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The Nonprofit Chamber of Service brings together leaders of nonprofit organizations interested in enhancing the quality of community services. Our mission is to provide a strong collective voice for nonprofits, to communicate with funders and government officials, to share resources and education to help build internal capacity, and to influence the public policy environment to build community capacity.

Over the past four years leaders in Sedgwick County have been committed to serving the community and improving its health and safety through the capacity building of local nonprofits that provide public services. To date, the establishment of the Nonprofit Chamber of Service has improved relations between over **200 local nonprofits and funders**, has built the capacity of local nonprofits to work, learn, and plan together, and has facilitated the development of best practices for nonprofits as they serve local citizens.

By building the capacity of nonprofits that provide public services, not only are nonprofit directors, board members, and staff more knowledgeable about contemporary nonprofit practices, but more importantly their constituents are better served. Rather than focusing on the monitoring and strict oversight of nonprofits, this initiative has highlighted “best practices” of nonprofits, created opportunities for nonprofits to collaborate through mutual understanding and respect for one another. In fact, prior to the start of the initiative there were several highly publicized cases of nonprofits. Since the start of the initiative there has been none.

More specifically, the Nonprofit Chamber of Service is dedicated to building the capacity of the nonprofit sector in Sedgwick County. It is dedicated to bringing together leaders of nonprofit organizations interested in enhancing the quality of community services. This is accomplished by:

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- o Influencing the public policy environment to build community capacity