This issue of h magazine begins with a special section that contains stories describing the challenges faced by children, youth and families as COVID-19 remains a concern even as restrictions are relaxed, and violence in schools and communities dominates news reports. Such conditions can be draining, but organizations and agencies in Pittsburgh and beyond are still fighting for a brighter future.
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CLASSROOMS & COVID
As schools reopened in southwestern Pennsylvania and across the country this fall, administrators and teachers were still grappling with the lingering impact of the pandemic and how to help students recover from personal and academic losses.

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Fred Rogers Productions and the Fred Rogers Institute, both named for the iconic children’s television host, have been using their expertise to help families and children navigate the challenges posed by a worldwide pandemic.

TRACKING THE TRANSITION
The Heinz Endowments has awarded the RAND Epstein Family Veterans Policy Research Institute $2 million to study the effectiveness of federal programs intended to prepare vets for civilian life.

OPENING DOORS
While the 3-year-old Restoration Project has seen improvements in some aspects of the justice system in the Pittsburgh region, the needs and the work continue.

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