

# STAND FOR PENNSYLVANIANS

## PASS A BUDGET FOR ALL PENNSYLVANIANS NOW

### OVERALL RESULTS

On November 23, 2015, **140** organizations and school districts located in 32 counties collectively providing services to Pennsylvania's 67 counties participated in the one-day *Stand for Pennsylvanians Day*. Participating organizations sent out press releases, Facebook posts and tweets throughout the day. With

#### Facebook

- Page likes – **396**
- Posts - **178**
- Engaged - **669**
- Facebook Posts with Hashtag – **76**
- Reach – **8,518**

#### Twitter

- Tweets – **131**
- Retweets - **116**
- Tweets total – **247**
- Reach – **161,041**

#### STORY:

##### South Central Community Action Program

The South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) collected more than **200** letters from staff and clients. This number does not include the emails that were sent by volunteers and others. I received three letters from outside entities. I made 14 copies and bundled all of those up and took them to the capital to deliver to state officials who had not already left their offices for the day.

#### Press Conference in the Capitol Rotunda

In addition, 12 media outlets responded to the press conference set up by the Housing Alliance in the Capitol Rotunda to hear our stories. See Appendix B a list of participating media and resulting news stories.

PANO's secondary goal for this campaign was to provide the structure and venue within which organizations could tell their own stories of the real pain that is or will be faced by the individuals served. **253 emails we sent to lawmakers through the automatic email system available to participants.** PANO is recommending the use of this distributed advocacy structure to leverage our collective networks for future work around the state budget and other issues facing nonprofits in Pennsylvania.

#### STORY:

##### Pottstown Area Senior Services

Sent emails to over 1,000 people—in addition to posting information to Facebook.

## REAL SUFFERING BY REAL PEOPLE

The 2015 Budget Impasse puts thousands of individuals at real risk. Participating organizations shared the following information about their services and the number of families or individuals served.

ORGANIZATION & SERVICES PROVIDED	# FAMILIES	# OF INDIVIDUALS
<b>Adams County Office for Aging</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides in-home and community services for seniors living in Adams County</li> </ul>		<b>2,500</b>
<b>ATG Learning Academy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic day school for special education students</li> </ul>		<b>22</b>
<b>Berks County Community Foundation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop, manage and distribute charitable funds. We provide \$2.5 million-\$3 million in grants to more than 300 organizations per year and more than \$600,000 in scholarships to more than 300 students per year.</li> </ul>		<b>300</b>
<b>B. F. Jones Memorial Library</b> Traditional library services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loan of books and audiovisual materials</li> <li>Public computers with free internet access</li> <li>E-books and e-audio books</li> <li>Classes for babies, toddlers, school-age children and teens</li> <li>Computer classes for adults</li> <li>Electronic resources available from any computer 24/7</li> </ul>		<b>8,500</b>
<b>Chester County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaches workplace and basic literacy for unemployed and underemployed youth and adults</li> </ul>		<b>700</b>
<b>Community at Holy Family Manor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child care for young children</li> <li>Residential Personal Care for the elderly</li> <li>Financial assistance for low-income homeowners</li> </ul>	<b>400</b>	
<b>Friends of Briar Bush</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental education</li> <li>Curricula based for schools, informal for non-school age</li> </ul>		<b>40,000</b>
<b>Goodwill of Southwestern PA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Job training and education</li> </ul>		<b>53,000</b>
<b>HAVEN of Tioga County</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault</li> </ul>		<b>975</b>
<b>Lebanon Community Library</b> We provide public library services, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials to borrow free of charge</li> <li>Computers to use free of charge</li> <li>Free Wi-fi</li> <li>Free programs for all ages</li> <li>Computer/tech assistance</li> <li>Book groups and story times</li> <li>Financial literacy programming</li> <li>Delivery to the homebound</li> <li>Job assistance programming and assistance</li> </ul>		<b>240,000</b>

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<p><b>Maternity Care Coalition</b>  Provides services for vulnerable pregnant women and families every year. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Families America</li> <li>• Early Head Start</li> <li>• Expectant mothers at Riverside jail</li> <li>• Cribs for kids program,</li> <li>• Mobile home visiting program</li> <li>• Breastfeeding and doula programs</li> <li>• Safe Start and Healthy Start programs</li> </ul>	<b>5,000</b>	
<p><b>Pathstone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and Family Development</li> <li>• Community Revitalization</li> <li>• Economic Development Services</li> <li>• Emergency and Supportive Services</li> <li>• Farmworker Housing Assistance Program</li> <li>• Health and Safety Services</li> <li>• Home Ownership Service</li> <li>• House Choice Services</li> <li>• Housing Rehabilitation and Energy Services</li> <li>• Manufactured Home Cooperative Project</li> <li>• Property Management Services</li> <li>• Real Estate Development</li> <li>• Resident Services</li> <li>• Training and Employment Services</li> <li>• Youth Education and Training Services</li> </ul>		<b>39,473</b>
<p><b>Pottstown Area Seniors Center</b>  Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age-appropriate exercise programs</li> <li>• Social and recreational programs</li> <li>• A daily lunch</li> <li>• Staff assistance to help seniors locate benefits and services, fill out forms, identify scams, and much more</li> <li>• Seminars and workshops on everything relating to aging successfully, including investments, healthcare, long-term care, legal issues, etc.</li> </ul>		<b>1,500</b>
<p><b>Schlow Centre Region Library</b>  Public library services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loan books and media</li> <li>• E-resources including e-books</li> <li>• Public computing and Wi-Fi</li> <li>• Educational programs for all ages</li> <li>• Preschool play area;</li> <li>• Interlibrary loan</li> </ul>		<b>92,000</b>
<p><b>Self Determination Housing Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides technical assistance, housing advocacy and home modifications to low-income people with disabilities and older adults</li> </ul>		

