



THE HEINZ ENDOWMENTS 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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message

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“We keep our shingle out and then let the public blow our own horn, and that counts. But we must make them want to do this...by being the very best at what we do and using the proper resources to show the quality of what we produce.”

HJ. Heinz wrote that in his diary in July 1892, and it served him well as one of his six Important Ideas in running the family prepared foods business. There is no doubt in my mind that while he was focused on business, Mr. Heinz would be proud that successive generations of family members have held to this principle in their stewardship of the institutional philanthropy that has been such a force for progress in the Pittsburgh region through the decades.

This includes the Endowments’ move to report 2008 grant making and finances exclusively online for the first time. Mr. Heinz understood that the way in which a message is conveyed is often as important as the message itself.

As part of our commitment to reduce the paper-production burden we place on the environment and to improve transparency and accessibility in our reporting to the public, we have shifted the communications platform for the annual report to the Endowments’ Web site. Those who want a paper copy of some or all of the annual report will be able to print what they need.

In this case, the Web site platform only enhances visitors’ ability to have the fullest possible accounting of last year’s grant making in one space. The list of what was funded and our general financial information — 427 grants totaling nearly \$75 million and disbursed primarily in southwestern Pennsylvania — offer some insight.

Just a few clicks away, in our Web site’s Library section, is a collection of compelling stories that are emblematic of last year’s work. Our quarterly magazine, *h*, which Endowments’ Chairman Teresa Heinz established with the same H.J. Heinz mindset, provides further illumination of our grant making

through the accounts of those in the nonprofit community who are working diligently on the front lines to improve life in Pittsburgh.

Among the many story settings: a new apartment for a young man transitioning out of Allegheny County’s foster care system; a Washington, Pa., construction site where the woman overseeing the project is bonded through a foundations-supported program; the Pittsburgh Planning Commission meeting room where Hill District residents negotiate a first-ever community benefits agreement; a Pittsburgh Public Schools classroom where the teacher encourages students to apply for the Pittsburgh Promise college scholarship program; Synod Hall in Oakland where the small music ensemble Chatham Baroque videotapes its concert; the Rivers Edge Café in Confluence, Westmoreland County, where trail riders celebrate the completion of the Great Allegheny Passage.

And scattered throughout are inspiring profiles of people who have used the boost provided by Endowments-funded services and training to dramatically improve their own lives.

Since the two most significant news events of 2008—the stock market plunge leading to the most serious recession since World War II and the election of the first African American as president of the United States – occurred in the latter portion of the period, their many effects on our grant making will dominate next year’s report.

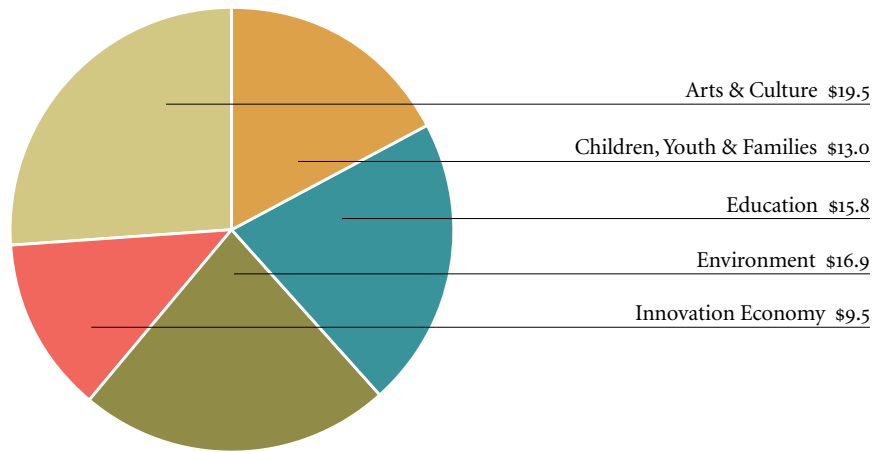
However, we must note that, with the marked decline in the value of our endowment coming at a time when the needs of those whom we serve is moving upward in dramatic fashion, to describe 2009 as a challenge is a significant understatement. Suffice it to say, we will direct as much resource as possible to meeting the needs of both the individuals and the organizations whose health and well-being are critical to this region.

We invite you to click away to get the full measure of the Endowments’ grant making for 2008, a great story only made possible by our exceedingly talented and broadly creative grantees, who are, in the spirit of H.J. Heinz, the best at what they do. For this we offer our gratitude.

financial summary

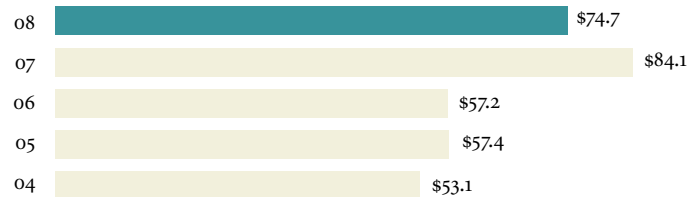
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By Program Area
(in millions)

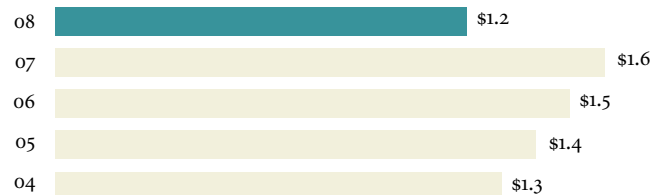


Historical Perspective: 2004–08

Total Approved Grants (in millions)



Total Net Assets (in billions)



2008 grants

ARTS & CULTURE

Afro-American Music Institute Inc.

For Phase I of the building renovation and expansion project
\$35,000

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh

For a strategic planning grant
\$6,500

Attack Theatre

For two-year operating support
\$70,000

August Wilson Center for African American Culture

For operating support for 2008/09
\$250,000

August Wilson Center for African American Culture

For additional support for the capital campaign
\$2,000,000

Bricolage

For the implementation of the three-year strategic vision
\$50,000

Carnegie Institute

To continue arts education planning for the city and region
\$250,000

Carnegie Institute

To support the special needs of the 2008 Three Rivers Arts Festival
\$25,000

Carnegie Institute

For operating support for the 2009 Three Rivers Arts Festival
\$65,750

Carnegie Institute

To support a study of the roofing and waterproofing issues for the Frank House project
\$3,288

Carnegie Institute

For three-year operating support for the Museum of Art (2009–2011)
\$696,852

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

To support the March 16, 2008, Denyce Graves concert at Carnegie Music Hall
\$15,000

Cave Canem Foundation

To support the 2008 retreat/workshop at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, June 22–29
\$20,000

Center of Life

For support of the expansion and replication of the KRUNK Movement model
\$25,000

Chatham Baroque Inc.

