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INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Leading Legacy

The Heinz Endowments commemorated Chairman Teresa Heinz's 25 years at the helm of the foundation with an Oct. 5 celebration of the impact her leadership has had on the region. The occasion also marked Mrs. Heinz handing over the Endowments' reins to her three sons, each of whom will serve as chairman in four-year rotations beginning with André Heinz.

Mrs. Heinz became chairman of the Howard Heinz Endowment in late April 1991 and a trustee of the Vira I. Heinz Endowment later that year, soon leading the merger of the two into The Heinz Endowments, which became official in January 2007. During her tenure as Endowments chairman, the foundation created its grantmaking program addressing environmental issues; sharpened its focus on early childhood, which contributed to making Pittsburgh a national model for commitment to early childhood education; helped launch and orchestrate the stunning revival of the city's riverfronts; and positioned Pittsburgh as a national leader in sustainable design and green building. Mrs. Heinz has received more than 40 major national, international and regional awards, recognizing and celebrating her work with the Endowments. Recent honors for her environmental contributions include the Mary Schenley Medal for Parks Stewardship from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and recognition from the Women for a Healthy Environment for her commitment to women's health that led to the creation of the nonprofit.

Staff Appointments



Michelle Figlar has been named the Endowments vice president for Learning, a new position overseeing the Endowments' grantmaking focus on education, family support and related programs. A Pittsburgh native,

Ms. Figlar joins the Endowments from Pennsylvania's Department of Human Services and Education where she served as deputy secretary for the Office of Child Development and Early Learning. She also has served as executive director of the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), a local regional affiliate of the national association, where she led the organization through significant development and growth.

In addition to appointing Ms. Figlar as vice president for Learning, the Endowments has named Janet Sarbaugh as vice president for Creativity and Andrew McElwaine as vice president for Sustainability & the Environment. Ms. Sarbaugh is also senior program director for Arts & Culture, and Mr. McElwaine, who had been the Endowments' first Environment Program director for six years until leaving in 1999, re-joined the foundation in 2015 as senior program director for Sustainability & the Environment.

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ENVIRONMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Riverfront Renovations

Upgrades of Allegheny Landing, Pittsburgh's oldest riverfront park, are expected to be completed this fall with the latest work including the rebuilding of a riverfront trail and the addition of green infrastructure such as a rain garden. Among the previous improvements were the reconstruction of the park's boat dock and fishing pier, which were completed in 2014. In addition to the Endowments, other supporters of the renovation project included the National Endowment for the Arts, The Pittsburgh Foundation, and the Allegheny County Infrastructure and Tourism Fund.

Reporters-in-Training

With support from The Heinz Endowments, Point Park University has this fall launched a new bachelor of arts degree in environmental journalism. In addition to receiving journalism training, students in the program will be provided with instruction in data analytics, biology, ecology and environmental science. Other aspects of the program include mentoring by leading environmental journalists and collaborations each year with a professional journalist-in-residence who will work with students on projects inside and outside the classroom. Also as part of the program, Point Park is sponsoring forums and other events focusing on environmental issues that are open to the general public.

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The tribute to Mrs. Teresa Heinz and her leadership of The Heinz Endowments will be featured in the next h. The issue also will include an update on the Almona development, a major project aimed at modeling how to put sustainability into practice.

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CELEBRATING THE ARTS

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Black Arts Awards

More than \$204,480 in grants have been awarded in this year's first cycle of the Advancing Black Arts in Pittsburgh program, which supports art rooted in the black experience. As a partnership between The Heinz Endowments and the Pittsburgh Foundation, Advancing Black Arts grants are awarded twice a year, with \$3.7 million distributed since the program started in 2010. Those receiving individual artist grants were Gabriel Colombo, Jasmine Hearn, Liana Maneese, Marcel Walker and Sarah Huny Young. Artist residency grants were awarded to the Homewood Artist Residency, the Legacy Arts Project and Opera Theater of Pittsburgh. The recipients of unrestricted and operating grants were Afrika Yetu, Harambee Ujima Black Arts and Culture Association, Kente Arts Alliance, the MLK Community Mural Project, and the STAYCEE PEARL Dance Project.

Camera Man Creation

A new mosaic mural commemorating the legacy of the late photographer Teenie Harris is adding colorful vibrancy to the TREK Development office building in Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood, where Mr. Harris lived and documented the lives of others. Called "Camera Man," the artwork was unveiled this summer on one side of the real estate development firm's building and includes replicas of some of Mr. Harris' photos. It was created last year by artist James Simon and 50 children in the nonprofit ACH Clear Pathways' creative camp. The mural was funded by TREK Development, The Heinz Endowments, the Grable Foundation and McAuley Ministries.

