



# A Community Conversation

**Responding to the economics situation  
and its impact on the nonprofit sector  
in London and area?**



- Pillar Nonprofit Network started in 2001
- Voice for the nonprofit sector in London and area
- Over 165 nonprofit member organizations
- “Chamber of Charities”



Pillar Nonprofit Network supports nonprofit organizations in fulfilling their missions in our community.

We provide leadership, advocacy and support to the nonprofit sector through the promotion of volunteerism, professional development, networking, and information.

- How will the economic downturn affect your clients/participants and the demand for your services?

- What is the size of the impact in financial terms?



- What areas of your organization are most vulnerable?

- How is your organization planning to respond in the short term (1-2 months) and longer term (3-9 months or more)?

- What can be done to support services and infrastructure (i.e., organizational capacities, collaborative networks, etc.)?



- What suggestions can be tabled to mitigate any negative impact on our organizations and on our community?

## Closing Remarks

- Look to long term strategy
- Continue to share your story
- Continue to share your case for support to clearly articulate your financial needs
- Collaboration and shared services are more vital than ever
- Volunteerism actually increases during tough economic times
- Review their spending because important to be accountable at any time in the economic cycle
- Innovation and creativity are essential in looking for new solutions

- Continue to share information within sector
- Continue Community Conversations
- Bring education opportunities and small grants related to social enterprise
- Pillar and United Way have set regular meetings to monitor our key messages, work and partnerships
- Community Collaboration Review
- Continue to be a voice with media
- Managing stress through difficult times workshop
- Liaison with others who are monitoring the situation