For implementation of the first two years of the strategic plan
\$50,000

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

For the Zany Umbrella Circus residency to the Awassa Children's Project in Ethiopia in July 2008
\$4,000

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

To support the "Making Community Places" capital campaign
\$3,000,000

City of Asylum Pittsburgh

To support the 2009 Writer in Residence program
\$15,000

City Theatre Company Inc.

To create a master plan for the City Theatre campus
\$40,000

Civic Light Opera Association

For three years of operating support (2009–2011)
\$438,700

Community Design Center of Pittsburgh

For 2009 operating support and one-time evaluation planning support
\$90,000

Community Theater Project Corporation

For implementation of the new strategic plan
\$150,000

Community Theater Project Corporation

To support the operations of the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater in 2007/08
\$50,000

Council of Chief State School Officers

To support the Symposium entitled "Arts Education: Taking Stock of the Future"
\$5,000

Dance USA

To support the Pittsburgh Dance Alloy's participation in the Internationale Tanzmesse NRW in Germany (August 27–31, 2008)
\$5,000

The Downtown Management Organization

For support of the reconstruction of Market Square
\$1,000,000

The Downtown Management Organization

For continuation of the Downtown Living Initiative and retail study strategy development
\$100,000

The Downtown Management Organization

For development of a new Downtown Plan
\$250,000

Dreams of Hope

For artistic training and performance opportunities
\$15,000

Focus on Renewal

For arts education programming
\$50,000

Frick Art & Historical Center

To support the fabrication and installation of informational and wayfinding signs to be erected throughout the Frick's site
\$100,000

Gateway to the Arts, Inc.

For support to take local arts education advocates to the Knowledge Exchange Conference held in Los Angeles (October 27–29, 2008)
\$7,920

Grantmakers in the Arts

For two-year operating support
\$50,000

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

To support the Artists Opportunity Fund through April 2009
\$31,000

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

To support the Office of Public Art
\$110,000

Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council

To support a peer consultation/technical assistance project
\$18,500

Greater Pittsburgh Convention & Visitors Bureau

To support the Pittsburgh 250 tourism marketing campaign
\$150,000

Grist Mill Productions

To support the purchase of adjacent property for use as office space
\$15,000

Harmonie Associates, Inc.

For funding to publish a book on Harmonie Society furniture
\$10,000

Hill House Association

To support “Jazz—Live at the Hurricane” in 2008/09

\$25,000

Hill House Association

To support the Dr. Martin King, Jr. Community Mural Project

\$35,000

Mattress Factory

For the “Installing the Future” capital campaign

\$700,000

Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, Inc.

To support the performance of “Elijah” at Carnegie Music Hall on April 25, 2008

\$20,000

Mental Health Association of Allegheny County

To support the One Hood’s Underground Lounge

\$6,000

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation

To support the Artists & Communities program

\$40,000

Multicultural Arts Initiative

For an evaluation of the Bill Nunn Theater Outreach Project

\$8,000

Multicultural Arts Initiative

Support for 2009

\$375,000

National Aviary Pittsburgh, Inc.

To support the capital campaign for the expansion of the National Aviary

\$1,000,000

Northside Leadership Conference

For funding to support the design and planning for the restoration of the Northeast Commons section of Allegheny Commons

\$50,000

Philanthropic Research Inc.

For Guidestar honorary membership

\$2,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

For support of the Culturally Responsive Arts and Education (CRAE) Program

\$500,000

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\$500,000

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation

To support the “Achieving 90” campaign for increasing earned income

\$100,000

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

For three-year general operating support for the Pittsburgh International Children’s Festival as it merges with the Trust

\$75,000

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

For the District Development Fund

\$300,000

Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

For 2009 operating support

\$850,000

Pittsburgh Dance Alloy

For three-year operating support (2009–2011)

\$177,256

Pittsburgh Dance Alloy

For the Jones Summer Dance Intensive (August 11–24, 2008)

\$4,000

Pittsburgh Dance Alloy

To study the feasibility of developing a pre-professional instruction program

\$10,000

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

For three year operating support (2009–2011)

\$459,000

Pittsburgh Glass Center, Inc.

To implement a recovery plan

\$200,000

Pittsburgh International Children’s Theatre

For costs associated with the relocation to Oakland

\$43,000

Pittsburgh Musical Theater

For two years of unrestricted support toward the implementation of the final two years of the strategic plan

\$100,000

Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble

To support the 2008 season

\$30,000

Pittsburgh Opera Inc.

To purchase and renovate a new building for the Opera

\$750,000

Pittsburgh Opera Theater, Inc.

To support the 2008/2009 season

\$40,000

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

For the Mary Schenley Fountain conservation project

\$200,000

Pittsburgh Public Theater Corporation

For three-year operating support (2009–2011)

\$516,329

Pittsburgh Symphony Society

For three-year support for the maintenance of the Heinz Hall Garden Plaza

\$75,000

Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra Association Inc.

For support of the concert tour of China in June 2008

\$50,000

Point Park University

To support Phase I of the Academic Village Project

\$2,000,000

Prime Stage

For the implementation of a three-year strategic vision

\$50,000

Prime Stage

For the development of a strategic plan

\$13,000

Pro Musicis Foundation

To support the documentary project “Byron Janis, A Musical Journey”

\$10,000

Quantum Theatre

For operating support for the 2007/08 season

\$40,000

Quantum Theatre

For two years of unrestricted support toward the implementation of the final years of the strategic plan

\$84,000

River City Brass Band, Inc.

