

Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation Q3 2021

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Cook Carousel Renovation

The Cook Carousel at the Grand Rapids Public Museum is getting an upgrade! In 2017, the museum personnel started some mechanical and electrical upgrades, intending to retain the historical presence of the carousel, but improve the efficiencies and make overdue repairs. This “look underneath the hood” showed need for a more complete overhaul.

The museum staff used the COVID shutdown to dismantle the carousel and enlist the help of some qualified third party advisors. Given the revised scope of the project, the Cook Foundation’s 2017 grant did little to fund this sizeable project. In August, the Foundation provided a \$300,000 grant to the museum focused on attracting community support for this now \$660,000 project. The museum will soon be announcing a \$2/\$1 challenge match from the Peter C. & Emajeane Cook Foundation. The entire project will take years to complete, but in February 2022, the carousel returns!



Celebrating these projects funded previously, now in service!

GRCC’s Finkelstein building renovation is complete. Grand Valley University’s **Daniel & Pamella DeVos Center for Interprofessional Health** will open next month. The new **Science Center at Aquinas** is open and completed. The **JA Free Enterprise Center** is open and in use as is the new **Hand2Hand** building.

Words of Hope

A local mission field partner, Words of Hope was in need of some building renovations and repairs. The Foundation made a \$93,000 capital campaign grant to provide new windows to their Grand Rapids based facility. They are in and looking great!



Degage Renovation & Expansion

In 3Q 2019 the Foundation made a \$300,000 grant to Degage Ministries to expand and renovate their facility. That project is essentially complete and serving those experiencing temporary homelessness. However, due to the economic environment and some renovation challenges the project was over budget. In a rare move, we approved another \$75,000 to help finish the project.



18 grants totaled \$662,550 in Q3 with an average grant of \$36,800. All but one grant was to an organization based in West Michigan. 6 grants totaling \$343,000 or 52% of grants during the quarter were to secular organizations. 75% of grants totaling \$498,000 were capital grants.