

Heinz Endowments, Carnegie Mellon Through the Years

Organizations Share a History of Partnering to Advance the Community

Carnegie Mellon University and The Heinz Endowments have partnered for decades on community-focused projects, with a particular emphasis on those working to solve social and economic challenges facing the Greater Pittsburgh region. In total, The Heinz Endowments has provided more than \$128 million in support for its key strategic areas of creativity, learning and sustainability, spanning CMU programs in public policy, green science, architecture, computer science, robotics, the arts and business. The Endowments' support includes endowments for the Heinz College deanship, nine professorships and a fellowship. In addition, multiple members of the Heinz family have served on Carnegie Mellon's Board of Trustees as well as advisory boards across the university.

Here are just a few of the highlights of this important relationship:

2017

Carnegie Mellon becomes the anchor for a major Pittsburgh redevelopment site when it leases space for the Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute and Manufacturing Futures Initiative at Hazelwood Green's Mill 19. Hazelwood Green is the location of an ongoing project to bring economic development to the site of a former steel mill, a collaboration between The Heinz Endowments, Richard King Mellon Foundation and Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

2015

The Heinz Endowments supports Metro21: Smart Cities Institute with a major grant shortly after its launch. Metro21 is a multidisciplinary initiative to bring together people, technology and policy to significantly improve quality of life in metropolitan areas.

2013

The Heinz Endowments provides significant support for the second phase of renovations and expansion of Heinz College's Hamburg Hall, as well as funding to greatly enhance the CMU student experience as part of the Cohon University Center expansion.

2012

The Heinz Endowments provides the initial grant for the launch and operations of the Disruptive Health Technology Institute to advance innovation to transform health care products and services.

2008

The Heinz Endowments approves transformational support totaling \$21.5 million, one of the largest gifts from a foundation to Carnegie Mellon. The majority of the grant supports the launch of the newly renamed H. John Heinz III College, housing its School of Public Policy and Management and School of Information Systems and Management. In addition, the grant creates an endowment to expand teaching and research in green chemistry and sustainability.

2006

The Endowments begins regular support of projects in CMU's CREATE Lab, which explores socially meaningful innovation and deployment of robotic technologies. Key projects focus on experiential learning opportunities for students, environmental monitoring, and visualization of scientific data.

2003

Teresa Heinz serves as the keynote speaker for Carnegie Mellon's 106th commencement. She has been a member of the university's board of trustees since 2001, transitioning to an emeritus trustee in 2014.

1996

The Heinz Endowments makes grants to endow the Heinz School's deanship and five professorships, including in urban and policy affairs, civil and environmental engineering, the arts and industrial administration (now business).

1992

CMU renames its School of Urban and Public Affairs the H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management after the late senator from Pennsylvania, in recognition of his legacy of public service. Sen. Heinz served on the SUPA Board of Visitors and was an instructor at the university.

1985

The Heinz family, Howard Heinz Endowment and H.J. Heinz Co. make a series of major gifts to endow a professorship and two centers in the CMU School of Urban and Public Affairs.

1966

Vira I. Heinz becomes the first woman to serve on Carnegie Mellon's Board of Trustees.