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To: BC Nonprofits, Community Organizations and Regional Networks

The BC nonprofit sector is a major contributor to our quality of life and the economic health of our province.

Here is some information to help you speak about the sector's impact in the community. Please share this information as you speak about the work of nonprofit organizations to candidates, elected officials, the media and the public. We encourage you to promote and work with BC nonprofits to help us build a better future for all British Columbians.



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The Nonprofit Sector in British Columbia

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20,000 nonprofit organizations are.

4 in 10 nonprofits employ staff

Broad range of programs: arts & culture, development & housing, education & research, environment, grant-making, health & social services, religion, sports & recreation and others

147,000 are employed in the BC nonprofit sector

People working for nonprofits represent **7%** of those employed in BC

81% provide services or products directly to BC residents

BC nonprofits have total annual revenues of **\$11 billion**

BC nonprofits identify **14 million** individual members (on average British Columbians are involved in **3** nonprofits)

Government is the source of about half of nonprofit revenues (**35%** provincial, **15%** federal)

1.5 million volunteers, of which **168,000** are board members

About **1/3** of nonprofit revenue is from earned income, **15%** from gifts and donations and **5%** from other sources

Source: National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations, 2003