

## DRUE HEINZ, A TRUE PATRON OF THE ARTS

This spring, The Heinz Endowments joined the Heinz family in commemorating the remarkable life of Drue Heinz, who died on March 30. Mrs. Heinz was the widow of the late H.J. Heinz II and stepmother of the late Sen. H. John Heinz III. She was widely respected in the United States and Great Britain for her imaginative and generous support of the literary and visual arts.

Mrs. Heinz endowed the Drue Heinz Literature Prize at the University of Pittsburgh, a national prize that supports publication of collections of short stories. She also sponsored an ongoing lecture series, which continues to bring prominent authors to Pittsburgh to speak. She co-founded Ecco Press; was publisher of *The Paris Review*; and served on the boards of a number of arts institutions and organizations in the U.S. and Europe, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the MacDowell Colony, the American Academy in Rome, the Royal Academy of Arts, and Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Art.

Among Mrs. Heinz's many achievements were her involvement in the development of Heinz Hall as the home for the Pittsburgh Symphony and her participation in the creation of the city's Cultural District in Downtown Pittsburgh, initiatives propelled by the visionary leadership of her husband in partnership with the city's corporate, cultural and political leaders. In 1973, she joined the board of the Howard Heinz Endowment, which later became The Heinz Endowments, and was named a director emeritus in 1994.

"We each in our own way find how best to remember and honor those who have touched and been a part of us," said Endowments Chairman André Heinz. "For my part, I feel I shall continue to discover her presence in the world that informed her zeal for life, and to which she gave back in return."



## SECURING THE VOTE

The University of Pittsburgh's Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security (Pitt Cyber) has created an independent, non-partisan Blue Ribbon Commission on Pennsylvania's Election Security. The 21-member commission, which was formed with support from The Heinz Endowments, is researching the cybersecurity of voting machines; tabulation and storage; and voter registration, rolls and databases. It also is examining the resiliency and recovery of Pennsylvania's electoral system following a potential breach. The co-chairmen of the commission are David Hickton, founding director of Pitt Cyber and former U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Paul McNulty, president of Grove City College, former deputy attorney general of the United States, and former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Endowments President Grant Oliphant is a member of the commission.

## SUPPORTING THE FOURTH ESTATE

The Heinz Endowments and The Pittsburgh Foundation co-hosted the Philadelphia-based Media Impact Funders' annual Journalism Funders Gathering, which brought nearly 80 foundation representatives and media experts to Pittsburgh in June. Immediately following this event, both foundations co-sponsored a one-and-a-half-day conference, "The First Amendment in the 21st Century: Current Threats and Community Responses." Both gatherings highlighted the critical need for robust local as well as national journalism and the importance of having all sectors of the community visible and vocal in protecting the values of a just society. The events included well-respected local media leaders along with nationally known media figures such as broadcast journalists Soledad O'Brien and April Ryan.



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## NEW ADDITIONS

Kathleen Keating joined The Heinz Endowments in July as the program associate for the Learning Strategic Area. Ms. Keating previously worked with the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Economic Development South and GTech Strategies. With a background in community development and education policy, Ms. Keating will work with the Learning team on policy development.

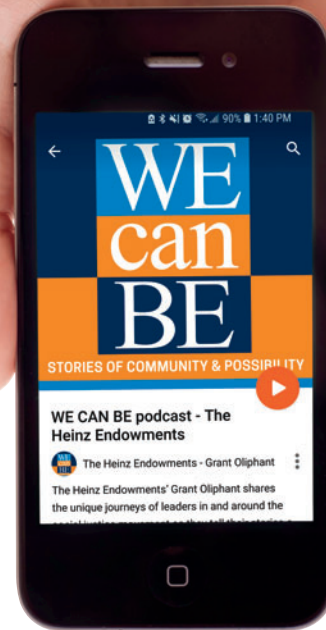
Karen Abrams, most recently the community and diversity affairs manager at the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, joined the Endowments at the end of last year as the program officer for equitable development. Her work focuses on infusing equity into the foundation's redevelopment funding initiatives in the Pittsburgh region. She also is helping the Endowments to develop and implement grantmaking that supports sustainable investments in neighborhood, city and regional initiatives.

## BUILDING ON THE GOOD

Hazelwood Early Learning Hub, below, is a program of Trying Together, a regional organization that supports high-quality care and education for young children, and one of the participants in The Heinz Endowments' expanded Hazelwood mini-grant initiative. The mini-grant program was launched last year after the foundation's Learning team met with more than 100 Hazelwood residents to explore a grantmaking collaboration with nonprofit organizations serving the community. Those discussions led to the creation of the \$250,000 program, which supports community-inspired initiatives that cost up to \$25,000 and promote family and child well-being or increase innovative education opportunities for children and youth. In response to positive mid-year updates on the mini-grant projects, the Endowments is allotting \$500,000 to support technical assistance, community engagement and additional mini-grants in Hazelwood, with the goal of expanding collective neighborhood-based and neighborhood-driven activities.



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## WE CAN BE

The latest addition to The Heinz Endowments' media portfolio is the podcast "We Can Be," which joins the foundation's magazine, website, blog and social media platforms. Hosted by Endowments President Grant Oliphant, the podcast features leaders from Pittsburgh and across the country discussing local, national and international challenges. In each episode, guests describe the personal and professional experiences that have helped them to believe that citizens can and should work together to create a healthier, smarter, more creative and more just region, state, country and world. To find out more about the podcast, go to [www.heinz.org](http://www.heinz.org).

## GET THE LEAD OUT

Women for a Healthy Environment sponsored a one-day conference in May, "Creating Healthy Communities: Get the lead out," which focused on lead contamination. The event looked at ways communities can work together to address hazards created by lead in homes, schools and early learning centers. Among the keynote speakers were Dr. Karen Weaver, mayor of Flint, Mich., which received national attention when high levels of lead in the water created a public health crisis that began in 2014. Other speakers included Dr. Bruce Lanphear, a clinician scientist and principal lead investigator working to prevent a worldwide epidemic of chronic disease and disability due to exposure to contaminants such as lead.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Once known as the Almono development, the 178-acre former steel mill site in the Hazelwood section of Pittsburgh has been renamed Hazelwood Green. The Heinz Endowments and the Richard King Mellon, Benedum and McCune foundations bought the property in 2002 and dubbed it Almono in recognition of the city's three rivers: the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio. The new name is intended to complement and acknowledge connection to the surrounding neighborhood.

## AN ENVIRONMENTAL FIRST

The Frick Environmental Center, left, is a Pittsburgh nonprofit conservancy that has been recognized as the first municipally owned, free-to-the-public Living Building in the United States. The designation was awarded by the International Living Future Institute through its Living Building Challenge, a rigorous performance standard that requires a facility to produce as much energy as it consumes each year, eliminate toxic chemicals, and collect and treat its own water. The Endowments was among the funders that supported development of the center's Living Building features such as its net-zero energy and water consumption.

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