For a comprehensive audience- and brand-development study

\$30,000

Robert Morris University

To support the professional development of the city of Pittsburgh’s Art Commission

\$12,500

Shadyside Presbyterian Church

For capital improvements to the church

\$100,000

Silk Screen

For the May 2008 film festival

\$20,000

Silver Eye Center for Photography

For a strategic- and succession-planning process

\$16,500

Society for Arts in Crafts

For the Sustainable Systems project to increase earned and contributed revenue

\$90,000

Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

To support a community art project, “Construction as Canvas,” to add a unique visual element to the new arena construction site

\$50,000

Squonk Opera

For implementation of the three-year strategic vision

\$50,000

Touchstone Center for Crafts

To increase class registrations and improve participants’ experience

\$150,000

University of Pittsburgh

To underwrite the Choir’s 2009 tour of China

\$25,000

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts

To support southwestern Pennsylvania artist residencies from May 2008 through June 2009

\$30,000

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

For the construction of a cottage to provide housing for on-site education programming at Fallingwater

\$75,000

WQED Pittsburgh

For support of "On Q" for 2009

\$150,000

African American Jazz Preservation Society of Pittsburgh

To support programming for Jazz Appreciation Month (April 2009), including a performance featuring drummer Michael Cardin

\$7,500

ARTS & CULTURE

SMALL ARTS INITIATIVE

Afrika Yetu Inc.

For support of the all-female African Music Series (February/August 2009)

\$3,800

Artists Upstairs

To support the I.D. America series (March–September 2009), including a performance by Guillermo Gomez Peña

\$12,000

Autumn House Press

For publication and promotion of women's poetry: "Anthology of Poetry by Contemporary American Women"

\$12,000

Bach Choir of Pittsburgh

For support of the 2008/09 season, "Never Back Down: Journeys of Courage, Conviction and Conscience"

\$14,500

Balmoral School of Highland Piping, Inc.

For a performance by Bodega on November 15, 2008, at Shadyside Academy

\$9,800

Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation

To support the Society of Yoruba Bead Artists exhibit entitled "Transformation" at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts (February–April 2009)

\$7,650

Bodiography Contemporary Ballet Co.

To commission a new work by choreographer Lynne Taylor-Corbett, performed at the Byham Theatre in February 2009

\$8,000

Brew House Association

To support Distillery 3 (October 2008–March 2009)

\$8,000

Bricolage

For support of the Midnight Radio Series at 937 Liberty Avenue (November 2008)

\$10,000

Bulgarian-Macedonian National Educational and Cultural Center, Inc.

For support of a new work of Bulgarian dance at Carnegie Music Hall (November 2009)

\$5,000

Construction Junction, Inc.

To support The Pillow Project's Second Saturdays and Twenty Eighty-Four (late spring–November 2008)

\$7,500

Fe Gallery

For the exhibition and catalog of "In the Making" (September 12, 2008–January 10, 2009)

\$4,000

Gemini Theater Company

For support of artist stipends and the newly created position of technical director for the 2008/09 season

\$7,500

Guitar Society of Fine Art

To support Alia Musica of Pittsburgh

\$3,000

Guitar Society of Fine Art

To support the 2008/09 season

\$12,000

Kente Arts Alliance

For support of "The Last Poets" (August 30, 2008, at the New Hazlett Theater) and "Billy Bang" (November 15, 2008, at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater)

\$10,000

Kingsley Association

To support The Legacy Arts Project

\$8,000

Laboratory Company Dance, Inc.

For support of a performance at the New Hazlett Theater (January 23–26, 2009)

\$14,000

New Hazlett Center for the Performing Arts

For a multi-media performance project by Vanessa German entitled "Testify" (May–August 2008)

\$5,000

New Hazlett Center for the Performing Arts

To support "Take A Letter" by Alexi Morrissey at the New Hazlett Theater in June 2009

\$9,500

New Horizon Theater, Inc.

For support of "Black Pearl Sings" at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater (May 21–June 7, 2009)

\$5,000

North Pittsburgh Civic Symphony

To support the 2008–2009 season

\$5,000

Off the Wall Productions

To support the production of "Kimberly Akimbo" (October 10, 2008)

\$7,000

Parkinson Foundation of Western Pennsylvania

To support "Gravity + Grace," an interdisciplinary performance that responds to issues faced by those with Parkinson's disease (September 2009 at the New Hazlett Theater)

\$10,000

The Pittsburgh Camerata

To support "Seven Centuries of British Cathedral Music" (April 17–25, 2009)

\$7,735

Pittsburgh Concert Chorale

For two concerts held in March 2009

\$5,500

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

To support a residency with Ed Parrish and Carley Hill at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts (July–October 2008)

\$6,500

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

To support a series of short films entitled "Greetings from Pittsburgh: Neighborhood Narratives"

\$13,000

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

For final post-production costs to finish the documentary "Rachel is"

\$15,000

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

To support 404 Strand's production of "faustUS"

\$5,000

Pittsburgh Lesbian and Gay Film Society, Inc.

To support the "Movies Year Round" series (October 17–26, 2008, at the South Side Works Cinema and the Harris Theater)

\$12,000

Pittsburgh Playwrights Theatre Company

For support of "I Nipotes" (March 2009) and "Seven Guitars" (May 2009)

\$8,000

Prime Stage

For support of the 2009 season, including productions of "Twelve Angry Men" and "The Westing Game"

\$14,500

Renaissance and Baroque Society

For support of the performances by the Tallis Scholars (October 18, 2008) and Lucidarium (March 21, 2009)

\$10,000

Renaissance City Choirs

To support the spring 2009 concert commissioned by composer Jeffrey Nytech

\$6,000

Steel Industry Heritage Corporation

To support the Labyrinth Project

\$14,500

United Jewish Federation

For the Pittsburgh Jewish-Israeli Film Festival (March 12–29, 2009)
\$14,500

United Jewish Federation

For the Pittsburgh Jewish Music Festival's concert series, "The Jews in America" (May/June 2009)
\$10,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support the 2008/09 Music on the Edge Series
\$8,000

Unseam'd Shakespeare Company

For support of "Out of This Furnace" and "Macbeth 3" (June–August 2009)
\$10,000

Young Men & Womens Hebrew Association and Irene Kaufmann Centers

To support the American Jewish Museum's artist-in-residency projects (September 2008–May 2009)
\$8,000

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**3 Rivers Connect**

For a second round of funding to improve the collection and use of supply/demand data on the region's after-school sector
\$250,000

Action Against Crime and Violence Education Fund

For funding to support "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids"
\$100,000

Allegheny County Bureau of Corrections

To support the development of the Family Relationships Program in the jail
\$200,000

Allegheny County Department of Human Services

To expand a youth gardening project in Braddock that was initially supported by The Heinz Endowments' summer youth philanthropy internship program
\$30,000

Allegheny County Department of Human Services

For matching funds for Casey Family Programs' Youth Integration Model to engage youth served by human-services programs as advisers and advocates for their positive development
\$300,000

Allegheny County Department of Human Services

For a third grant to the Supportive Services Fund, which provides matching dollars for HUD-funded homeless programs
\$200,000

Allegheny Intermediate Unit

To expand and evaluate truancy prevention services that connect children and youth to community supports
\$200,000

Beginning with Books

For support of early literacy programming, including a new partnership with Pittsburgh Public Schools
\$200,000

Berks County Intermediate Unit

For funding to support the Pre K Counts Partnership for Educational Success, Phase 2
\$1,000,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc.

