

# The Nonprofit Sector in Oklahoma



## NUMBER OF OKLAHOMA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	16,953
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	11,960
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	958
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	4,035

\* CIVIC LEAGUES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Oklahoma Communities

### Deliver vital community services

- The Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma is made up of 14,000 girls and volunteers with programs dedicated to helping girls make good decisions, improve their self-esteem, appreciate diversity, and contribute to the community. Hands-on learning in areas such as STEM allow the girls to earn badges at out-of-school learning environments, such as the Science Museum Oklahoma.

### Give voice to the people they serve

- Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma has provided services including job training and case management to over 15,000 people so far this year. Relying on 19 retail stores and 35 donation centers, they are able to reinvest 85 cents of every dollar back into the community.

## Economic Impact of Oklahoma's Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **76,100 people**, 6.6% of the state's workforce
- Generates more than **\$14.8 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of nearly **\$47.2 billion**
- Oklahoma foundations annually give over **\$437 million**
- Oklahomans give **\$2.5 billion** to charity each year, representing **4.46 percent** of household income

### Contribute to vibrant communities

- The Kerr Foundation in Oklahoma City provides community support in the areas of education, health, human services, and arts and culture. In supporting quality health care for individuals who cannot afford it, the Foundation provided a grant to the Atchison Community Health Clinic to fund a safety-net dental clinic for underserved youth in the area.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- Located in Tulsa, the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and its 450 partner agencies provide food in 24 counties in eastern Oklahoma. Together, they provide more than 346,000 meals each week to people struggling with hunger. During 2015, they distributed more than 21.6 million pounds of food.

*Note: The “nonprofit sector” encompasses organizations that are defined as tax-exempt under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. This includes both public charities and private foundations [501(c)(3)] and other nonprofits such as civic league organizations [501(c)(4)]. Exceptions are noted when relevant.*

## Sources:

### **Employment Information**

Best estimate based on available data from the following sources:

*Number of nonprofit employees:* Holding the Fort: Nonprofit Employment During a Decade of Turmoil, Lester Salamon and S.Wojciech Sokolowski, Stephanie L. Geller, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #39, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2012

<http://ccss.jhu.edu/publications-findings?did=369> {Data is 2010, page 3}

### **Number of Nonprofits**

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, State Summary reports <http://www.nccs.urban.org/statistics/profiles.cfm> {Data are 2013}

### **Asset and Revenues**

Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, "Registered Nonprofit Organizations by State (BMF 12/2015)"

<http://nccsweb.urban.org/tablewiz/bmf.php> {Data are 2015}

### **Foundation Giving**

The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Grantmaking Foundations"

<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:OK/total/list/2013> {Data are 2013}

### **Individual Giving**

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

<https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives> {Data are 2012}.

### **Nonprofit examples:**

Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma: <http://www.gswestok.org/en/about-our-council/about-us.html>

The Kerr Foundation: <http://www.thekerrfoundation.org/health.php>

Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma: <http://okfoodbank.org/about-us/>

Goodwill: <http://www.okgoodwill.org/>

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