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**Information on
Pittsburgh Area Non-Profit Organizations
Providing
Grants, Scholarships, & Leadership Training**

2014 - 2015



Provides: Leadership Training; Grants

Mission Statement:

The Consortium is a nonprofit organization working with school districts across western Pennsylvania on initiatives strategically designed to strengthen and broaden school leadership, engage community and empower students. While concentrated in a seven-county area, our initiatives often spark collaborations in other Pennsylvania communities and inform policy discussions at the state level. We bring resources, improvements and community support to public schools and relentlessly advocate for excellence and equity in public education for all students. Our work is inspired and driven by an unshakable belief that public education is fundamental to a democratic society and that public schools are essential to our economic vitality.

Programs:

The Future Is Mine (TFIM)

The Future Is Mine (TFIM) is the most comprehensive career exploration and workforce development program serving southwestern Pennsylvania high school students. It supports teams of students from more than 30 high schools in project-focused learning experiences that help them explore careers and develop leadership ability. Through the projects, TFIM also encourages civic engagement. By focusing on career possibilities, TFIM members begin finding direction and seeing real-world relevance in their classroom learning. By working in teams to organize and complete projects, they cultivate soft skills demanded in 21st Century workplaces, from communications and collaboration, to creativity and critical thinking. Our annual TFIM Student Leadership Conference, featuring up to 16 workplace site visits, acquaints participants with southwestern Pennsylvania's employers and the many opportunities our region holds for post-secondary education and meaningful careers.

Great Idea Grants

The *Great Idea Grants* program enhances classroom instruction and supports student achievement by helping educators implement creative ideas to reinforce classroom lessons and deepen learning. Launched in 1987, the program has since awarded over \$1.5 million in grants to more than 2,200 projects. The awards have funded such hands on learning experiences as creating biomes, working in greenhouses, hatching brook trout, making guitars, operating small retail outlets, producing televised news programs and so much more. In addition to funding projects that make learning come alive, *Great Idea Grants* inspire great teaching, recommitting educators to the highest standards of their practice. Because our Regional Review Committee represents the districts we serve and because many of the projects we fund engage partners outside the classroom, *Great Idea Grants* also strengthen ties between schools and their communities.

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THE HEINZ ENDOWMENTS

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Provides: Youth Philanthropy

Mission Statement:

The Heinz 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 wherever necessary, including statewide and nationally, to fulfill our mission. That mission is to help our region thrive as a whole community, economically, ecologically, educationally and culturally, while advancing the state of knowledge and practice in the fields in which we work. Our fields of emphasis include philanthropy in general and the disciplines represented by our five grant-making programs: Arts & Culture; Children, Youth & Families; Community & Economic Development; Education; and Environment.

Programs:

Youth Philanthropy

The Summer Youth Philanthropy Internship Program allows The Heinz Endowments to incorporate a youth voice in its grant making by engaging young adults as grant and media makers. This year, the program included 52 interns working in 11 teams, each of which awarded \$25,000 in grants. Nine of the teams were in Pittsburgh while two were based in Johnstown, where they worked with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies.

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Provides: Learning Centers; Grants

Mission Statement:

The Mission of HCEF is to advance the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Allegheny County by:

- Providing educational programs and services
- Serving as a trusted advocate
- Sharing expertise
- Facilitating collaborative relationships that maximize the collective impact among community partners.

Programs:

Learning Centers and Resource Libraries

Take-home school work, for kids of all ages, requires educational resources (encyclopedias and dictionaries, for example) not readily available to those caught up in homelessness. These children and youths are further disadvantaged when homework assignments require access to a computer. Understanding that, HCEF early on began creating Learning Centers and then Resource Libraries within county homeless housing facilities to provide kids with access to the same educational tools at their current, if temporary, residence that their classmates enjoy in their homes. A Learning Center is equipped with computers, the latest in educational software, printers, a scanner, art supplies, a globe and a laminated world map, and appropriate furniture

Grants:

Mini-Grants and Field Trip Grants

The grants provide homeless housing providers with funds that may be spent on educational programs, projects, materials, and community excursions. These opportunities enable children, youth, and their parents to engage in active learning and explore the cultural and educational resources that exist within our region. An average of 700 children are impacted by HCEF Mini-Grants each year, and an average of 300 children and 200 parents participate in field trips. All donations to HCEF from private donors go directly toward Mini-Grants and Field Trip Grants. Additional field trip funded is matched by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

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J E F F E R S O N
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Provides: Leadership Training; Volunteer Recognition / Grants

Mission Statement:

We are the country's longest standing and most prestigious organization dedicated to activating and celebrating public service. Through our programs we train and empower individuals to serve and lead in their communities, amplifying their impact through our vast network of media partners, mentors and volunteers. Each year, we honor the most outstanding achievements in public service at the Jefferson Awards National Ceremonies.

