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## The Sophia Sunshine Foundation

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# Sprinkles!

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## Sophia Sunshine Delivers Literacy with Love!

**2/24/2022** Sophia wouldn't have it any other way- Let's add even more Love to February!

Sophia is now sprinkling sunshine and kindness at Recovery Centers of America at Devon! Through literacy outreach, Sophia Sunshine is helping to bring joy and connectivity to the children visiting a parent during their inpatient recovery.

In my conversations with RCA staff, they expressed how visits after a parent being away from home can create a little anxiety and feelings of uncertainty (for both the parent and child), especially first visits. It's not uncommon for patients to express some nervousness and ask their counselors questions such as, "What do I

say?" Or "I'm not sure what I should do."

But the fun of picking-out and reading a good children's book together can be a very helpful ice-breaker. And that is the purpose of Sophia's bookcase in the library at RCA.

The purpose of the children's books are to help families reconnect at visits and be a gentle way to help children work through adversity. The story-time enables a parent to sit closely or snuggle up with their child(ren) and maybe make it the best 10 minutes of their day. The child is able to take the book home as a gift and look forward to the next visit together, the next story together.

The books help to deepen the love, strengthen the connection and help act as some of the building blocks to the skyscraper of memories and experiences that we build with our children each day. Your generously donated children's books truly have meaning and purpose.

Through your continued support of Sophia's focus on Literacy Outreach we will be able to grow our partnership with Recovery Centers of America and help more children dealing with adversity.



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## Announcements

### “Skills & Grills” Adult Skills Competition & Paddle Event

On January 22nd we held the first annual “Skills & Grills” Adult Skills Competition and Paddle Tournament! While it was a frigid afternoon and evening, nothing was slowing this group down from having a blast while FUNdraising!

HVCC members, non-members, including members of other clubs, players, spectators...

Twinkle lights, happy faces, clever paddle skills, hot grilles, tin hoagie, heat lamps, old friends, new friends, winter gear, awesome raffle baskets, fun prizes, and lots of laughs - all for a good cause! Close to \$6,000 was raised followed by a matching gift from Sophia’s parents for a total of almost \$12,000! Thank You!!!



### Event Winners



#### Skills Competition Winners:

(M)- Kevin Seese, (F) -Alicia Buck

#### Raffle Basket Winners:

Basket of Cheer! - The Sanders  
S’more To Love - The Bakers  
US Open Trip- The Shields  
Start The Morning Off - The Wilts  
Money Grows On Trees - Nancy Deibert  
Valentine’s Day is Coming! - Jess Moran  
Beautiful Hair - Brian Boecklen  
The Tap Room Experience- Tom Schwenger  
Retail Therapy - J. Donahue

### Literacy (continued)

You can tag your donation for Literacy Outreach by selecting it from the website “Donate” button drop down box or write it in the “notes” of an online order or on the “Memo” of the check.



### A Fun List of Firsts Thus Far

- 1st Official Sophia Sunshine Foundation Fundraiser Event was held in January
- 1st to buy tickets through our website for “Skills & Grills” event = Erin Mannix
- 1st to “Like & Share” Sophia Sunshine first social media post = Donna Arnold
- 1st Corporate Sponsor = I.S. Partners, LLC
- 1st Corporate Matching Gift received from Merck Pharmaceuticals
- 1st Institution to hold a new children’s book collection for Sophia (collected 463 books!) = Ancillae Assumpta Academy
- 1st \$5,000 donation = The Faulkner Family Foundation
- 1st to choose to donate a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser = Donna Arnold
- 1st to initiate a Corporate Matching Gift from Johnson & Johnson = Danika Hernandez Stubbs



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# WOW!

Sophia's school -  
Ancillae Assumpta Academy,  
Educating With Love And For Love-  
Collected and donated **463** new  
children's books to Sophia's Literacy  
Outreach program during their  
book fair week in February! We are  
so grateful for their love and  
support!



Teacher Leslie Lewis asked, offered  
and ran with it!

Leslie organized a children's book  
collection to support Sophia's  
Literacy Outreach program at  
Perkiomen Valley Middle School  
West during Read Across America  
Week February 28th - March 4th!

**Thank You Leslie!**



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CHILDREN'S BOOK  
COLLECTION AT YOUR  
WORK OR SCHOOL!**

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## Extra

### Sophia's 9th Birthday Bash!



The Magical Lunch Family Fun portion of the event on 1/22/2022 was postponed. But things are Looking Up! **Stay tuned for the official rescheduled date!**

-Please bring a new children's book to donate for Sophia's focus on Literacy Outreach.

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