



Grandville Avenue
Arts & Humanities



Remembering Peter C. and Pat Cook

We mourn the loss of Peter Cook who passed away on November 28, 2010, at the age of 96. He was preceded in death by his dear wife Pat on May 20, 2008.

It is well known that Peter had a heart for the Grandville Avenue neighborhood. He grew up on Shamrock Street, just three short blocks from the Cook Library Center, and it was in the Grandville Avenue neighborhood that Peter met Pat.

Peter and Pat Cook graced the Grand Rapids community and beyond with their generosity. Their philanthropy helped shape and improve the landscape of the region, contributing to educational, religious, and medical institutions.

The Grandville Avenue neighborhood was a fortunate recipient of the Cooks' generosity. The Cooks have always held the neighborhood close in their hearts. With their generous donations, they have helped better the Grandville Avenue neighborhood, first with their contribution to the César Chávez School (formerly Hall School) playground in 1993 and again with their support of the Cook Arts Center and the Cook Library Center.

We are grateful to Peter and Pat for making a difference in the lives of children in our neighborhood and beyond. The impact of their generosity to the community will be felt for generations to come.