

# Online Resources for Nonprofits

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**Note: An asterisk (\*) next to an entry indicates the organization has offices located in the Greater Richmond, Virginia area.**

## **Alliance for Justice**

<http://www.afj.org/>

Works to strengthen the voice of the nonprofit sector in important public policy debates by giving tax-exempt organizations a better understanding of the laws that govern their participation in the policy process.

## **Alliance for Nonprofit Management**

<http://www.allianceonline.org>

Professional association of individuals and organizations devoted to improving the management and governance capacity of nonprofits. They improve nonprofits' management and governance capacity by increasing the effectiveness of individuals and organizations that help nonprofits build their power and impact.

## **Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action**

<http://www.arnova.org>

ARNOVA brings together both theoretical and applied interests, helping scholars gain insight into the day-to-day concerns of third-sector organizations, while providing nonprofit professionals with research they can use to improve the quality of life for citizens and communities. Principal activities include an annual conference, publications, electronic discussions and special interest groups.

## **BBB Wise Giving Alliance**

<http://www.give.org>

Offers guidance to donors on making informed giving decisions and advances high standards of conduct for charitable organizations through charity evaluations. In March 2003, the Alliance issued new charity accountability standards, as well as guidelines for implementing those standards.

## **BoardSource**

<http://www.boardsource.org>

Resource for practical information, tools and best practices, training, and leadership development for board members of nonprofit organizations. Helpful items include their consulting practice, publications, and membership program.

## **Business Registration Guide**

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/clk/begin.aspx>

Guide designed for new businesses seeking to register in Virginia developed by the State Corporation Commission, Virginia Employment Commission and the Department of Taxation.

### **\*Data Share Metro Richmond**

<http://www.datashare.org/>

A resource for local data at the neighborhood level for the Richmond, Virginia metropolitan region. The purpose of this resource is to provide data to community residents and organizations for use in planning, allocating resources, and grant writing.

### **\*Greater Richmond Bar Foundation Pro Bono Clearinghouse**

<http://www.grbf.org>

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation Pro Bono Clearinghouse (PBC) helps bring together local nonprofits with the Richmond metropolitan area legal community. Nonprofits tell the PBC what legal issue(s) they have, and the PBC connects them with a Richmond attorney that can help on a pro bono basis.

### **\*Greater Richmond Small Business Development Center**

<http://www.grsbdc.com>

GRSBDC provides assistance and training to help small business owners and potential owners make sound decisions for the successful operation of their business. The mission of the GRSBDC is to improve the economic opportunities in the Greater Richmond Area by providing in-depth quality counseling, education, and information services to the small business community in partnership with local, regional and national resources.

### **Guidestar**

<http://www.guidestar.org/>

National database of charitable organizations used by donors and grantors to research nonprofit organizations before they give money. Subscription services include salary searches, compensation reports, and grant searches.

### **Independent Sector**

<http://www.independentsector.org/>

Coalition of 575 leading nonprofits, foundations and corporations strengthening not-for-profit initiative, philanthropy, and citizen action. Provides various programs and activities to help nonprofits flourish.

### **\*Institute on Philanthropy**

**(University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies)**

<http://spcs.richmond.edu/centers-institutes/philanthropy/>

The Institute on Philanthropy strives to strengthen the community and inspire charitable giving by educating professionals, volunteers and donors about the practices and purposes of nonprofit fundraising and development. The Institute offers certificate programs in fundraising and development and nonprofit marketing.

### **Internal Revenue Service**

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>

Features current issues facing the IRS and nonprofits. The IRS also provides a searchable database of forms and publications on its website.

### **National Center for Charitable Statistics**

<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/FAQ/index.php?category=31%20>

The National Center for Charitable Statistics is the national clearinghouse of data on the nonprofit sector in the United States. NCCS is a program of the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy (CNP) at the Urban Institute.

### **National Center for Nonprofit Enterprise**

<http://www.nationalcne.org/>

The National Center on Nonprofit Enterprise (NCNE) helps nonprofit organizations make wise economic decisions to efficiently and effectively pursue their social missions.

### **National Council of Nonprofit Organizations**

<http://www.ncna.org/>

The National Council of Nonprofit Associations (NCNA) is the network of state and regional nonprofit associations serving over 20,000 members in 41 states and the District of Columbia. NCNA links local organizations to a national audience through state associations and helps small and midsize nonprofits. This is a great source for finding nonprofit networks in a given state.

