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## FEATURE: NEXT STAGE

The beginning of a new year is a good time to take stock of where you're going and where you've been. And the development of a former steel mill site called Almono into a sustainable community is a transformation story that's still being told.

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The Endowments is based in Pittsburgh, where we use our region as a laboratory for the development of solutions to challenges that are national in scope. Although the majority of our giving is concentrated within southwestern Pennsylvania, we work wherever necessary, including statewide and nationally, to fulfill our mission.

That mission is to help our region thrive as a whole community — economically, ecologically, educationally and culturally — while advancing the state of knowledge and practice in the fields in which we work. Our fields of emphasis include philanthropy in general and the disciplines represented by our five grantmaking programs: Arts & Culture; Children, Youth & Families; Community & Economic Development; Education; and Environment.

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**About the cover** The cavernous Mill 19 building is at the heart of the redevelopment of the former Pittsburgh steel mill site called Almono. The structure is large enough to construct an energy-efficient building within its shell that will house offices, research space and light manufacturing—all while preserving a remnant of the region's steel industry heritage.

**Corrections** The printed editions of our last issue incorrectly identified the woman on the magazine cover and the mother of the baby pictured in the "Head Start" story. The woman on the cover is Essence Bey, and the mother in the "Head Start" piece is Shaelyn Newton. Both names are correct in the online version of the magazine.



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