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Whatcom Community Funder's Alliance Sponsors Survey of Whatcom County Non-Profits to Assess Impact of Economic Downturn

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In today's difficult economic times, thousands of families in Whatcom County are struggling with job losses, dwindling savings, and foreclosures or evictions. At the same time, many local nonprofit organizations in the community are experiencing a number of growing and changing pressures on their services as well.

In order to assess the economic impact on the nonprofit sector, the Whatcom Funders Alliance, a local coalition of public and private funding partners, has organized a survey.

According to Mauri Ingram, President and CEO of the Whatcom Community Foundation *"This survey will help us better understand how the current economic challenges have affected nonprofit organizations. We anticipate that it will help us to develop strategies for private and public funders to support agencies in weathering the storm and prospering during and after this time of change."*

Sue Sharpe, CEO of the St. Luke's Foundation added, *"This is exactly the right time for thoughtful and strategic planning at the local level."*

All non-profit organizations in Whatcom County are invited to take the survey which is available from June 25th -July 16th. Results of the survey will be shared with the community along with local, regional and national funders.

http://survey.arnorthwest.com/whatcom_nonprofits/

For more information about the survey call or email the Whatcom Community Foundation, visit: www.whatcomcf.org.