To strengthen the organization's capacity to deliver high-quality mentoring services
\$100,000

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit

For a second round of support for the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network's work to improve the quality of after-school programs
\$150,000

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

To support 2008 Healthy Smiles Days dental screening for Head Start children
\$10,000

Civil Society Institute, Inc.

To support a scan of research and evaluation in Pennsylvania's early learning system and identify gaps
\$200,000

Council on Foundations

For 2008 Council on Foundation Dues
\$45,000

Family Resources

To support the development of a comprehensive parent engagement approach targeted to African American fathers
\$100,000

Family Resources

To pilot a major child abuse prevention public engagement campaign and train public housing supervisors to implement the Nurturing Course parent education program
\$260,000

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

To support the food bank
\$4,000

Grow Pittsburgh

To expand schoolyard gardening projects that were initiated as part of The Heinz Endowments' summer youth philanthropy internship program
\$30,000

Healthy Start, Inc.

To match the U.S. Office of Family Assistance, Administration for Children & Families grant funding for the Promoting Responsible Fatherhood project
\$300,000

Hill House Association

To support the Kassi Leadership Academy
\$300,000

Hill House Association

For renovations to the Kaufmann Center
\$1,000,000

Life'sWork of Western Pennsylvania

For funding to support the Ben & Jerry's PartnerShop Training Program
\$25,000

Magee-Womens Research Institute and Foundation

To support the distribution of an exercise DVD for breast cancer survivors
\$17,000

The Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA

To support a planning process to improve the training of mentors
\$25,000

Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, Inc.

For support to expand the "Urban Male Mentoring Project"
\$100,000

Neighborhood Housing Services

To support the "My Money, My Life" financial literacy program
\$100,000

Neighborhood Housing Services

To support the Financial Education Consortium of Southwestern Pennsylvania
\$100,000

Pennsylvania Council on Economic Education

For a final round of support for the Mon Valley financial education initiative
\$50,000

Pennsylvania State University

To support the Family Fitness Program and the development of an after-school program resource guide
\$40,000

Pittsburgh Association for Education of Young Children

For funding to organize members at a grassroots level to support continued advancement of the Early Care and Education agenda
\$200,000

Pittsburgh Association for Education of Young Children

To support the advocacy efforts aimed at continuing the advancement of the early care and education agenda in Pennsylvania
\$10,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

To support a parent communications plan for the Pathways to the Promise initiative
\$50,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

To support the implementation of the Pathways to the Promise parent engagement plan
\$250,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

For the creation of a Montessori program
\$247,500

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

To support the development of an after-school coordination department
\$274,136

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

To support the adoption of a pre-K mathematics curriculum
\$250,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

For professional development for the district's pre-K staff
\$100,000

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

To support implementation of the Accelerated Learning Academies
\$405,395

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education

For continuing support of six separate program initiatives on behalf of the Pittsburgh Public Schools' Excellence for All reform plan
\$543,867

The Pittsburgh Promise Foundation

For funding of a communications initiative that will build awareness for The Pittsburgh Promise among students and families of the Pittsburgh Public Schools
\$51,470

The Pittsburgh Foundation

To support the Fund for Excellence initiatives
\$1,000,000

The Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation

To support the startup of Storehouse for Teachers and explore the possible expansion of services to include after-school and early childhood programs
\$100,000

Sarah Heinz House Association

For annual operating support
\$1,300,000

United Way of Allegheny County

For the Summer Youth Violence Prevention Project, a community-based approach to youth violence prevention in Allegheny County in conjunction with the Youth Crime Prevention Council
\$100,000

United Way of Allegheny County

To support after-school and youth development programs through the annual campaign
\$800,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support the "Healthy Class of 2010" school-based health education program
\$100,000

University of Pittsburgh

For sponsorship of the yearly Family Support Conference held June 4, 2008
\$5,000

University of Pittsburgh

To provide technical assistance to Allegheny County's family support centers
\$150,000

University of Pittsburgh

For expansion of the school readiness Centers of Excellence to focus on schools in the Hill District
\$360,000

Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement

To support the 2008 Hero Awards
\$5,000

YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh

To support the association's environmental sustainability initiative
\$50,000

YouthWorks

To support youth-development programs
\$150,000

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN AND BOYS INITIATIVE

Community Empowerment Association

To support the African-American Leadership Institute
\$315,000

Negro Educational Emergency Drive

To support the African-American Male Mentoring Initiative
\$200,000

Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise

For support to plan a peer-based capacity-building program for grassroots programs serving African American males
\$27,000

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES SUMMER YOUTH PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

To support a dance program for youth with the New Hazlett Theater
\$8,000

The Forbes Funds

For funds to support the Summer Fellows Philanthropy project
\$43,220

Gwens Girls Incorporated

For support of Shades of Victory, a program that empowers girls through the arts
\$10,993

Magee-Womens Hospital

To support Girls On the Run, a program that empowers girls through training for a five-kilometer race
\$9,000

Marilyn G. Rabb Foundation

To support the "Murals—Violence Prevention through the Arts" program
\$8,000

North Hills Community Outreach, Inc.

For support of the 2008 Summer Youth Philanthropy Program
\$48,300

Pittsburgh Cares

To support a team of Summer Youth Philanthropy interns
\$42,635

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.

