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555 million hours volunteered in Quebec

New data estimates province's charitable and nonprofit sector has \$25 billion in revenues, 4.4 million volunteers, 470,000 employees.

Toronto, December 15, 2004. According to a groundbreaking new study, Quebec's charitable and nonprofit sector is made up of 46,000 organizations that report more than \$25 billion in annual revenues and have a paid staff of 470,000 (\$17 billion and 324,000 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 46% of paid staff are employed part-time
- The majority of nonprofit and voluntary organizations in Quebec (54%) have no paid staff and are run solely by volunteers
- Organizations report that Quebec's 4.4 million volunteers contribute 555 million hours of their time to these organizations – the equivalent of about 289,000 full-time jobs

The NSNVO indicates that sports and recreation organizations are the most common type of charitable and nonprofit organization in Quebec, accounting for 26% of all organizations, but that they account for only 5% of total revenues. Conversely, hospitals, universities and colleges represent less than 1% of all organizations, but account for 32% of total revenues.

"The \$25 billion dollars in revenue reported by Quebec'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.

"These important organizations are present in every aspect of society, and reflect the dynamic quality of civil society in Québec. These organizations are the expression of true citizen engagement," says Louis Jolin, professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal and researcher in l'Alliances de Recherche Universités-Communautés - Économie Sociale, a partner in the research consortium.

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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