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Ontario's charitable and nonprofit sector employs 959,000 ***New data estimates \$48 billion in revenues, 7.8 million volunteers***

Toronto, December 15, 2004. According to a groundbreaking new study, Ontario's charitable and nonprofit sector is made up of 45,000 organizations that report more than \$48 billion in annual revenues and have 959,000 paid staff (\$29 billion and 597,000 paid 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 45% of paid staff are employed part-time
- The majority of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Ontario (53%) have no paid staff and are run solely by volunteers
- Organizations report that Ontario's 7.8 million volunteers contribute 791 million hours of their time to these organizations – the equivalent of about 412,000 full-time jobs

The NSNVO indicates that religious organizations are the most common type of charitable and nonprofit organization in Ontario, accounting for 23% of all organizations, but that they account for only 6% of total revenues. Conversely, hospitals, universities and colleges represent less than 1% of all organizations, but account for 38% of total revenues.

"The \$48 billion dollars in revenue reported by Ontario'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 challenges 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.

The NSNVO findings resonate among the research consortium partners. "The clear message from this survey is to strengthen the capacity of organizations that do so much good throughout Ontario's communities," said Katherine Scott, Vice President – Research at the Canadian Council on Social Development.

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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*The NSNVO was conducted by a consortium of organizations consisting of the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, l'Alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale à l'Université du Québec à Montréal, the Canada West Foundation, the Canadian Council on Social Development, the Capacity Development Network at the University of Victoria, the Community Services Council of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Voluntary and Non-profit Sector Organization of Manitoba, Queen's University School of Policy Studies, and Statistics Canada. Financial support was provided by the Government of Canada through the Voluntary Sector Initiative.