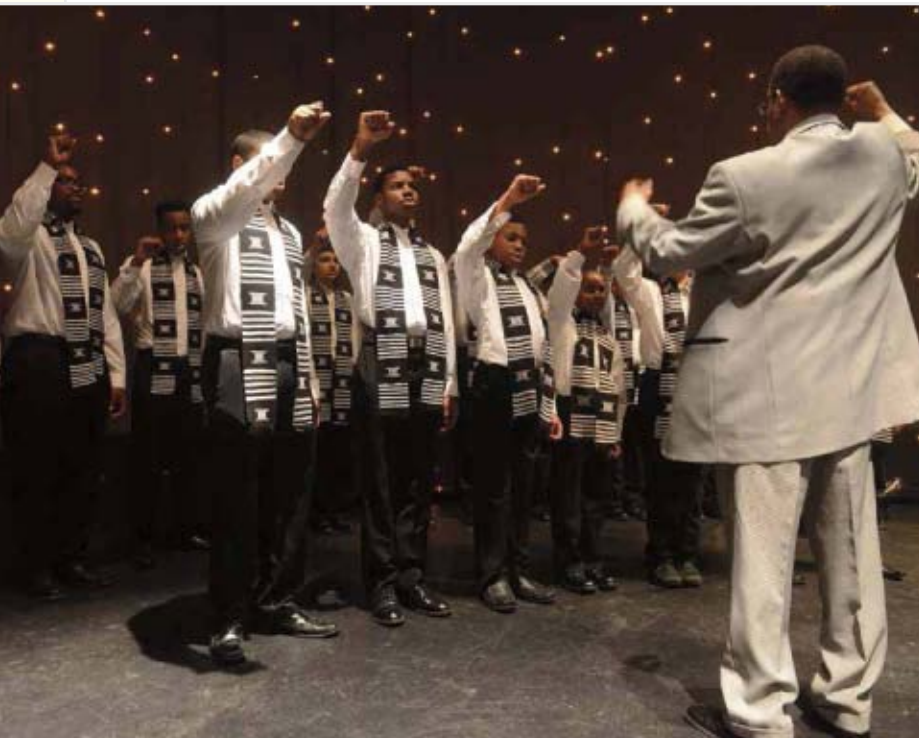


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African American Males in the Spotlight

As part of The Heinz Endowments' African American Men and Boys Initiative, two recent events highlighted projects aimed at creating more balanced and uplifting narratives about black men and boys. In February, WQED Multimedia honored 10 men during "BMe Awards: Celebrating the Efforts of African American Men in the Community." The dinner ceremony concluded a yearlong, Endowments-funded program in which WQED posted online more than 200 video interviews of black men who have made significant contributions to their communities. BMe founder Trabian Shorters was the keynote speaker, and the Afro American Music Institute's Boys Choir, left, performed.

In March, the national Game Changers Project, an Endowments-supported fellowship for emerging African American filmmakers, presented three screenings of "InDivisible Man." The multi-part documentary included short films by and about black men from Pittsburgh and other parts of the country. The screenings took place at the Alloy Studios of the Kelly Strayhorn Theater and at two branches of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Welcome back!



Annie O'Neill

Grant Oliphant has returned to The Heinz Endowments as president of the foundation, after serving six years as president of The Pittsburgh Foundation. He started his new position in June, succeeding Robert Vagt, who stepped down in January. For nearly two decades, Oliphant held several senior management posts with Heinz family foundations, including vice president for programs and planning at the Endowments, his position before taking over the helm at The Pittsburgh Foundation in 2008. He also served as press secretary to the late U.S. Sen. John Heinz from 1988 until the senator's death in 1991.

Under Oliphant's leadership, The Pittsburgh Foundation developed

PittsburghGives, an online giving and research portal that has raised more than \$30 million over the past five years for local nonprofits through annual Day of Giving events. The foundation also launched The Pittsburgh Promise scholarship program for students in the city's district and charter schools. The scholarship fund, which receives Endowments support, and the online giving portal have become national models for similar initiatives by community foundations across the country.

