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175,000 employed in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Territories' charitable and nonprofit sector

New data estimates sector in this region reports revenues of \$ 12.5 billion

Toronto, December 15, 2004. According to a groundbreaking new study, the charitable and nonprofit sector in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Territories is made up of 17,000 organizations that report \$12.5 billion in annual revenues and have a total paid staff of 175,000 (\$6.5 billion and 113,000 staff when hospitals, universities and colleges are excluded). The National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations* (NSNVO), conducted by the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy and a consortium of organizations in partnership with Statistics Canada also reveals that:

- A full 38% of paid staff are employed part-time
- Half (50%) of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Territories have no paid staff and are run solely by volunteers
- Organizations report that approximately 2 million volunteers from this region contribute 301 million hours of their time to these organizations – the equivalent of about 157,000 full-time jobs

The NSNVO indicates that religious organizations are the most common type of charitable and nonprofit organization in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and the Territories, accounting for 23% of all organizations, but that they account for only 5% of total revenues. Conversely, hospitals, universities and colleges represent 1% of all organizations, but account for 48% of total revenues.

"The \$12.5 billion dollars in revenue reported by this region's nonprofit and charitable organizations represents a significant amount of economic activity," says Georgina Steinsky-Schwartz, president and CEO of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy (CCP). "But we also know from the research that these organizations face significant obstacles in performing their important work in our communities."

Approximately half of Canada's charitable and nonprofit organizations report problems with planning for the future, recruiting and retaining volunteers and board members, and securing funding from foundations, corporations, governments, and individuals. Despite these difficulties, nonprofit and voluntary organizations touch virtually every aspect of our lives by providing important services within our neighbourhoods, cities, towns, and municipalities.

"One key finding from the NSNVO is how important nonprofit and voluntary organizations are in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and the Territories," said Sid Frankel of the University of Manitoba, a member of the NSNVO research consortium. "We have among the highest number of organizations per capita in the country."

The full report, titled *Cornerstones of Community: Highlights of the National Survey of Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations*, is available at www.nonprofitscan.ca.

The Canadian Centre for Philanthropy is a national, charitable organization that works to advance the role and interests of the charitable sector for the benefit of Canadian communities.

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