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Maine Association of Nonprofits Releases Biennial Economic Impact Report

Portland, ME - Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), the largest membership organization in the state dedicated to working with Maine's nonprofits, recently released *Adding Up Impact: Maine Nonprofits at Work*, a biennial report illustrating the contributions of Maine nonprofits to the state economy and quality of life.

The *Adding Up Impact* highlights the following key findings:

- Nonprofits employ over 95,000 Maine citizens, making the nonprofit sector a more significant employer than any other industry in the state.
- Maine nonprofits contribute approximately \$11 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale purchases, and professional services contracts.
- Maine's nonprofit sector paid over \$4.3 billion in wages in 2015, or 17.5% of the state's total payroll. These wages translated in an estimated \$264 million of personal income tax revenue for Maine's state and local governments and over \$679 million in federal tax revenues.

The report also features return-on-investment case studies from six nonprofits across Maine. These stories bring to life the many ways nonprofits stimulate the economy, strengthen communities, foster civic engagement and weave a strong safety net for Maine's citizens.

"Nonprofits are critical partners with government and business in bolstering Maine's economic future," said Jennifer Hutchins, MANP Executive Director.

The report's release coincides with Maine Nonprofit Week, which includes a number of activities highlighting the impact of the nonprofit sector and the 14th annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on February 7th. This event highlights Maine's diverse nonprofit sector and its commitment to partnering with state government to ensure Maine's prosperity and quality of life.

The report was funded with support from the Maine Community Foundation, the Maine Health Access Foundation and the Unity Foundation. Find the report online on MANP's website: www.nonprofitmaine.org.

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*Founded 1994, MANP is Maine's most comprehensive resource for the tools, knowledge, and connections nonprofits need to be effective and well-run. With a growing statewide membership of more than 800 nonprofit and 140 for-profit organizations, MANP **advances** the public profile of Maine nonprofits by highlighting their vital contribution to the quality of life in our state, **connects** people, organizations and resources from all sectors to foster collaborative problem solving, and **strengthens** nonprofits by providing management training and leadership development programs, resources and services to help staff and board leaders enhance their community mission impact.*

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