Nonprofit Employment: Careers Dedicated to Service

Nonprofit Employment: What is it? Is it for you?
Careers in the nonprofit sector work toward a specific goal or cause and provide a public service to the community or even to the world. Nonprofit workers advocate for their organization’s cause, which can range anywhere from providing relief to areas affected by natural disasters, to finding a cure for cancer, to saving endangered species in the rainforest. If you are a versatile self-starter and passionate about promoting a particular cause or contributing to the welfare of others, then a career in the nonprofit sector is for you. Careers in this field can make you rich in personal satisfaction and reward.

Preparing to Work for a Nonprofit
If you are a college student aiming to work in the nonprofit sector, there are several things you can do now to ensure you obtain employment upon graduation. Start volunteering at a local nonprofit organization to get your foot in the door, and then ask about possible internship positions. Gaining experience in the nonprofit sector is the best thing you can do because recruiters seek those who have a background in a specific area of nonprofit work and are effective team players.

Sites to Use to Begin Your Job Search in Nonprofits:

- **http://www.sandan.org/work**
  SANDAN is the San Diego Association of Nonprofits. If you wish to stay in San Diego, begin your job search here to find one that suits you best!

- **http://www.npworks.org/**
  San Diego NPWorks is another job search site that gathers information on nonprofit employment opportunities in San Diego.

- **http://www.idealist.org/**
  Use this job search site to pinpoint exactly what you are looking for (job, volunteer opportunities, internships, organizations) in any location.


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