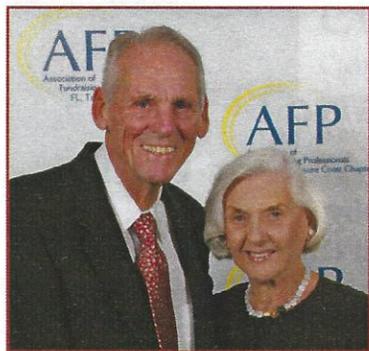


Living Legacy Award



Howard T. and Elaine Cook
Nominated by
Martin Memorial Foundation

*Former Honorees of the
Living Legacy Award are:
(established in 2003)*

*Grace Keller Jones, Herman E. Gottfried,
Bill & June Tozzo, and Gary & Judie Price*

In 1990, Howard and Elaine Cook chose Palm City as their home and fell in love with the community. Mr. Cook enjoyed a long and successful career in the confectionary industry, beginning in 1967, when he joined Y&S Candies, Inc., as a sales manager and culminating as vice-president of sales for Hershey Chocolate U.S.A. - the largest division of Hershey Foods Corporation. Mr. Cook's industry honors include his election as Dean of the Confectionery Industry by the board of the National Candy Wholesalers Association; he has also been honored for his contributions to the industry, being named as a Pioneer of the Industry by the National Food Brokers Association. In 1987, he was named Candy Manufacturer of the Year by the New York Candy and Tobacco Association. In recognition of his long commitment to the confectionery industry, Mr. Cook was inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame in 1987.

While Mr. Cook was making his mark in the world of candy, Mrs. Cook was pursuing her passion for family, raising their three sons while also supporting theater and arts programs in their community – a passion she still enjoys today.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have opened their hearts in support of organizations that increase the quality of life for Treasure Coast residents, such as Martin Memorial Foundation, Treasure Coast Hospices, The Lyric Theatre, American Red Cross, United Way of Martin County, Salvation Army and the Martin County Library Foundation. The legacy they are leaving today is an inspiration for others to follow. Their gifts help motivate others to fulfill their own legacies of improving communities and changing lives on the Treasure Coast.