To support the Circus Arts Residency of the Zany Umbrella Circus
\$8,000

Rankin Christian Center

To explore ways to recruit and retain older youth in after-school programs
\$14,500

Sarah Heinz House Association

For support of the 2008 Summer Youth Philanthropy Program
\$41,128

United Way of Allegheny County

For support of the 2008 Summer Youth Philanthropy Program
\$46,432

University of Pittsburgh

For support of "Photovoice," a photography project that seeks to empower teen-aged girls
\$8,196

CIVIC DESIGN

Borough of Wilkinsburg

For support for the development of an Art Review Board
\$35,000

CEOs for Cities

For ongoing support
\$2,000

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

For support of the "Greening Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle" pilot project
\$45,000

Riverlife Task Force

For funding to support the Casino Design Advocacy project
\$205,688

Riverlife Task Force

To support the Casino Design Advocacy project
\$144,643

EDUCATION

3 Rivers Connect

For operating and program support
\$250,000

A+ Schools Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education

For program and operating support
\$225,000

A+ Schools Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education

To support a national scan of
best practices for effective school
reform in the Pittsburgh
Public Schools
\$13,000

Adagio Health Inc.

To support a regional conference
focused on promoting the
education, health, well-being,
and empowerment of girls
\$5,000

Allegheny Intermediate Unit

To support the Reading
Achievement Center
\$400,000

ASSET, Inc.

For support of a K–4 science
education initiative
\$150,000

Association of Black Foundation Executives

For support of recognition award
sponsored by the association
\$5,000

Bridgeway Capital, Inc.

For working capital fund
to develop and strengthen
alternative schools
\$500,000

Career Connections Charter School

For the implementation of
electronic career education
portfolios
\$55,000

Carnegie Institute

For support of programs that
engage students in problem
solving through math, science,
engineering and technology
\$225,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For a study of Pennsylvania
student achievement as a result
of teachers having met high
certification standards
\$100,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For the “Robot 250” Initiative
\$300,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For the Robotics Corridor Project
\$200,000

Chatham University

For support of the Pittsburgh
Teachers Institute, a professional
development initiative
\$50,000

Communications Network

For continued institutional
support of the network’s mission
to promote communication
practices in philanthropy
\$25,000

Consortium for Public Education

For program and operating
support
\$250,000

Consortium for Public Education

To support the 2008 Regional
Civics Fair for high school
students in southwestern
Pennsylvania
\$10,000

Coro Center for Civic Leadership

For specific project support
and seed funding within new
strategic plan
\$400,000

Council on Foundations

To support the council’s move
to new headquarters
\$20,000

EDSYS, Inc.

For leadership development
at City High Charter School
\$160,000

Extra Mile Education Foundation, Inc.

For program evaluation and
quality improvement
\$50,000

Foundation Center

For program and operating
support 2008–2009
\$15,000

FSG Social Impact Advisors

To support participation of
Pennsylvania foundations in
the FSG/Stanford University
evaluation conference
\$50,000

Fund for the Advancement of Minorities Through Education

For support of the scholarship
program
\$300,000

Grantmakers for Education

For program and operating support
\$10,000

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

For support of Pittsburgh’s
philanthropic community
to participate in national
Change Agent Project
\$50,000

Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania

For 2008 support
\$20,000

Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania

For funding to support the
2008 Nonprofit Summit
\$20,000

Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania

To support the Urban Study
Tour’s event in Pittsburgh
\$5,000

Imani Christian Academy

For implementation of a new
business plan
\$210,000

Imani Christian Academy

For support to fund a six-month
project with GSP Consulting
in order to pursue government
funding for Imani programs
\$21,000

The Looking Glass Institute

For continuation of a study of
Pittsburgh’s nonprofit organiza-
tional leadership and the
development of leadership
capacity
\$8,000

Manchester Academic Charter School

For support to increase student
access to learning through
technology
\$45,000

Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild

For evaluation of the Youth
Arts program
\$150,000

Negro Educational Emergency Drive

For support of the college
scholarship program
\$275,000

The Neighborhood Academy

For the campaign to construct
a new school building
\$500,000

Northside Urban Pathways

To support the tutoring program
with the Reading Clinic at
Duquesne University
\$45,000

Pennsylvania State University

For funding to support the
“Technology Integration in the
Classroom: Best Practices for
the Classroom Teacher” project
\$33,000

Phase 4 Learning Center, Inc.

To support an external assessment
of Phase 4’s operating capacity
\$50,000

The Pittsburgh Chess Club

For program support for the
2008–2009 school year
\$15,000

The Pittsburgh Foundation

To support The Pittsburgh
Promise
\$6,000,000

The Pittsburgh Foundation

To support the Fund for
Excellence
\$1,000,000

Pittsburgh Voyager

To support river-based
education programs
\$400,000

Propel Schools Foundation

To support a cultural arts
education program at two Propel
charter schools in partnership
with Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble
\$27,500

St. Paul's School

To create the Heinz Scholarship at St. Paul's

\$1,000,000

University of Pittsburgh

To provide sustained leadership training for school principals

\$200,000

University of Pittsburgh

For funding of an evaluation of education program initiatives

\$160,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support a year-round program for low-income students in related science and math

\$20,000

University of Pittsburgh

For funding of the development and testing of concepts to improve online literacy tutoring

\$200,000

University of Pittsburgh

For program and support of the Heinz Memorial Chapel

\$150,000

University of Pittsburgh

For program and operating support for the Institute of Politics

\$150,000

University of Pittsburgh

For funding of a demonstration project for the digital village computing initiative in University Prep high school

\$500,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support a forum for western Pennsylvania school superintendents

\$25,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support internships for English Department undergraduates

\$25,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support an international conference on the education of African and African American students

\$10,000

Urban League of Pittsburgh Charter School

For funding to expand academic rigor of Urban League Charter School's science, technology, engineering and math elementary curriculum

\$50,000

US Foundation for the Inspiration and Recognition of Science & Technology

For funding for Pittsburgh's participation in the US FIRST Robotics Competition

\$150,000

Wireless Neighborhoods

For support of an expanding network of community-based after-school programs

\$200,000

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP**Arcadia University**

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Bethany College

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Chatham University

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Duquesne University

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Temple University

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Thiel College

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh

For support and administration of the redesigned Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$100,000

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$5,000

Washington and Jefferson College

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$10,000

Waynesburg College

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$15,000

Wilberforce University

For the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$10,000

University of Pittsburgh

For program coordination of the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership

\$24,000

ENVIRONMENT**3 Rivers Wet Weather Inc.**

For funding to support the Consolidating Sewage Infrastructure Management project

\$250,000

Allegheny Land Trust

For support to promote and implement the ALT Greenprint

\$200,000

Bike Pittsburgh, Inc.

