

# The Nonprofit Sector in TENNESSEE



## NUMBER OF TENNESSEE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	27,623
501(c)(3) PUBLIC CHARITIES (INCLUDES SOME RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS)	20,577
501(c)(3) PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FOUNDATIONS	1,034
OTHER 501(c) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS *	6,012

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

## Public Charities and Foundations Benefit Tennessee Communities

### Give hope to the people they serve

- The Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee is one of the largest food banks in the country. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, Second Harvest distributed more than 31 million pounds of food to more than 460 Partner Agencies, providing more than 28 million meals to hungry children, families, and seniors throughout our 46-county service area.

### Deliver vital community services

- Catholic Charities, Diocese of Nashville helps more than 11,000 people each year— ranging from feeding the hungry to refugee and immigration services.

### Contribute to life-saving treatments

- ALSAC is the fundraising organization for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Unlike most hospitals, St. Jude receives the majority of its funding from the public through donations so families never receive a bill. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since it opened more than 50 years ago.

### Advance solutions for challenges facing society

- The NASBA Center for the Public Trust (CPT) addresses the issue of ethics and ethical behavior in business, education, public policy and society, while promoting a positive perspective on activities within the business and accounting communities.

## Economic Impact of Tennessee Nonprofit Sector

- Employs **199,487** – 8.1% of the state's workforce
- Generates over **\$31.6 billion** in annual revenues
- Holds assets of almost **\$71.4 billion**
- Tennessee foundations annually give over **\$672.7 million**
- Tennesseans give almost **\$3.8 billion** to charity each year, representing **4.63 percent** of household income

*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:* The 2019 nonprofit employment report, Lester M. Salamon and Chelsea L. Newhouse, S. Wojciech Sokolowski, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #47, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2019 {Data is 2016, page 3}  
[http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report\\_FINAL\\_1.8.2019.pdf](http://ccss.jhu.edu/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2019/01/2019-NP-Employment-Report_FINAL_1.8.2019.pdf)

### **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" {Data are 2015}  
<http://data.foundationcenter.org/#/foundations/all/state:TN/total/list/2015>

### **Individual Giving**

How America Gives, 2014. The Chronicle of Philanthropy. {Data are 2012}.  
<https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search>

### **Nonprofit Examples:**

Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee: <https://www.secondharvestmidtn.org/learn/about-us/>  
ALSAC, Inc./St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital:  
[https://www.stjude.org/content/dam/en\\_US/shared/www/about-st-jude/financial-information/alsac-stjude-annual-report-2018.pdf](https://www.stjude.org/content/dam/en_US/shared/www/about-st-jude/financial-information/alsac-stjude-annual-report-2018.pdf)  
NASBA Center for the Public Trust: <https://thecpt.org/about-us/mission-goals/>  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Nashville: <https://cctenn.org/about/>

*As of October 2019*