Other Pittsburgh Foundation achievements during Oliphant's tenure include exceeding \$1 billion in total assets last year for the first time in the organization's 69-year history. The increase represents asset growth

of 33 percent since the end of 2007. In addition, the number of donor funds doubled over the past six years to more than 1,900 individual funds.

Oliphant serves on the boards of numerous local nonprofit and national sector organizations, including the Center for Effective Philanthropy and the Council on Foundations. He is board chairman of Riverlife, which works to transform Pittsburgh's riverfronts, as well as a board member of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, The Pittsburgh Promise, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and the Pittsburgh Advisory Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

What's in Our Air?

A yearlong study of childhood asthma rates by Allegheny General Hospital is among the current Heinz Endowments-supported initiatives to better understand the impact of air quality on health outcomes in the region. With support from a \$415,000 Endowments grant, Dr. Deborah Gentile, the hospital's director of research in the division of allergy, asthma and immunology, and a leadership group member of the Endowments-funded Breathe Project, is heading a team that will monitor 150 area fifth-graders to assess their breathing patterns and exposure to environmental triggers. In May, the hospital hosted "The Air We Breathe: A Regional Summit on Asthma in Our Community," a two-day conference organized by the Allegheny Health Network and the Breathe Project, with support of The Heinz Endowments and the Suburban Health Foundation.



The third annual summit brought together local and national asthma experts along with physicians, nurses, other medical practitioners, community leaders and residents to discuss how air pollution affects asthma and strategies to improve asthma control.



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HAZELWOOD UPDATES New projects are underway to improve the quality of life in Pittsburgh's Hazelwood neighborhood, site of the first community-foundation revitalization partnership through the Endowments' place-based efforts. The transformation of a vacant building into a new, green library and community center, above, is nearing completion. The Endowments-supported Hazelwood Initiative recently purchased a closed school building, above right, from Pittsburgh Public Schools that will be used for a charter school opening this fall as part of the Propel Schools system. Also, the neighborhood branch of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the city's Office of Public Art have been working together to place an artist at the library for a year, starting this summer, through the Artist Residency in the Public Realm program.



KUDOS

Wayne Jones, an Endowments Children, Youth & Families senior program officer, has been selected as a Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network Afterschool Champion. He was recognized for his work to support and promote high-quality, out-of-school-time programs that benefit children and their families.

The Rev. Glenn Grayson, a member of the Endowments' African American Men and Boys Advisory Board and founder of The Center that C.A.R.E.S. (Children/Adults Recreational and Educational Services), an Endowments grantee, was among nine community leaders from across the country honored at a White House ceremony earlier this year as part of President Barack Obama's Champions of Change program. Grayson was selected because of his center's work to reduce violence in Pittsburgh's Hill District by providing enrichment, mentoring and other services to neighborhood children.



Martha Rial

Capturing Mentoring Moments

"Memories from Monticello" is a photograph collection that reflects the two-and-a-half years that nine African American men mentored students at Pittsburgh Westinghouse 6-12 through the Endowments' Heinz Fellows initiative. Sean Means, above right, who was in the first group of fellows to complete the program, shot most of the photos and exhibited them earlier this year at the Spinning Plate Gallery in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood. Also on display were images taken by students Means instructed.

BOARD HONORS

Several Endowments board members were honored during the first half of the year for their exceptional professional and community service achievements. Carnegie Mellon University recognized the contributions of **Jared Cohon**, the school's president emeritus, by renaming its student center the Jared L. Cohon University Center. University of Pittsburgh's Institute of Politics honored Cohon and Pitt Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg with the Elsie Hillman Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Public Service. Chatham

University presented the 2014 Hollander Award for Women in Leadership to **Carol Brown**, retired president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. And President Barack Obama nominated **Dr. Judith Davenport** to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting; the nomination is awaiting confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Davenport, a retired dentist, helped her husband, Ronald, found the Pittsburgh-based Sheridan Broadcasting Corp. in 1973.