IT’S A WRAP
The Heinz Endowments’ podcast, “We Can Be,” completed its second season with host and Heinz Endowments President Grant Oliphant engaging local and national authors, activists and thought leaders in lively discussions about advancing social change. Kicking off the final half of the season was a two-part conversation with celebrated academic Dr. Cornel West and journalist and political analyst Bakari Kitwana.

That episode was followed by interviews with local community leaders such as Emmy-winning composer and hip-hop mentoring organization founder Emmai Alaquiva, and war correspondent and Postindustrial Media co-founder Carmen Gentile. Other nationally recognized podcast guests included Phil Buchanan, founder and president of The Center for Effective Philanthropy, and civil rights activist and community organizer DeRay Mckesson.

The podcast can be found at www.heinz.org/podcast or by visiting iTunes, Podbean, Google Play, Stitcher or other major podcast sites.

STAFF KUDOS
Endowments Equity and Social Justice Director Carmen Anderson was honored this fall at the Mount Ararat Community Activity Center’s 21st Annual Community Recognition Celebration as one of this year’s Women Creating Change. Ms. Anderson and four other women were commended for their contributions to helping to improve the lives of families in the Pittsburgh region.

CONFERENCE, CALLS
The Heinz Endowments sponsored two significant gatherings this fall that had compelling implications for residents of the Pittsburgh region and attracted national leaders in their fields. On Oct. 30, the Endowments and the nonprofit Sustainable Pittsburgh co-sponsored the Climate Action Summit at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. The invitation-only conference drew more than 450 people, including scientists, activists, and community and business leaders.

Several speakers challenged the audience to seriously consider the effects and implications of climate change and to take action in helping to stem the deterioration of the planet.

The Endowments joined the FISA Foundation to co-host the forum “Disability Inclusion & Access: Moving Forward,” which was held at the Senator John Heinz History Center on Nov. 21. The event provided an opportunity for foundation grantees, community leaders and other funders to explore the variety of ways in which foundations and nonprofits can be more inclusive of people with disabilities. Among the regional and national leaders who participated was Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, which is working extensively on disability issues in both its grantmaking and its organizational practice.

Ricardo Iamuuri Robinson has been chosen as the artist in residence with The Heinz Endowments–supported RethinkVets coalition, a network of organizations that serve veterans in southwestern Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh’s Office of Public Art and RethinkVets selected Mr. Robinson as part of a two-year initiative in which he and members of the post-9/11 veteran community will collaborate to develop a creative project that challenges misconceptions about veterans. Mr. Robinson is a composer, sound recordist, and audiovisual artist whose work explores the ancestry of sound emerging from objects and space.
Heinz Endowments President Grant Oliphant opens this special issue of *Heinz Endowments* with an essay on combating false stories about crime with true ones about an urban system and the need for change. Other articles in the magazine examine different reform efforts in the Pittsburgh region and elsewhere in the country. The stories also reveal the need for change because of the impact that a broken system has on the lives of individuals and families.

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That mission is to help our region become a just and equitable community in which all of its citizens have access to economic, educational, occupational, and social justice. We also seek to advance knowledge and practice in the field of philanthropy through strategies that focus on our priorities: Children, Learning, and Sustainability.

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**About the Essay**

The essay included in this issue elaborates on the current context of the issue and highlights the importance of rethinking the way we approach social problems.

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