2022 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine's nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 30, 2022. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Did you know?
Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy

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Candidate's Full Name *

Anne "Pinny" Beebe-Center
Office Running For: *

- Governor
- U.S. House
- State House
- State Senate
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Other: 

District *

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Campaign website:

https://pinny.mainecandidate.com/
Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

I have been working with nonprofits all of my professional life. When I worked at DECS I worked with many nonprofits as we were setting up the Information Exchange- allowing teachers and administrators to access resources that met student needs. At the MDOT I worked with nonprofits that trained and mentored women in non traditional jobs such as engineering technicians. I left state employ and became a community organizer. To that end I have continually partnered with non profits to solve community problems and meet community challenges. I was regional manager of Penquis CAP, founded the Knox County Homeless Coalition, Helped found KITS: Knox Interfaith Teens Safehavens. I have chaired many boards and been a member of many nonprofits such as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project, ACHIEVE, Knox County Community Health Coalition, Mid Coast District Public Health Council and Advisory Committee. My work has been to bring the people and organizations together that are needed to better the lives of our people. At present I am involved with the Maine Prisoner Reentry Network, the Knox County Recovery Collaborative and a number of community involved programs at the Maine State Prison.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

Number 1 is to continue to work with communities to become recovery (addiction) friendly and reentry (incarceration) ready. To eliminate "throw away" people by dealing directly with people's addiction, the reasons for it, and put in place support for the reentry and recovery to the community- skill building, family reunification, treatment, education, and eliminate stigma and shame. Number 2 is to expand access to physical, behavioral, and reproductive health resources, This will mean systemic changes and much organizing of non and for profit groups and organizations. When I was in the Maine House we purposefully expanded caucuses that were primarily for lobbyists to include more community leaders and more nonprofits. I would continue and increase that practice. Number 3 we must continue and frankly expand our understanding and our efforts to deal with climate change. It is affecting all aspects of our lives, our businesses, the health and wellbeing of our people. One start would be a publicly owned utility company!

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign.

The major ways would be to continue to include their representatives in public discussions, planning and strategic planning, and support their efforts to give testimony to pass bills. I would keep them informed and included in each of the steps needed to effect change: to create community ownership and involvement, capture and disseminate the major issues, build support for actions, and when necessary create legislation that supports their efforts.

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