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PANDEMIC IMPACT

This issue of h magazine examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Pittsburgh region and within the context of the national and global crisis. The stories reveal how individuals, families and businesses are coping in different areas such as health and economics, and how communities are trying to rally together to address immediate needs and prepare for a better future.

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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 whenever 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.

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