

Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q1 2023

Newsletter

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The Foundation’s Mission: With a Christian focus, the Foundation supports and strengthens programs and services that improve the quality of life, community and economy with an emphasis on West Michigan.



The Foundation has a special relationship with The Potter’s House, a Christian school housed in the Roosevelt Park neighborhood. Peter and Pat supported this school since the beginning and we are proud to continue that partnership. In January, the Foundation committed \$230,000 to replace the gym floor with a multi-year grant in addition to providing \$50,000 in operating support.

In addition to providing physical fitness classes and a neighborhood gym, the area also serves as a “community room” for a variety of functions and organizations.

Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities

As a founding funder of Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities, Peter and Pat Cook are recognized at both the Cook Arts Center and the Cook Library. Housed in the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood, the Foundation again provided significant operating support (\$50,000 to each) for 2023.

The Arts Center provides mentoring and programming for neighborhood youth free of charge through various multi-week sessions. The Library serves as the community resource center providing traditional reading materials, computer access and homework help. During the pandemic, GAAH helped youth access on-line learning and provided various essentials.

By the Numbers



The Foundation Board approved grants totaling \$832,350 funding 27 organizations during Q2 2023. Grants ranged from \$2,500 to \$280,000 with the median grant \$17,000.

All but two grants had a West Michigan impact. Just 34% of grant dollars were for capital projects. \$453,000 or 54% was invested in the Grandville Avenue neighborhood. Due largely to the Potter’s House, 59% of grant dollars went to 12 Christian organizations.

Other Q1 Grants not highlighted previously:

Grace Reformed Church	Operating Support	59,400
Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Assoc.	Operating Support	48,000
Exalta	Operating Support	40,000
Gilda’s Living With Communities	Red Door Match/Christian Counseling	35,000
Women At Risk International	Aftercare Support	25,000
The Green Apple Pantry	2023 Operating Support	25,000
Literacy Center	2023 Operations - RPN focus	25,000
Love, Inc.	Pantry Remodel/Walk in Freezer Match	20,000
Grand Rapids Art Museum	2023 Educational Operating Support	20,000
Pregnancy Resource Center	2023 Capital Campaign	20,000
Medical Abassadors of America	Bangladesh Travel Costs	18,925
SECOM	Pantry Operations	15,000
I Understand Love Heals	Training - MI Sheriff’s Dept	12,480
Beyond 26	Office Furnishings	10,000
Pregnancy Resource Center	Operating Support	10,000
Gems Girl’s Clubs	Operating Support	10,000
Deaf Teen Quest	Annual Support - Brenda Sprunger	10,000
Noorthoek Academy	2023 Big Step Walk	10,000
WCSG - Cornerstone Radio	2023 Day Sponsorships plus operating	10,000
Senior Neighbors	2023 Annual Sponsor	6,000
Spectrum Health Foundation	Annual Gala - now Corewell	5,000
Imagination Dollhouses	2023 Shipping Costs - one time	5,000
John Ball Zoo Society	2023 RendeZoo	5,000
Overland Missions	Levi Boersma Mission work	5,000
Armed Forces Thanksgiving	5/19/23 Event Honoring US Armed Forces	2,500

