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

Email *

Candidate's Full Name *

Crystal L Robinson
Office Running For: *

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

District *

District 44

Campaign website:

www.CrystalforMaine.com
Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

As a teacher, I have taught in private schools as well as public schools. I earned recertification credits in a local nonprofit language school as well as in our state university. I did volunteer work in our local language school as well plus I attended many of their events for personal and professional reasons. I took students on trips with our local Rotary Club. The Masonic Lodge has allowed me to teach free courses there.

As a business owner I joined multiple nonprofit organizations related to the construction industry and was an active member in our local chamber of commerce.

As a community member, I co-founded two major land trust projects in my town and donated to others. I also volunteered as an EMT on our town's ambulance for five years.

On a personal level, I have been attending church and donating to charities. My children and I both participated in things like scouts. I went to university thanks to scholarships.

Nonprofit organizations make up a large part of our society. This is just a short list of the things that I can think of off of the top of my head.

Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

Addressing the cost of living caused by government overreach, protecting the most vulnerable members of our society, and protecting the environment. See my website blog www.CrystalforMaine.com for more information.

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

Government cannot do everything. It wasn't created to be all things to all people; it was created primarily to protect our liberties and to provide a stable society. Personal responsibility is ingrained into our culture and into our Constitution. Private organizations and nonprofits are more efficient and more productive than government. They are grassroots organizations. As former President Kennedy said so well, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

I have been reaching out to people to learn about their concerns and their ideas for the last eight months as part of my campaign. Healthcare workers, teachers, and others have volunteered to partner with me in addressing the most pressing issues in our state. I fully believe that lawmakers should partner with the people not wield power over them. If elected, my goal is to hold monthly public meetings and to do everything in my power to make government as transparent and accessible to the people as possible.