The Nonprofit Sector in Tennessee

### Economic Impact of Tennessee Nonprofit Sector

- Employs 181,300 – 8.5% 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 $508.9 million
- Tennesseans give almost $3.8 billion to charity each year, representing 4.63 percent of household income

### 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 2015, Second Harvest distributed more than 29 million pounds of food to over 450 partner agencies, providing more than 24 million meals to hungry children, families, and seniors throughout its 46-county service area.

#### Deliver vital community services
- Catholic Charities of Tennessee helps more than 600,000 people in 38 counties through over 50 programs – 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. St. Jude cares for 7,800 children a year who face life-threatening childhood illnesses such as cancer. Its research and treatment programs have increased the survival rates for acute lymphoblastic leukemia from 4% before it opened in 1962 to 94% today.

#### Advance solutions for challenges facing society
- For more than 130 years, the YMCA of Middle Tennessee has been guided by its Christian mission to serve the greater Nashville area. With a focus on healthy living and youth development programs, the YMCA of Middle Tennessee serves more than 313,000 people in the community – more than a third of whom are children.

### NUMBER OF TENNESSEE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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<td>All Nonprofit Organizations</td>
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<td>501(c)(3) Public Charities (Includes Some Religious Organizations)</td>
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<td>501(c)(3) Private and Public Foundations</td>
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<td>Other 501(c) Nonprofit Organizations *</td>
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* CIVIC LEAGUES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, ETC.

Sources on reverse side
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:
Holding the Fort: Nonprofit Employment During a Decade of Turmoil, Lester Salamon and S. Wojciech Sokolowski, Stephanie L. Geller, Nonprofit Employment Bulletin #39, Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, 2012 (Data is 2010, page 3)
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**Number of Nonprofits**
Urban Institute, National Center for Charitable Statistics, State Summary reports
[http://www.nccs.urban.org/statistics/profiles.cfm](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](http://nccsweb.urban.org/tablewiz/bmf.php) (Data are 2015)

**Foundation Giving**
The Foundation Center, FC Stats: "Foundation Stats: Total Grantmaking Foundations" (Data are 2013)

**Individual Giving**
[https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search](https://philanthropy.com/interactives/how-america-gives#search)

**Nonprofit Examples:**
Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee: [http://secondharvestmidtn.org/learn/history/](http://secondharvestmidtn.org/learn/history/)
ALSAC, Inc./St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital: [https://www.stjude.org/about-st-jude/financials.html](https://www.stjude.org/about-st-jude/financials.html)
The YMCA of Middle Tennessee: [http://ymcamidtn.org/about/who-we-are](http://ymcamidtn.org/about/who-we-are)

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