

## Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits

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### **Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits Achieves Recognition as a Statewide Nonprofit Association**

*New Alliance Also Secures Tax-Exempt Status from the IRS*

(July 28, 2005 Phoenix, Arizona) – On July 13 in Chicago, the board of directors of the National Council of Nonprofit Associations (NCNA) approved the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits (Alliance) for membership as an association of nonprofits for the state of Arizona.

The Alliance joins a network of 37 established and 15 emerging state and regional associations of nonprofits serving more than 22,000 small and mid-sized nonprofit organization members.

This action will enable the Alliance to have a voice in national policy-making, access special expertise and tools to better serve nonprofits in Arizona, share information with other nonprofit leaders from across the nation, and pass along cost-savings opportunities to its members.

“This exciting action by NCNA reinforces the saying that good things happen in threes,” said Angela Melczer, Chairperson of the Alliance’s Board and Deputy Director of Girl Scouts/Arizona Cactus-Pine Council. “First came the Alliance’s recent hiring of Alison Rapping and Patrick McWhortor to be the new co-leaders starting this fall. Then last week the IRS granted the Alliance its official tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit,” noted Melczer. “Now this great news from NCNA shows that all of the quiet, behind-the-scenes work of building a strong base for the Alliance is producing important results. Collectively, these three developments put the Alliance in a great position to help nonprofits across Arizona.”

“NCNA is delighted to welcome the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits into our national network,” said Audrey Alvarado, Executive Director of NCNA. “The NCNA board is confident the Alliance will be a strong, sustainable organization that further strengthens the voice and visibility of nonprofits across Arizona.”

The Alliance enjoys strong support through nonprofit capacity-building initiatives of the Arizona Community Foundation and the Arizona State University Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management. In addition to providing leadership expertise to the Alliance, each organization has agreed to provide three years of seed funding to the Alliance.

*The National Council of Nonprofit Associations (NCNA) is a network of 37 established and 15 emerging state and regional associations of nonprofits serving over 22,000 member nonprofits. NCNA links local organizations to a national audience through state associations and helps small and mid-sized nonprofits: manage and lead more effectively; collaborate and exchange solutions; save money through group buying opportunities; engage in critical policy issues affecting the sector; and achieve greater impact in their communities.*

*The Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits (Alliance) is a new statewide nonprofit membership association of, by and for Arizona's nonprofits with a mission to enhance the well-being of the people and communities in the state by serving, supporting, protecting and promoting Arizona's nonprofit sector.*

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