at a hospital.

From a little Grace grows a world of love

Share your Hug! #SweetPeaHug

Help Sweet Pea Fulfill Wishes

The Sweet Pea Foundation would like your help in fulfilling the wish lists of the organizations that we support. There are lists for Beacon Children’s Hospital Child Life Program, Ronald McDonald Charities and A Rosie Place which is a respite home for medically fragile children. With your help, we would like to purchase as many needed items for these organizations that do wonderful work for families and children.



“Thank you so much for your continued support of Beacon Children’s Hospital and our patients and families. The amount of joy that is brought when a child receives one of your Hugs is incomparable. Families are so touched that someone would take the time to create such beautiful and meaningful bags for their child. Thank you for all that you do and continue to do.”

—Jessica Lewin, CCLS
Certified Child Life Specialist

Sweet Pea Volunteers Rock!

In the winter and spring of 2022, the Sweet Pea Foundation has received help from several volunteers. From labeling toys, to stuffing Hugs, to helping with the campaign mailings, the volunteers have donated hours of their time. The Foundation would like to thank all of its helpers: Steve & Pat Power, the Letherman kids, Serena and Kieran Miller, Camden, Brady and Peyton Forsythe, Joe Clairmont and the Zache sisters. The Foundation is extremely grateful to receive assistance from all these volunteers.

Below, Serena Miller and Cecilia Letherman work on the Sweet Pea Foundation campaign mailing.



Above, Peyton Forsythe and Patrick Letherman are busy stuffing Valentine’s Day Hugs for the Sweet Pea Foundation!

Contents of an Easter Hug from the Sweet Pea Foundation.

