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**NONPROFITS ARE UNABLE TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS**

***New research illustrates the accomplishments and challenges of the charitable sector***

BOISE, IDAHO – Idaho’s nonprofit organizations are responsible for employing more individuals than the agriculture industry and funneling almost $5 billion into the state economy, according to a new report published last month by the Idaho Nonprofit Center (INC).

The report dives into the critical role of nonprofits in the state and reveals many unique obstacles facing these organizations.

“Idaho runs on nonprofits,” says Kevin Bailey, CEO. “You cannot walk more than a block without encountering the impact of an organization.”

Although the report reveals a gap: half of these nonprofit organizations have neither the resources nor the support needed to meet their community’s needs.

 “Nonprofits are lacking everything from legislative attention to unrestricted funds,” Bailey continues.

The data shows that the smaller the organization’s revenue, the more likely they are to rely on volunteer labor to administer their programs and services. Yet they are the least likely to have the knowledge or time to recruit and manage volunteers.

“We must help nonprofits maximize their ability to operate in the marketplace and [continue to employ more than 67,000 Idahoans]. This includes further attention to access capital for program expansion, workforce recruitment and development, and securing a talent pipeline,” concludes Bailey.

To read the full report, visit idahononprofits.org.

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The Idaho Nonprofit Center represents the interests of our state’s 9,000+ registered nonprofit organizations and serves as a broker of information and a bridge between the nonprofit, for-profit, and government sectors.

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