

Employee Recognition that Lasts a Lifetime

The research arm of Cook Medical, Cook Research Incorporated in West Lafayette, employs scientists, engineers, regulatory professionals, and clinical experts to provide testing and development for the company's lifesaving, minimally invasive medical products.

The genesis of the local facility began in 1983, utilizing the intellectual capital of Purdue University scientists and engineers for the global medical device company. Since then, Cook Research Incorporated has expanded to include multiple departments with the mission to provide the parent company with expertise to transform scientific ideas into needed medical products.

Bill and Gayle Cook founded the Cook organization in 1963 in a spare bedroom of their Bloomington, Indiana apartment. It continues to be a family-run business over 60 years later, with son Carl at the helm, and over 12,000 employees worldwide.

The company's original core values remain the same: act with integrity; demand quality; be transparent; solve problems together; continually improve; treat everyone with respect; and give back by making our communities stronger in sharing our time, skills, and resources.

That brings us to the present day and how Cook Research Incorporated takes a bold and lasting step to honor their valued employees and helps our community improve and grow through a discretionary endowment that addresses the area's most pressing needs.



Cook Medical employees recognized for years of service.

President Jennifer Kerr coordinates Cook's program to honor employees through charitable giving. She is no stranger to The Community Foundation, having served on the Board of Directors from 2017 to 2019. Since 2019, 206 Cook Research Incorporated employees have been honored for reaching milestone anniversaries and retirements with a donation in their names to the Cook Medical Incorporated Endowment.

This innovative way for corporations to help the community while recognizing key employees is available to any company that wishes to expand its charitable impact. "It's a simple way to recognize people and give back," said Jennifer. "A way to live out our values and leave a lasting legacy for an employee, one that makes a difference in our community."

To find out how you or your company can set up an endowment, contact Candy Silver at candy@inspiringgreater.org.

Illuminating Imagination

Let there be light—was the request made to The Community Foundation from Imagination Station to replace and enhance lighting systems to better accommodate patrons and displays. “Lighting improvements have enhanced both learning and play across Imagination Station, creating a more welcoming, functional, and engaging experience for families throughout our community,” said Dee Bishop, office manager.

The \$8,286 NOW grant they received provided adjustable lighting in the science classroom to highlight experiments and provide brighter lighting for families to clearly see activities and participate more fully in hands-on learning. Additionally, the upstairs playroom is better illuminated, creating a safer, more energetic place for children’s imaginative play as they move from station to station exploring trains, magnets, building blocks, career dress-up, grocery shopping, and more. The new spotlighting of the interactive soybean

exhibit beckons visitors to learn how soybeans travel from field-to-fuel or farm-to-crayons! Imagination Station has been sparking the imaginations of 15,000 children per year, curious about science, technology, engineering, art, and math, at the 4th Street location since 1996.

Imagination Station recently established the Imagination Station Endowment at The Community Foundation in honor of Sujatha Ramani and her years of service and tireless dedication to the organization’s mission. This endowment will provide sustainable support for the organization’s use in perpetuity, to ensure that Imagination Station continues to inspire young minds in our community for generations to come.

Check out Science Saturdays, Toddler Thursdays, and new monthly programs for visitors of all ages who love to learn.



Imagination in action



Imagination Station supporters, staff, and friends

Recent Gifts

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER - 2025

IN MEMORY

Jeffrey Anderson

Lynn Anderson
Jonathan Fields
McGuire Music

Jane Early Boswell

Stuart and Mary Lee Bollock
Jeff Boswell
Paul Preckel and Janet Winters
Barry Priest and
Rebecca Morrison

Diane Carson

Phillip and Marian Almes
Melody Braun
Douglas and Cheryl Crabill
Martin and Patty Jischke

David and Sue Lasater
Long Center
Charles and Betty Lyons, Jr.
Susan Mattern
David and Patricia Payne
Larry and Marianne Rose
Larry Shaw
Meddie and Candy Silver
Carlise and Sherry Stull

Andrew Clayton

Donald and Melinda Clayton

W. Nicholas Delgass

Elizabeth Delgass

Paul DiFabio

Timothy Schluttenhofer

Lillie Fisher

Catherine Sexson

Lauren Pennell Galbraith

Stephen and Diana Pennell

Marilyn Howland

Larry and Marianne Rose

Rita Huddle

Renee Mowen

Leta Kelley

George and Nerlene Ramsey

Steve LeMaster

Catherine Sexson

Bill Lindblom

David and Carol Luhman

Mary Lundstrom

Mark Lundstrom

Larry and Becky Lyons

Joshua Lyons

Mick and Shirley McTague

Mike McTague
Andy and Marty Pavlovich
Dana and Maggie Smith

Bev Melichar

David and Carol Luhman

Persis Newman

David and Carol Luhman

Judy Pence

Kimberly Deno
Jodi Schwind
Rob Vellingner

Triple Your Impact!