### **\*Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence**

<http://pnerichmond.org/>

The Partnership for Nonprofit Excellence is an affiliation of four programs that provide nonprofits in Central Virginia with the tools they need to improve their effectiveness and efficiency for greater impact.

The programs provide a comprehensive support system so nonprofits can collaborate successfully, employ best practices, and gain access to a wealth of volunteers. By opening the door to such resources as project management expertise, communications tools, and ongoing professional development, the Partnership helps nonprofits achieve their mission.

**Nonprofit Learning Point (NLP)**, <http://www.nonprofitlearningpoint.org>, offers affordable classes, coaching, and programs for professional and leadership development for the nonprofit community. From how-to tactics to strategy and evaluation, NLP offers more than 70 courses each year to help nonprofit professionals grow and work more effectively.

**HandsOn Greater Richmond**, <http://www.handsonrva.org>, matches people and their interests to meaningful volunteer opportunities that create positive change in Central Virginia. Whether you want to help for an hour or your group wants to engage for the day or the long-term, our innovative approach leverages individual and corporate time and talent to solve community challenges.

**ConnectVA**, <http://www.connectva.org>, is a one-stop communication network linking individuals with the ideas, information, and resources that help the nonprofit community stay informed and work together.

**Organizational Solutions**, <http://www.organizationalolutions.org/>, helps nonprofit leaders, boards and staff develop and cultivate these qualities by providing in-depth, affordable organizational development services.

**\*Starting a Nonprofit**

[http://law.richmond.edu/faculty/PDF/HowToFormANonprofit\\_1st\\_ed.pdf](http://law.richmond.edu/faculty/PDF/HowToFormANonprofit_1st_ed.pdf)

A how-to manual for starting a nonprofit in Virginia, including sample articles of incorporation and by-laws. Authored by students from the Spring 2005 Law of Nonprofit Organizations class at the University of Richmond School of Law. This is not a substitute for legal advice, but is a great launching point for anyone that needs to know the legal requirements for starting a nonprofit in Virginia.

**Tech Soup**

[www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org)

Offers nonprofits free technology information, resources, and support. Nonprofits can access donated and discounted technology products, generously provided by corporate and nonprofit technology partners. Start here for all nonprofit IT issues.

**Nonprofit FAQ**

The Nonprofit FAQ, (Frequently Asked Questions), formerly on the Idealist.org website, is a longstanding compendium of information for and about nonprofit organizations. It is now a project of the National Center for Charitable Statistics at The Urban Institute in Washington, DC and can be accessed in its original form at

<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/nonprofitfaq.php>

**\*Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
(Registration for Charitable Solicitation)**

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/food-charitable-solicitation.shtml>

Includes registration forms for charitable organizations that solicit donations and other required forms, as well as information on state law governing charitable organizations. Also includes a charitable organization registration package and a searchable database of charitable organizations authorized to solicit donations in Virginia.

**\*Virginia Department of Taxation**

<https://www.npo.tax.virginia.gov/>

Provides information on how Virginia treats nonprofits for tax purposes and required registration forms. Includes criteria and filing requirements for the Sales and Use Tax exemption and an online application for the exemption.

**\*Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants (VSCPA) Nonprofit Resource Center**

[http://www.vscpa.com/Visitors/Nonprofit\\_Resources/](http://www.vscpa.com/Visitors/Nonprofit_Resources/)

VSCPA offers a series of free online resource guides to assist nonprofit organizations with financial management issues as well as other resources, including programs to connect volunteer CPAs with organizations or companies as a pro bono community service.

**\*Virginia State Bar Lawyer Referral Service**

<http://www.vsb.org/site/public/lawyer-referral-service/>

Provides for up to a one-half hour consultation with an attorney for a \$35 fee.

**\*Virginia State Corporation Commission, Office of the Clerk (SCC)**

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/clk/begin.aspx>

Contains information on how to file articles of incorporation with the State Corporation Commission (SCC), a requirement for all Virginia nonprofit and for-profit entities that want to incorporate. The SCC Business Registration Guide, linked from this site, is especially useful.

**Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts**

<http://www.thewala.org>

Supports artistic expression and creative innovation by serving the legal needs of Washington, Maryland and Virginia's arts and cultural communities. WALA provides education, advocacy, and volunteer legal services through workshops and seminars, legal clinics for artists and arts organizations, and pro-bono referral services.