For funding to support expansion of bicycle infrastructure development and bicycle advocacy/promotion programs

\$90,000

Brookings Institution

For support of the Metropolitan Policy Program

\$150,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For support of the Remaking Cities Institute

\$2,000,000

Carnegie Mellon University

For continuing development of a Web site containing green chemistry and science curriculum materials

\$200,000

Center for Civic Participation

To support this year's Guyasuta Policy Fellowship Program

\$28,000

Center for Coalfield Justice

For support for grassroots assistance to communities affected by coal mining

\$150,000

Center for Victims of Violence and Crime

For initial support of the Enlightened Voices for Environmental Awareness project, targeting low-income women throughout the region, about environmental health

\$50,000

Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future
For annual operating support
\$747,000

Clean Air Task Force
To support continued assistance to the Campaign for Healthy Air in southwestern Pennsylvania
\$150,000

Clean Water Fund
For funds to support the Campaign for Healthy Air
\$150,000

Commonweal
For reprinting and distribution of Women's Health and the Environment Initiative toolkits
\$16,600

Commonweal
For support of the Women's Health and the Environment Initiative
\$100,000

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County
For funding to support The Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County
\$100,000

Conemaugh Valley Conservancy, Inc.
For implementation of a tourism infrastructure support plan for Benson-Holsopple and the Stonycreek Whitewater Park
\$75,000

Conservation Consultants, Inc.
For initial support for a new staff position, Director of New Business Development
\$90,000

Construction Junction, Inc.
For funding to support upgrades to the building and strategic capital equipment needs
\$300,000

Consultative Group on Biological Diversity
For affinity group dues
\$15,000

Earth Force, Inc.
For continued support of the Earth Force program in western Pennsylvania
\$175,000

East Liberty Development, Inc.
To support Phase I of the East Liberty neighborhood project to analyze the feasibility of using green infrastructure to significantly reduce the surface runoff from roofs, streets, parking lots and other impervious surfaces
\$50,000

East Liberty Development, Inc.
For funding to support Phase II of the Green Infrastructure Analysis and Implementation Program
\$240,000

Environmental Integrity Project
For funding to secure enforceable standards governing the mine-filling of coal combustion wastes
\$130,000

Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds
For 2009 annual operating support and funding of small watershed grants program for site-specific acid mine drainage remediation and for support of the Coal Cost Analysis Project
\$300,000

Friends of the Riverfront, Inc.
For support of water and riverfront trail development in southwestern Pennsylvania
\$100,000

Funders' Network For Smart Growth and Livable Communities
For affinity group dues
\$20,000

Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania
For supplemental support of the "Pittsburgh Region Re-Imagined" project
\$3,000

Green Building Alliance
For operating and program support
\$250,000

Group Against Smog & Pollution
For program support for the Campaign for Healthy Air
\$90,000

H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment
For communications, fundraising, and coastal hazard work
\$330,000

Health Care Without Harm
For funding to support the CleanMed 2008 Conference
\$50,000

Healthy Home Resources
For funding to support the efforts to prevent in-home environmental hazards facing families in Allegheny County
\$150,000

Land Trust Alliance
To support the National Land Conservation Conference, held in Pittsburgh in September 2008
\$25,000

Local Government Academy
For support to foster multi-municipal planning through education of the local officials and a mini-grants program
\$200,000

Magee-Womens Hospital
For continued support for the Environmental Education for Patients and Communities program
\$500,000

Magee-Womens Hospital
For funds to develop a UPMC system-wide two-year Environmental Health Patient and Community Education program
\$500,000

Mountain Watershed Association
For funds to restore and protect Indian Creek Watershed and program support
\$110,000

New Hazlett Center for the Performing Arts
To support the Pittsburgh CitiWiki: Civic Engagement project
\$5,000

Nine Mile Run Watershed Association Inc.
For operating support and project funding
\$150,000

OMG Center for Collaborative Learning
For support to identify and analyze promising state governmental reforms as the initial phase in an eventual project to design a targeted reform package and civic campaign for Pennsylvania state government
\$49,500

Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture
For operating support
\$200,000

Pennsylvania Conference for Women
To support the annual Governor's Conference for Women
\$20,000

Pennsylvania Environmental Council
For support of western Pennsylvania projects
\$225,000

Pennsylvania Low Income Housing Corporation
For continued support for the Pennsylvania Housing Alliance to advance state policy and programs to address property blight and abandonment and neighborhood revitalization
\$100,000

Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation
For funds to support a symposium in Pennsylvania for state natural resource management agency leaders
\$25,000

Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc.
For continued support of the Household Hazardous Waste and strategic planning program
\$95,000

Phipps Conservatory, Inc.
For a leadership grant to help underwrite the Pittsburgh's Living Building at Phipps project
\$2,500,000

Pinchot Institute for Conservation
To support completion of the certification pilot project on the Allegheny National Forest in western Pennsylvania and other national forest locations
\$48,000

Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corporation
For continued support of “The Allegheny Front” weekly environmental program
\$100,000

Pittsburgh Film-Makers, Inc.
To support the H₂O documentary series
\$50,000

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
For funds to help support the 2008 International Urban Parks Conference, held in Pittsburgh on September 21–23, 2008
\$50,000

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy
To support the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy’s 2008 Spring Hat Luncheon
\$25,000

Pittsburgh Voyager
To support river-based education programs
\$200,000

The Public Health Institute
For funds to support the “Good Jobs, Green Jobs: A National Green Jobs Conference”
\$50,000

The Public Health Institute
For support of the 2009 Good Jobs, Green Jobs conference and the production of a supporting journal issue on relevant policy issues
\$65,000

Rachel Carson Homestead Association
For funding for educational initiatives on harmful synthetic chemicals
\$100,000

Rainforest Alliance
For continued support for forest product market development
\$275,000

Regional Trail Corporation
For construction of the final element of the Great Allegheny Passage trail
\$250,000

Riverlife Task Force
To help support completion of the fountain and surrounding landscape at Point State Park
\$1,000,000

Saint Vincent College
For support of green building elements at the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media
\$136,500

South Side Local Development Company
For capital improvements for completion of Phase II of South Shore Riverfront Park
\$150,000

Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County
For support to fund the Convention Center Riverfront Park Project
\$1,000,000

Steelworkers Charitable and Educational Organization
To support the “Get the Lead Out” project, a lead-testing kit designed to educate consumers about environmental health risks associated with unregulated foreign imports
\$25,000

Student Conservation Association
To support the Southwestern Pennsylvania Trail Town Greening Project
\$100,000

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
For continued support for the Breast Health and the Environment Program
\$100,000

Sustainable Pittsburgh
To support the Outdoor Recreation Communications Campaign
\$100,000

Sustainable Pittsburgh
For 2009 annual operating support
\$200,000

U.S. Green Building Council
For 2008 affinity group dues
\$500

University of Pittsburgh
For continued support of the Center for Healthy Environments and Communities
\$200,000

University of Pittsburgh
To support the Mascaro Sustainability Initiative
\$100,000

University of Pittsburgh
For the Institute of Politics Heinz Archives Project—Project 88 and the Regional Water Resource Management Initiative
\$35,000

University of Pittsburgh
For the Imagine Greater Pittsburgh Regional Visioning Initiative
\$100,000

UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside
For funding to support the continued operations of the UPMC Environmental Initiatives program
\$250,000

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
To support a staff position to promote green and sustainable design and construction for Urban Redevelopment Authority programs and projects
\$50,000

Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh
For support of the Sustainable Design Coordinator position
\$85,000

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
To support project startup activities for the western Pennsylvania TreeVitalize program
\$43,550

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
To support the western Pennsylvania TreeVitalize program
\$206,450

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
For support of the School Yard Greening Program
\$2,150

INNOVATION ECONOMY

Allegheny Conference on Community Development
To support research on government structure and function
\$200,000

Carlow University
For final year of support for Nursing Skills Lab
\$175,000

Carnegie Mellon University
For a technology gap fund at the Center for Technology Transfer & Enterprise Creation
\$200,000

Carnegie Mellon University
To support the second year of a pilot project to attract new management talent, experienced advisors and potential investors for university spinoff companies in the region
\$200,000

Carnegie Mellon University
For support to develop low-cost water purification technology based on green chemistry research with TAML activators
\$300,000

Carnegie Mellon University
To support problem-oriented exploration teams to explore the commercial potential of computer science proof-of-concept projects
\$245,000

Christian Evangelistic Economic Development
For support to provide micro-enterprise assistance to African immigrants in southwestern Pennsylvania
\$95,000

City of Pittsburgh
To support an economic development project
\$250,000

Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation
To support the “Recruit, Refer and Retain” program
\$100,000

Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation
For workforce development initiatives in support of regional economic opportunity
\$335,000

Community College of Allegheny County Educational Foundation
For a conference of regional leaders on workforce development and regional economic opportunity
\$24,000

Community College of Beaver County Foundation
For implementation of Achieving the Dream
\$50,000

Community College of Philadelphia
For implementation of Achieving the Dream
\$50,000

Conservation Consultants, Inc.
To develop a business plan for an energy efficiency audit training and employment program
\$49,000

Consortium for Public Education
For support to strengthen links between educational institutions and technology-sector employers in southwestern Pennsylvania
\$130,000

Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation
For implementation of Achieving the Dream
\$50,000

Duquesne University
For operating support for the Career Literacy for African American Youth (CLAAAY) initiative
\$100,000

Grantmakers for Effective Organizations
For efforts to advance the organizational effectiveness of grant making
\$8,000

Green Building Alliance
For projects to stimulate growth of the green building products industry sector
\$250,000

Hill House Association
For community engagement and education focused on racial equity
\$150,000

Hill House Economic Development Corporation
For projects in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone to stimulate economic activity in the Hill District
\$352,000

Immigrant Center of the Greater Pittsburgh Region
To support regional collaboration on a global competitiveness initiative
\$165,000

Independent Sector
To support nonprofit accountability efforts of the Independent Sector
\$15,000

Innovation Works, Inc.
To assist in the launch of AlphaLab, a new software/Internet accelerator
\$200,000

Keystone Research Center
To provide partial support for a state workforce development program
\$20,000

Kingsley Association
For career preparation programs focused on engineering, technology and business
\$120,000

Landmarks Community Capital Corporation
For a small business loan fund focused on low-income communities
\$250,000

MDC
For support to provide data facilitator services to the seven PA Achieving the Dream community colleges
\$10,000

Mental Health Association of Allegheny County
To develop and implement a cooperative economics pilot project
\$100,000

Minority & Women Educational Labor Agency
To support a sheltered bond program and a contractor education program
\$300,000

Mon Valley Initiative
For support of a collaboration with the Manchester Citizens Corporation to link economic opportunity with community justice
\$50,000

Mon Valley Initiative
To support job placement and entrepreneurship training for prisoner reentry
\$300,000

Montgomery County Community College Foundation
For implementation of Achieving the Dream
\$50,000

National Academy of Sciences
For partial support of a study of regional economic development programs nationwide
\$150,000

North Side Civic Development Council, Inc.
For support of collaboration among riverfront communities to encourage development
\$150,000

North Side Civic Development Council, Inc.
For early-stage technology, product development support and evaluation of business incubation within the Riverside Center for Innovation
\$800,000

Northampton County Area Community College Foundation
For implementation of Achieving the Dream
\$50,000

Northside Community Development Fund
For support to create a centralized government contracting information resource for minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprises
\$112,500

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation, Inc.
To support the Workforce Solutions—Healthcare program
\$100,000

Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges
For statewide policy work for all 14 Pennsylvania community colleges within the Achieving the Dream program
\$75,000

Pennsylvania State University
For partial support for a new biofuels fermentation facility and industrial collaboration at the Institute for Energy and the Environment
\$150,000

Pennsylvania State University
To enable a regional engagement effort for the international 2008 Energy from Biomass and Waste Conference and Exposition
\$40,537

Pennsylvania State University
To develop a business plan to support the growth of the region's emerging renewable energy industry sector
\$20,000

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation
For a feasibility study to determine how best to create a business incubation program within the Pittsburgh Central Keystone Innovation Zone in Pittsburgh's historic Hill District
\$49,250

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation
To support an entertainment technology business accelerator initiative
\$285,000

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation
To support early-stage economic activity in the Hill District
\$250,000

Pittsburgh Gateways Corporation
To support a regional planning effort for a new collaborative center for green job creation and workforce development
\$50,000

Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

For stabilization of the New Granada Theater
\$255,000

Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation

To support the Historic Hill Initiative
\$150,000

Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development

For continued operating support
\$250,000

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

To support a workshop and engagement with regional organizations on prisoner reentry strategies
\$20,000

Sankofa Community Empowerment Inc.

