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**The Heinz Endowments provides funding for ASSET Inc.**

**PITTSBURGH** – ASSET (Achieving Student Success through Excellence in Teaching) Inc. recently received a \$150,000 grant from The Heinz Endowments as part of its philanthropic funding program. Funding from The Heinz Endowments helps support ASSET’s K-8 science education program and Center for Teacher Professional Development which designs and delivers cutting-edge professional development aligned with standards-based curriculum materials to help teachers continuously improve teaching and learning.

“Since ASSET’s inception in 1994, The Heinz Endowments has been one of ASSET’s loyal and most generous partners. This long-standing partnership has been essential in enabling us to develop new professional development programs to help teachers continuously improve the instructional process,” said Dr. Reeny Davison, ASSET Inc.’s executive director. “Research supports the premise that when teachers are learning, students are learning.”

The Heinz Endowments supports efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center of learning and educational excellence, and a home to diversity and inclusion. Committed to helping its region thrive as a whole community—economically, ecologically, educationally and culturally—the foundation works within Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the nation to develop solutions to challenges that are national and even international in scope. One of the largest and most innovative independent philanthropic foundations in the country, the Endowments awarded more than \$84 million in grants in 2007.

ASSET Inc. is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to continuously improve teaching and learning through science education. ASSET currently serves more than 150 school districts, charter and private schools impacting 4,400 teachers and 180,000 students across Pennsylvania. Established in 1994 by Bayer Corporation and several community partners, ASSET also received substantial funding from the National Science Foundation. Today ASSET has achieved sustainability as a fee-for-service organization with ongoing support from several local and national foundations and corporate partners. Through a \$13.5MM appropriation in the FY 2007/08 state budget, the Pennsylvania Department of Education is partnering with ASSET Inc. to improve elementary science education statewide.

For more information on The Heinz Endowments, please visit [www.heinz.org](http://www.heinz.org).

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