Peter C. & Emajean Cook Foundation Q3 2019

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ASSISTING THOSE IN NEED

DEGAGE Ministries Can You Imagine campaign will expand their footprint with a newly acquired building, connect it to and renovate their current facility. The Foundation Board approved a \$300,000 grant, payable over 3 years to fund this project. Among other things, Degage will add a low-acuity day respite center, expand the women's shelter and add capacity for women with children. It will also add additional shower and laundry facilities and provide restroom facilities to the community. Already providing breakfast and dinner for many in our community, additional space committed to dining will provide an increase in capacity of 50% and additional hours of service. Newly added space will facilitate education and group meeting opportunities.



Store Your Treasure!

A wonderful unique service of Degage, they will continue to provide lockers to the community. Like most of their services, guests pay a small fee or receive them as compensation for work performed at the facility.

The grant will create a Peter C. & Emajean Cook Open Doors Center.

By The Numbers

The Foundation Board approved grants to 19 organizations totaling \$571,000 in Q3 2019. Grants ranged from \$2,500 to \$300,000 with an average grant of just over \$30,000. Degage was the only

Grants were mainly to Christian organizations in West Michigan with 98% having local impact and 82% stating they are Christian.

multi-year grant of Q3.

Grants were overweight capital projects, with 61% of the Q3 grants funding building projects.

After Degage Ministries the three largest grants went to Family Promise, GRPS and Potter's House.

Items of Impact

During Q3 2019, work was completed on the January Tall Tuff Ministries Dining Room renovation grant.

DA Blodgett – St. Johns's Home broke ground on their new facility.

John Ball Zoo began another phase of infrastrure improvement.

Holland Home renovation continues with work at Raybrook in the Cook Memory Unit.