For capacity-building within the Ujamaa Cooperative of women entrepreneurs
\$95,000

StartingGate

For support of Beaver County KIZ and technology commercialization
\$150,000

Steel Valley Authority

To support efforts toward responsible investment for urban revitalization, sustainable industries, energy and transit, and infrastructure projects
\$50,000

Three Rivers Area Labor Management Committee

To develop a plan for a new collaborative center focused on green-collar workforce development
\$50,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support the “Sustaining the Steel Technology Cluster” project at the Center for Industry Studies
\$22,412

University of Pittsburgh

To support the Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence at the Katz Graduate School of Business
\$200,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support the Mascaro Sustainability Initiative
\$125,000

University of Pittsburgh

For compilation of trend data on entry-level health care employment to inform workforce development programs
\$100,000

University of Pittsburgh

To enable the Drug Discovery Institute to validate high content screening reagents and cellular disease models with a focus on new therapies for “orphan” diseases
\$250,000

University of Pittsburgh

To launch a regulatory affairs initiative as part of the McGowan Institute Industry Magnet Program
\$250,000

University of Pittsburgh

To provide partial support for the establishment of the office of the National Board of Public Health Examiners in Pittsburgh
\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh

To support the event “Science 2008: On Our Watch”
\$10,000

University of Pittsburgh

To provide partial support for the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs to create a forum among Pittsburgh and its contiguous communities
\$15,000

University of Pittsburgh

For the Institute of Politics Pensions Subcommittee
\$40,000

University of Texas Foundation

To provide coaching services to the Pennsylvania Achieving the Dream community colleges
\$140,000

Western Pennsylvania Diversity Initiative

To support launch of new organization and multi-organizational collaboration
\$300,000

Westmoreland County Community College Educational Foundation

For implementation of Achieving the Dream

history

The foundation's work is grounded in the legacy established by the two endowments from which it was formed. Founded more than four decades apart, the Howard Heinz Endowment and the Vira I. Heinz Endowment were each the product of a family commitment to community that began with H. J. Heinz and continues to this day.



Howard Heinz 1877–1941

Howard Heinz, the son of Henry John and Sarah Young Heinz, was born near Sharpsburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, on Aug. 27, 1877. After graduating from Shady Side Academy and Yale University, he began working full time for the H. J. Heinz Co. in 1900, serving as advertising manager, sales manager, vice president and eventually president.

Long before creating the endowment that would lead to large-scale philanthropy, Mr. Heinz was actively engaged in personal charitable and civic improvement efforts. He took a special interest in programs that would better the lives of young people. As a young college graduate, he established Covode House, a clubhouse for boys, near the Heinz plant. He also served as an active director of Sarah Heinz House, a larger development club for boys and girls on Pittsburgh's North Side that continues to thrive. As president of one of the world's most recognized businesses, he was one of the founders of the Community Fund, one of the early efforts to create organized community-based philanthropy in the United States. He also was a director or fundraising chairman for dozens of national organizations and campaigns, including service as a trustee of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Despite frequently being tapped by governors and presidents to lead various projects, Mr. Heinz made time for city and regional concerns. All his professional life, he served on the boards of important community institutions. He was a director or trustee of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Mellon Bank, N.A.; National Industrial Conference Board; Pittsburgh Regional Planning Association; Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce; University of Pittsburgh; Carnegie Institute; Shady Side Academy; Western Pennsylvania Hospital; and the Pittsburgh Symphony Society. He also served as a ruling elder of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Heinz was a leader in the creation of Heinz Chapel on the University of Pittsburgh campus as a memorial to his parents. The church serves as a spiritual resource for university students but also is considered one of the country's architectural gems.

Mr. Heinz died on Feb. 9, 1941. He bequeathed his residual estate to the Howard Heinz Endowment for philanthropic purposes.

Vira I. Heinz 1888–1983

In a city known for its active and concerned civic leaders, Vira I. Heinz was among the foremost. She was born Vira M. Ingham in what is now Pittsburgh's Brighton Heights neighborhood. In 1932, she married Clifford S. Heinz, son of Henry J. Heinz, founder of the food processing company. Clifford Heinz died in 1935.

During the next five decades, Mrs. Heinz was actively engaged in the philanthropic and civic work for which she is now remembered. She did so much for so many that it would be impossible to list the full range of her activities. A few of the more prominent included serving as vice president of the World Council of Christian Education and becoming an active supporter of its work in Africa. She was a founder of the Civic Light Opera, president and principal benefactor of the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony, and on the boards of the Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society, Pittsburgh Opera and Pittsburgh Symphony Society.

Mrs. Heinz received the Chancellor's Medal from the University of Pittsburgh and honorary degrees from 11 colleges and universities. She was a trustee of Chatham College and the first woman trustee of Carnegie Mellon University. She served as a member of the board of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and was an honorary fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators. As a member of the H. J. Heinz Co. board of directors, she was the first woman board member of a multinational corporation headquartered in Pittsburgh.

In the spirit of generosity that characterized her life, Mrs. Heinz provided in her will for the establishment of a charitable foundation.

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Statement on Diversity

The Heinz Endowments values diversity in its many forms. We believe that the future of our community depends on its ability to attract and retain an increasingly diverse population. As a foundation working to advance the common good in this community and in our broader society, we have a responsibility to embrace a commitment to inclusiveness as a fundamental operating principle. Therefore, through our grant making and business activities, we seek to promote inclusive practices that broaden the range of perspectives, opinions and experiences available to our grantees, our partners and ourselves.

Consistent with this philosophy, the Endowments is an equal opportunity employer. Ability and performance are the primary criteria for success at the foundation. Candidates for employment are considered on the basis of job qualifications without regard to race, religion, color, gender, age, national origin, sexual orientation or disability. Promotions and advancement opportunities are also based on the employee's actual performance, not on any of the above characteristics. Specific responsibility for enforcing this policy has been assigned to the president of the foundation.