Programs:

Students in Action

Launched in 2006 by the Jefferson Awards Foundation and Deloitte, Students in Action develops high school students into community leaders. Currently active in 325 high schools in 13 communities across the U.S., the program encourages students to positively impact their schools, communities and world. We leverage our network of Media Partners, corporations, universities, local governments and non-profits to reach and promote the work of SIA schools and student leaders.

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Provides: Leadership Training; Scholarships; Grants

Mission Statement:

The Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee (PAJC) seeks a pluralistic society wherein the rights and dignity of the Jewish people as well as all other religious, cultural, and racial groups are respected and secure. Towards this purpose, PAJC will promote knowledge, understanding, and dialogue among the many organizations that comprise our Pittsburgh community. PAJC will be a progressive, active voice. Its policies and opinions will be based upon Jewish religious and cultural values while being cognizant of the perspective of other affected groups. Its work will be founded in knowledge that dispels prejudice and gives light to truth.

Scholarship, Grant:

Caplan-Lieber Human Relations Award

Since 1956 the Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee (PAJC) has invited each high school in Allegheny County to nominate one junior or senior who has shown initiative and leadership in combating prejudice and fostering good relations between diverse groups in their school or community. A panel of distinguished judges reviews the nominations and selects one nominee to receive a \$1000 scholarship. All of the nominees and their faculty mentors are invited to an annual luncheon in their honor and receive a certificate at their school's awards assembly.

The scholarship winner's school will receive a \$500 grant to encourage continuation of diversity programs.

Leadership Training:

Bridging Faiths: Dialogue University

An initiative that provides high school students with the experiences, skills and resources necessary to live in a diverse world, deepen their own identities, and get past the stereotypes that come between them and those of other religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Provides high school students with the ability to conduct dialogue that will build bridges in a diverse world.

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Provides: Leadership Programs

Mission Statement:

Youth Engaged in Service (YES) provides youth between the ages of 5 and 21 with enriching service experiences and leadership development opportunities. By partnering with youth groups, educators, schools, community organizations, and our national office, YES provides the resources and expertise that inspire young people to become more aware of social issues and the tools and resources they need to respond and become part of the solution.

Programs:

goLEAD

A nationally recognized Leadership, Education, and Development program for middle and high school youth being implemented across the country by only a handful of certified trainers, is now being offered here in the Pittsburgh region. Youth participants grow as leaders through service while developing critical leadership skills and planning a capstone service project. Contact us to learn how to bring a goLEAD Institute to your school, community, or OST program. the wrong level of access, please contact our office.

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Provides: Scholarships

Mission Statement:

- Mitigate and reverse the population declines in the City of Pittsburgh and the enrollment declines in Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Grow the high school completion rates, college readiness, and post high school success of all students in Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Deploy a well-prepared and energized work force and an eager core of community volunteers

Scholarships:

The Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship

The Pittsburgh Promise scholarship is a big idea and a real commitment: if you live in the city and attend Pittsburgh Public schools from 9th grade on, up to a \$40,000 Promise scholarship will be waiting for you at graduation. The Promise is not like most scholarships. You don't have to be a straight-A student or a star athlete to be eligible for The Pittsburgh Promise. The Promise scholarship is not need-based. Your family's income does not factor into the decision. It is not a competitive process. If you meet the requirements, you receive the scholarship. Neither is it a limited process, as you and all of your siblings can receive it. If you can dream of a promising future and are willing to work hard to get there, the scholarship will be waiting for you.

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Provides: Leadership Training; Grants

Mission Statement:

Three Rivers Community Foundation (TRCF) promotes *Change, not charity*[™], by funding and encouraging activism among community-based organizations in underserved areas of Southwestern Pennsylvania. We support groups challenging attitudes, policies, or institutions as they work to promote social, economic, or racial justice.

Programs:

Teens 4 Change

Teens 4 Change (T4C) introduces you to the grant-making process and provides you with the opportunity to work in with a group of 15 students from different backgrounds. As a T4C board member, you have the chance to present multiple grants to local youth-run organizations.

T4C board members learn about, create, and conduct an entire grant cycle from start to finish and then share what they have learned as grant-makers and philanthropists with their communities.

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Provides: Workshops

Mission Statement:

A national award-winning school outreach program, the International Affairs Education Program continues to serve approximately 275 schools in Western Pennsylvania. The mission of the International Affairs Education Program is to promote, among secondary school students and teachers in the region, a global perspective for a global century; informed and independent thinking about world affairs; and critical understanding about important issues in an interdependent world as they affect the nation and this region.

Programs:

School Outreach

Each year, the Council provides more than 100 programs that reach 12,500 students and teachers, helping them acquire the tools to understand a world changing substantially faster than textbooks and other materials at their disposal. Programs encompass a variety of formats, including visits to schools by experts and policy practitioners, briefings on topical issues, after-school seminars, day-long workshops for teachers and students, and intensive week-long summer institutes.

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