Statistics About Nonprofits

- **Tax-Exempt Organizations Registered with the IRS, 2011**
  In 2011, over 1.6 million tax-exempt organizations of all kinds registered with the IRS. Among those included in this category are the following:
  - **Arts, culture, and humanities**, such as museums, symphonies and orchestras, and community theatres;
  - **Education and research**, such as private colleges and universities, independent elementary and secondary schools, and noncommercial research institutions;
  - **Environmental and animals**, such as zoos, bird sanctuaries, wildlife organizations, and land protection groups;
  - **Health services**, such as hospitals, public clinics, and nursing facilities;
  - **Human services**, such as housing and shelter, organizers of sport and recreation programs, and youth programs;
  - **International and foreign affairs**, such as overseas relief and development assistance;
  - **Public and societal benefit**, such as private and community foundations, civil rights organizations, civic, social, and fraternal organizations;
  - **Religion**, such as houses of worship and their related auxiliary services
  - **Mutual/Membership Benefit**, such as professional societies and associations, fraternal societies, and pension and retirement funds

- There are about 1.1 million nonprofit organizations providing 5.5 percent of the nation's GDP.
- The nonprofit world employs 13.7 million full-time and part-time workers, about 10 percent of the workforce.
- 64.5 million Americans gave 7.9 billion hours of volunteer service worth $175 billion in 2012.
- One in four Americans volunteer

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