The Impact & Opportunity of Our Nonprofit Sector

Did you know Texas Nonprofits...

- Support and contribute to every major industry in Texas
- Hold over $300 billion in assets
- The majority operate with a budget of less than $1 million
- Have a yearly growth rate of almost 10%, doubling the size of the sector this past decade
- Have diverse business models and rely on a mix of revenue sources
- Provide 1:8 jobs across the state

Texas is a better place to live and work due to the endeavors of nonprofits. Conversely, Texas nonprofits are young, structurally underdeveloped, and need all Texans’ support to ensure the continued viability and growth of nonprofits to be Built for Texas!

Economic Benefits Associated with Texas Nonprofits

- 106,764 nonprofits in Texas statewide
- 1.4 million permanent jobs (direct and indirect)
- $217 billion spent, rippling through local and regional economies
- $100 billion toward Texas’ GDP
- $4.89 billion public dollars leveraged with investments from donors

*Sector and Economic Data Sources: The Center for Nonprofits and Philanthropy at The Bush School at Texas A&M University, and the Perryman Group.*
Nonprofits Enhance the Lives of Texans

Nonprofit organizations in our communities are so prevalent they often go unnoticed. Yet, nonprofits surround and enhance our everyday lives. Beyond “charity” in the traditional sense, the sector is a true contributor to the state’s quality of life, our health, and our economy today and well into the future.

**Banking + Financial Services**
Credit Unions and asset building institutions

**Healthcare**
Hospitals, senior care, behavioral health, and the management of chronic conditions

**Agriculture + Ranching + Food**
Healthy nutrition, improving food security, and waste management

**Economic Development + Civil Society**
Chambers of Commerce, political parties, civic and social clubs, and leadership development

**Education/Government**
Educational institutions and foundations, out-of-school time, childcare, civic associations, parent-teacher organizations, booster clubs, youth development, and veteran support

**Energy + Transportation**
Utility Cooperatives, rural planning assistance, and medical transportation

**Natural Resources/Environment**
Land conservation, park protection, and environmental education

**Technology + Communications**
Research, STEM expansion, and telecommunications

**Construction + Manufacturing**
Homeowner associations, trade/skill development, apprenticeship programs, and affordable housing

**Philanthropy**
Foundations and volunteer associations

**Tourism + Recreation**
Convention and Visitors Bureaus, youth sports, arts and cultural institutions, hospitality, and historical societies

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**Call to Action for Elected Officials & Policymakers**

The Texas nonprofit sector plays a significant role in policy – from the identification of solutions to address community challenges to the implementation of policy in communities. We call on Texas elected officials and policymakers to:

1. **Use the data** in this report to better understand how the state relies on the nonprofit sector to implement many services and programs.
2. **Engage nonprofit leaders** in finding solutions to our state’s and your community’s challenges.
3. **Understand the role that nonprofits play in innovation** and encourage these efforts.
4. **Use your position of influence to support the nonprofit sector** as it works to build its capacity, so that it can continue to step up and respond to community needs.
5. **Engage nonprofits as civic leaders** on issues of importance to your voters.
6. **Consider the capacity of community nonprofits** when making public policy and budgetary decisions.

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