

## FAST FACTS ABOUT THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

- The sector has over \$2 trillion in assets.<sup>i</sup> If it were a country, it would have the seventh largest economy in the world according to GDP data compiled by the World Bank<sup>ii</sup>.
- With 9.4 million employees and 4.7 million volunteers, the nonprofit workforce consists of more than 14 million people and 10.5% of America's workforce.<sup>iii</sup>
- The Nonprofit sector contributes almost \$322 billion in wages to the American economy.<sup>iv</sup>
- The Nonprofit workforce outnumbers the combined workforces of the utility, wholesale trade, and construction industries.<sup>v</sup>
- Nationally, the Nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$166.2 billion in economic activity every year—\$63.1 billion in spending by organizations and an additional \$103.1 billion in event-related spending by their audiences.<sup>vi</sup>
- Nonprofits work in *every* community: caring for returning soldiers, rebuilding cities, educating children, supporting the workforce, nursing the sick, supporting our elders, elevating the arts, mentoring our youth, protecting natural resources, and more.

<sup>i</sup> The Urban Institute's National Center for Charitable Statistics, Number of Public Charities in the United States, 2006; <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/profileDrillDown.php?state=US&rpt=PC>.

<sup>ii</sup> World Development Indicators Database, World Bank, July 1, 2007; <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/GDP.pdf>.

<sup>iii</sup> *Employment in America's Charities: A Profile*, by Lester Salamon, the John Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies (Dec. 2006) at page 3; <http://www.jhu.edu/ccss/research/pdf/Employment%20in%20Americas%20Charities.pdf>.

<sup>iv</sup> Id.

<sup>v</sup> Id.

<sup>vi</sup> *Arts & Economic Prosperity III: The Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences*, Americans for the Arts at page 5, [http://www.artsusa.org/information\\_resources/research\\_information/services/economic\\_impact/default.asp](http://www.artsusa.org/information_resources/research_information/services/economic_impact/default.asp).