

# The Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector

# ADDS REAL VALUE

# For Albertans

## THE NUMBERS: \*

The Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector is bigger than most Albertans realize. The numbers are massive and have a HUGE IMPACT!

The Nonprofit/Voluntary Sector annually:

- Employs 176,000 Albertans in a vast array of 19,360 organizations
- Generates at least \$9.65 billion of activity in Alberta's economy
- Has 2.49 million Albertans volunteering 449 million volunteer hours of their time.

The Sector has many small organizations that collectively make a difference:

- 67% of the organizations have annual revenues of less than \$100,000
- Approx. 8,500 (44%) organizations have annual revenues of less than \$30,000.

Albertans are entrepreneurial and generous. The revenue sources for the sector:

- 49% from income earned from sources other than government
- 16% from gifts and donations
- 33% from government revenue
- 2% from other income sources.

The diversity of the Sector is reflected in the distribution of revenues within the Sector. Approximately 40% of the \$9.6 billion is invested in two sub-sectors:

- 23% Education and Research
- 17% Development and Housing.

Total government Funding allocated for the Sector equals \$3.17 billion. Of that total:

- 62.5% is allocated to Education and Research, Development and Housing
- 37.5% (\$1.19 billion) is allocated to the remaining 13 sub-sectors.

Clearly this large and diverse sector represents a powerful force in delivering services and championing human values that make Alberta the best place to live, work and visit.

\* STATISTICS CANADA - 2003  
\*\*STATISTICS CANADA - 2004

## THE EFFECTS:

When combined the nonprofit and voluntary organizations make a remarkable difference in the quality of life for Albertans. The Sector helps define the very essence of community through art, culture, sport, health care, social services, research, advocacy and a deep, genuine commitment to others and to the world at large.

Collectively the Sector takes on the impossible. It cleans up disaster sites, builds new facilities, and delivers new programs where none were thought possible. It reaches out to the vulnerable and marginalized, wherever they are. It creates new music, art forms and thought-provoking research and strives for national and international cooperation, by working in solidarity around the world. It specializes in health promotion and care, environmental action and activism, teaching and counseling, as well as nurturing and enhancing cultural identities.

There are thousands of Albertans in hundreds of organizations contributing through an endless list of social workers, researchers, artists, performers, coaches, clergy, medical professionals, communications specialists, accountants, administrators, and willing individuals who care. They are as diverse as the people for whom they work and serve. They are young, old, ethnic, aboriginal and speak many different languages. Together, the Sector adds value and makes Alberta a better place.

## THE ACTION\*\*

In 2004, more than 2 million Albertans over 15 years of age donated over \$1.02 billion for an average donation of \$500 per capita - the highest in Canada. In the same year, 1.227 million Albertans volunteered over 214 million hours - an average of 175 hours per volunteer. A total of 79% of Albertans volunteered in meetings and organizational activities with 52 % doing so more than once a month!

## THE DIFFERENCE:

Alberta would look different if the Sector wasn't there. Imagine Alberta without art, inspiring sport, social activism, health research and the vast array of social and community services. Who would provide safety for people in distress, support for families in need and new opportunities for Albertans seeking to embrace a new, productive lifestyle?

Think about the Sector as one of the legs of a three-legged stool. The Nonprofit/Voluntary sector adds support, balance and value to the private and public sectors. Collectively it brings millions of people in thousands of organizations engaged in tens of millions of acts of courage and compassion that, when added together, create conditions for change, new opportunities, and economic development.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

- 1,950 organizations
- 5,280 paid employees
- 166,500 volunteers
- \$500 million revenues

## SPORTS AND RECREATION

- 4,970 organizations
- 19,770 paid employees
- 532,080 volunteers
- \$940 million revenues

## EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

- 1,610 organizations
- 34,000 paid employees
- 122,010 volunteers
- \$2.181 billion revenues

## HEALTH (including Hospitals)

- 574 organizations
- 68,000 paid employees
- 96,160 volunteers
- Incomplete data

## SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1,798 organizations
- 24,900 paid employees
- 199,030 volunteers
- \$942 million revenues

## DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

- 922 organizations
- 3,690 paid employees
- 14,140 volunteers
- \$1.675 billion revenues

## GRANT MAKING AND VOLUNTEER PROMOTION

- 2,084 organizations
- 3,450 paid employees
- Incomplete data
- \$699 million revenues

## RELIGION - BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- 3,687 organizations
- 9,330 paid employees
- 292,340 volunteers
- \$625 million revenues