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Maine Association of Nonprofits Releases Impact Report as Nonprofit Week Begins

Portland, ME (January 26, 2015) – The Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP), the largest membership organization in the state serving Maine’s nonprofit sector, recently released *Adding Up Impact: Maine Nonprofits at Work*, a biennial report that illustrates the essential contributions of Maine’s nonprofits to our State’s economy and quality of life.

The *Adding Up Impact* highlights the following key findings:

- Nonprofits employ over 84,000 Maine citizens, making the nonprofit sector a more significant employer than any other industry in the state.
- Maine nonprofits contribute approximately \$10 billion per year to the economy through wages paid, retail and wholesale purchases, and professional services contracts. This contribution is equivalent to 18.9% of Maine’s gross domestic product, which is greater than that of the manufacturing and construction industries combined.
- Maine nonprofits paid over \$3.6 billion in wages, which translates into an estimated \$206 million of personal income tax revenue for Maine’s state and local governments and over \$411 million in federal tax revenues.

The report also features return on investment case studies from eight nonprofits across Maine. These stories bring to life the many ways nonprofits stimulate the economy, strengthen communities, foster civic engagement and weave a strong safety net for Maine’s citizens.

“This report should serve as a key resource for government and business leaders, as well as the general public, to better understand the critical role nonprofits play in economic development,” said Scott Schnapp, MANP’s Executive Director. “The Governor’s recent budget proposal to impose additional tax burdens on nonprofits illustrates the need for data to highlight the significant economic and social impact the nonprofit sector has throughout the state.”

The report’s release coincides with MANP’s Nonprofit Week, which include a number of activities highlighting the impact of the nonprofit sector and the 12th annual Nonprofit Day at the State House on January 29th. This event highlights Maine’s diverse nonprofit sector and its commitment to partnering with state government to ensure Maine’s prosperity and quality of life.

For more information on the *Adding Up Impact* Report, please visit www.NonprofitMaine.org/AddingUpImpact.

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Since 1994, MANP has grown to become Maine’s comprehensive resource for the tools, knowledge, and connections nonprofits need to be effective and well-run. With a growing statewide membership of 800 nonprofit and 150 for-profit organizations, MANP advances the public profile of Maine nonprofits by highlighting their vital contribution to the quality of life in our state, connects people, organizations and resources from all sectors to foster collaborative problem solving, and strengthens nonprofits by providing management training and leadership development programs, resources and services to help staff and board leaders enhance their community mission impact.

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