



Autumn News from the Sweet Pea Foundation!

Many years ago, my brother had the idea of getting a group of friends together to support the Sweet Pea Foundation with a round of golf. What started as a small group of golfers has grown into one of our most important fundraising events. This year we celebrated our 20th anniversary of hosting the Kickoff Classic Golf Outing. Although this event has raised thousands of dollars over the years, it has become much more than an opportunity to raise funds for the Sweet Pea Foundation.

The Kickoff Classic brings together friends, families, and coworkers to share a day of comradery while supporting an organization focused on providing comfort to sick children and their families. Although some faces change from year to year, many of those attending the Kickoff Classic have been doing so for many years.

To everyone who has supported the Kickoff Classic Golf Outing over the past twenty years – thank you. We truly appreciate your support, but most importantly, we sincerely appreciate your friendship throughout the years. Every year we are excited to see each of you on the golf course and we look forward to greeting you again in September of 2024.

Until we golf again, Merry Christmas and have a happy and safe new year.

With gratitude,

Pete and Suzanne Letherman



Make a Gift to the Sweet Pea Foundation this Holiday Season

Make a donation to the Foundation in honor of a friend or loved one. The Sweet Pea Foundation accepts donations online via credit card or PayPal. You can simply scan the QR code below and you will be able to make a donation to the Foundation. Please know that the Foundation also accepts donations by check or cash and those donations can be mailed using the enclosed envelope. Thank you!

From the Foundation's website (sweetpeafoundation.org) or by scanning the QR code to the right, you can make an online gift to the Sweet Pea Foundation!



Friday, September 20, 2024
(Eve of the Notre Dame vs. Miami of Ohio Football Game)

The funds received from the Winter 2023 Campaign will be broken down as follows:

- 25% for "Hugs from Grace"
- 20% for toys
- 20% for books
- 25% for wish list items
- 10% "Seeds of Grace"



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*Grace Elizabeth Letherman,
our inspiration!*





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

Bourbon Dinner and Auction is an Enormous Success!

The Sweet Pea Foundation held a Bourbon Dinner and Auction at Essence Restaurant + Bar in Elkhart, Indiana. With the help of friend Brent Miller and a charitable

donation of rare bourbon from Buffalo Trace Distillery, the Foundation hosted a five-course dinner prepared by Brad Canniff and his staff at Essence. The delicious, five-course meal featured unique selections and each course was paired with a bourbon or bourbon cocktail. The delightful evening concluded with



L-R: Pete Letherman, Brad Canniff and organizer Brent Miller at the Bourbon Dinner and Auction.

a live bourbon auction that featured 15 different and rare bourbons including Blade & Bow 22 year, Van Winkle (Pappy) Special Reserve, William Larue Weller and Sazerac Rye 18 Year among others. We can't thank Bret Miller enough for organizing this wonderful charity event for the Sweet Pea Foundation.



Friends and bourbon enthusiasts listen as Pete welcomes them to the bourbon event at Essence in Elkhart, IN.

"Words can never express our gratitude for Ronald McDonald House and the generous room adopters! Thank you Sweet Pea Foundation for providing a stress-free stay during our daughter's cancer journey ♥"

—The Drake/Lewis Family
Ronald McDonald House Guest

The event raised more than \$40,000 and our hope is to host another dinner and bourbon auction in the future. If you are interested in attending, feel free to email the Foundation at sweetpeafoundation@comcast.net and we will add your name to the invitation list.



Sweet Pea Kickoff Classic Golf Outing is 20 Years Strong!

As mentioned in the beginning of this newsletter, the Sweet Pea Foundation hosted its 20th golf outing this year. The golf outing was held once again at Juday Creed Golf



2023 Kickoff Classic Winners!

course in Granger, Indiana. More than 75 golfers attended the 20th anniversary event and the winning foursome was Jeff Boetticher, Pete Byrne, Chris Fereday and his son Thomas. We also want to mention that Chris Fereday was also the closest to the pin winner, and Jack Urbanski hit the longest drive for the event. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the 20th outing and golfers gathered in the banquet room afterwards for a short presentation from Pete Letherman to award the winners and hand out a plethora of door prizes. Many of the golfers proceeded to Wings Etc. in Mishawaka for lunch provided by food and beverage sponsors of the event.

We would like to make a special note of thanks to Transshield who provided drinks and snacks for our



Transshield hosted a refreshment tent on the 15th hole during the 20th Annual Kickoff Classic golf outing.

golfers on the 15th hole this year. I know the golfers appreciated the refreshment station!

Please save the date for next year's outing that will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024—the eve of the Notre Dame vs. Miami of Ohio football game. You can register individually or an entire foursome. We also have event, food & beverage, hole and prize sponsorships available. It is a great event to attend with friends or family and many companies use this outing as a fun team building experience.

Awards and door prizes are awarded to golfers at the end of the outing.



Suzanne's family members pose for a photo at the golf outing.

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