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FEATURE: IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

The second installment of our *h* magazine neighborhood series examines initiatives to revitalize Pittsburgh's Hill District. As in the other communities we're featuring as part of this project, artists and entrepreneurs, residents and developers, local officials and philanthropies, including The Heinz Endowments, have been working together on improvements that benefit the neighborhood and those who live there.

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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.

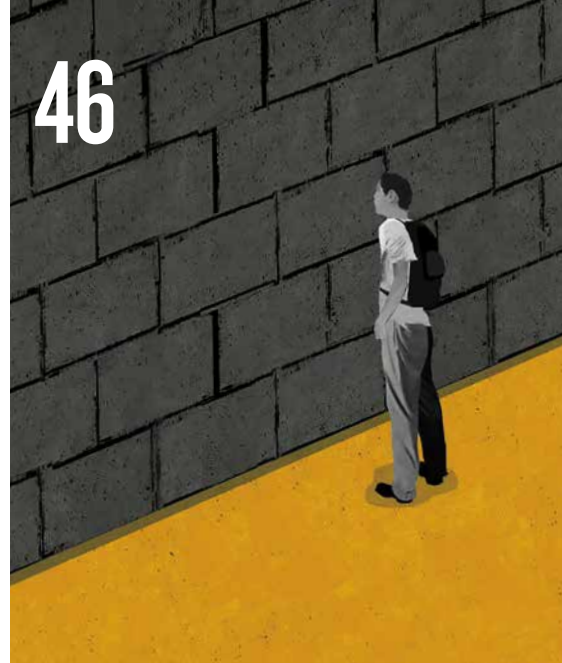
That mission is to help our region become a just and equitable community in which all of its citizens thrive economically, ecologically, educationally, socially and culturally. We also seek to advance knowledge and practice in the field of philanthropy through strategies that focus on our priorities of Creativity, Learning and Sustainability.

In life, Howard Heinz and Vira I. Heinz set high expectations for their philanthropy. Today, the Endowments is committed to doing the same. Our charge is to be diligent, thoughtful and creative in continually working to set new standards of philanthropic excellence. Recognizing that none of our work would be possible without a sound financial base, we also are committed to preserving and enhancing the Endowments' assets through prudent investment management.

h magazine is a publication of The Heinz Endowments. At the Endowments, we are committed to promoting learning in philanthropy and in the specific fields represented by our grantmaking programs. As an expression of that commitment, this publication is intended to share information about significant lessons and insights we are deriving from our work.

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About the cover Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington participated in the September ground-blessing ceremony for the childhood home of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning-playwright August Wilson. Mr. Washington is helping raise money to transform the house in Pittsburgh's Hill District neighborhood into a museum and arts center. Weathering the rain beside Mr. Washington was Jamaica Johnson, a junior at Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts 6-12. Cover photo by Renee Rosensteel.



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