Thanks to a generous matching grant, every dollar donated to a new or existing discretionary endowment at The Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette will be matched with two more dollars — effectively tripling its impact.

Eligible gifts will be matched on a first come, first-served basis while there are funds available. This match will strengthen The Foundation's resources and allow flexibility to support the community's evolving needs by building up discretionary endowments which fund the Fall, Spring, and NOW Grant cycles.

For more information, or to ensure match dollars are still available, contact Candy Silver at candy@inspiringgreater.org.

NEW ENDOWMENTS

Jane and Jeff Boswell Endowment

Bill Cardwell Family Endowment

Cavanaugh Family Endowment

Clark Family Endowment

Dan and Suzanne Collins Family Endowment

Lauren Pennell Galbraith Endowment

Lauren Pennell Galbraith Endowment for Greater Lafayette Family Shelter

Lew and Sue Graham Endowment

Gary and Michelle Henriott Donor Advised Pass-Through Fund

Imagination Station Endowment

Keene Family Endowment

Michael and Christine Ladisch Endowment

Love Family Endowment

Madren Family Endowment

Doug and Joyce Mansfield Endowment

Laurie and Bill Selby Endowment

Ketan and Tanuja Sheth Endowment

Thomas Family Endowment

Peyton Truitt Endowment for United Way of Greater Lafayette

Upcoming Events

EBERLE SERIES

Leadership Mindset in Motion

April 8 | 11 am-2 pm

Lafayette Country Club

Choosing Your Cause

April 23 | 10 am-Noon

Lafayette Country Club

Leading the Board: Demystifying the Role of the Board Chair

May 6 | 11 am-2 pm

Lafayette Country Club

SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

April 27 | 7 pm

River City Community Center

100+ MEN WHO GIVE

May 12, September 15, December 1
5-6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

100+ WOMEN WHO CARE

May 19, September 22, December 8
5-6:30 pm | Lafayette Country Club

Inspiring Greater **POSSIBILITIES**



Betty Rowe

John Rowe

Charles Scholer

Mary Davis

Maratha Fletcher

Jon Storey

David and Carol Luhman

Patricia Stucky

Steven Stucky

Katie Traynor RN

Danielle Bluhm

Beth Branum

Douglas and Iris Dowden

Pam Hillerby

Terry Printz

Mike and Margaret Schreiber

Jennifer Stiglic

Brian Traynor

Gary and Cindy Traynor

Eleanor Walters

Linda Bowman and

Glenn Tompkins

Catherine Sexson

Terry West

David and Carol Luhman

Gladys Stone Wright

David and Carol Luhman

Lafayette Hearing Center

Carolyn Helms

Max Hoke

Ann Kaldahl

Martin Kennedy

David Locks

Lois Meyers

Norma Mullen

Ken Reifel

Rick Root

Art Rosen

Roy Sloan

Ken Thompson

Dick Triplett

Bob Waltz

Margaret Williamson

IN HONOR

Linda Bowman and
Glenn Tompkins

Marc and Beth Ditto

Jason and Margo Bricker

Dara Michael

Greg and Barb Kapp

Christopher Kapp

John and Marjorie Martin

Andrew and Stephanie Martin

John and Prella McBride

J. Scott McBride

Jim and Mary Jo Risk

Dara Michael

Joe and Bernie Seaman

Michael Seaman

NOW Grants

NOVEMBER 2025 + JANUARY 2026

THE ARTS FEDERATION

\$5,440 | Building maintenance equipment

COURAGE ROCK STABLE, INC.

\$10,000 | ADA parking lot

JOYFUL JOURNEY, INC.

\$5,539 | Computer equipment

LARA EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

\$1,884 | Community visibility and access project

LEGAL AID CORPORATION OF TIPPECANOE

\$1,794 | Furniture and office upgrades

LIFE HAS NO BOUNDARIES CO.

\$6,288 | Essential life skills equipment

LYN TREECE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY

\$3,700 | Purchase and installation of single stage gas furnace

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF GREATER LAFAYETTE

\$5,289 | Replace furnace in the Tulip Classroom

NICHES LAND TRUST

\$5,718 | Trail management equipment

STEAM ACADEMY (WEST LAFAYETTE)

\$6,440 | Technology needs

TRICIA'S HOPE, INC.

\$1,469 | Computer and supporting equipment

VOYAGEUR ANCIENT FIFE AND DRUM CORPS

\$5,199 | Trailer replacement



Trailer supported by grant funds from The Foundation will help Voyageur mobilize their music.



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