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<b>South Central Community Action Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides homeless shelters, Food Pantries, Emergency Assistance, Circles of Support, Work Ready, WIC, and others in Adams and Franklin counties.</li> </ul>		<b>30,000</b>
<b>Surrey Services</b> The full spectrum of specialized services to seniors throughout the community for more than 34 years. Surrey offers in-home services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home care</li> <li>Transportation</li> <li>House cleaning</li> <li>Daily money management</li> <li>Activities and lifelong learning opportunities</li> </ul>		<b>8,200</b>
<b>Survivors, Inc.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides shelter, 24-hour hotline, and counseling to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.</li> </ul>		<b>40/day</b>
<b>Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania</b> Vision Resources is the only agency that provides comprehensive services to the individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Camp</li> <li>Necessities Store</li> <li>Case Management</li> <li>Prevention of Blindness</li> <li>Employment Services</li> <li>Reading Services</li> <li>Eye Clinic</li> <li>Access Tech Training</li> <li>Low Vision Rehab</li> </ul>		<b>13,610</b>
<b>Wernersville Public Library</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library Services</li> </ul>		<b>3,200</b>
<b>Women Against Abuse</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safe housing and legal services for victims of domestic violence</li> <li>Community education and advocacy</li> </ul>		<b>15,000</b>

## IMPACT ON NONPROFIT WORKFORCE

Participating organizations who shared the following employee information with PANO

ORGANIZATION	# EMPLOYEES INCLUDES CONTRACTORS, PART-TIME & FULL-TIME	IMPACT ON EMPLOYEES DUE TO BUDGET IMPASSE
ATG Learning Academy	<b>15</b>	
B. F. Jones Memorial Library	<b>14</b>	
Berks County Community Foundation	<b>10</b>	
Chester County OIC		As of December, key staff will be taking a 25% salary deferment in order for the agency to stay operational for a little while longer.
Community at Holy Manor	<b>80</b>	
Friends of Briar Bush	<b>12</b>	
Goodwill of Southwestern PA	<b>1300</b>	
HAVEN of Tioga County	<b>6</b>	HAVEN has reduced staff had staff take a cut in pay and hold off on hiring an Advocate Supervisor, direct service advocate, a part-time outreach position and an administrative assistant. 4 staff members have left the organization to pursue other employment opportunities with organizations not affected by the impasse. Our attorney is currently on furlough.
Lebanon County Library System	<b>24</b>	
Maternity Care Coalition	<b>140</b>	Unable to open 9 early Head Start classrooms in Montgomery County. MCC has almost used up all existing financial reserves on salary and come Jan 1, if no state budget, MCC will be reevaluating programs and staffing to see what can, and cannot, continue.
Pathways		To date, the organization has laid off 3 staff. An additional 10 staff are at risk of losing their jobs. And 16 other staff would experience a reduction in hours.
Self Determination Housing Project	<b>16</b>	
Survivors, Inc.	<b>20</b>	Salaries are being paid by Gettysburg Rotary Club, Adams Electric, The Thomas L. Cline Foundation, Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust, and Gettysburg Lion Club otherwise all staff would be laid-off.
Surrey Services	<b>132</b>	
Schlow Centre Region Library	<b>45</b>	
Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania	<b>73</b>	As a negative effect of the budget impasse, VROCP was forced to lay off 4 individuals with disabilities approximately a month ago. Also, VR Business Services was forced to cut carpeting and production crew hours.
Wernersville Public Library	<b>5</b>	
Women Against Abuse	<b>164</b>	

## HARDSHIP FOR NONPROFITS, SCHOOLS AND COUNTIES

- Luzerne County is shutting down services—creating additional pressure for nonprofits working in that area.
- The Community at Holy Family Manor has delayed making improvements to their facilities that would benefit both their elderly residents and young children.
- Women Against Abuse spent time engaged in letter writing, legislative visits, action alerts and social media campaigns
- The County Commissioners Association has authorized their counsel to explore options to end the current budget impasse and prevent future threats to key human services. They are seeking potential litigation options against the Commonwealth regarding the release of state and federal monies for essential services.
- Maternity Care Coalition reports that the budget impasse has not allowed them to open 11 Early Head Start classrooms and limited our ability to hire staff for our other 9 programs.
- Chester County OIC has been working on 40% of our actual budget for the past 5 going on 6 months is taxing our agency's capabilities.
- The library will not be able to provide services in 2016 if the current state budget is not passed.
- Berks County Community Foundation created a \$2 million low-interest loan pool to lend to other nonprofits that have been impacted by the impasse.
- Haven of Tioga County has extended their lines of cred totaling \$100,000 just to continue providing services. They have been forced to waylay payments of several bills totaling over \$10,000. The total interest charges and fees sustained will result in \$1,400. The longer the budget is not passed and funds are not made available to make payments, the interest fees will continue to significantly increase. If the budget is not passed by January 1s, HAVEN will need to close their doors. At that time, the only services provided will be hotline calls and responding to emergencies.
- VROCP receives approximately 4% of its revenue from the state budget. However, the greatest impact has been for VR Business Services which generates on average 80% of the agency's revenue through contracts with the state. Until a budget is in place most contract negotiations are on hold. Therefore, carpeting & production crews have had to cut hours.
- Goodwill of Southwestern PA has taken austerity measures and obtained a line of credit.
- Without community support, Survivors, Inc. would have to lay off all staff and the shelter would have to close. Survivors, Inc. has a \$5400 unpaid food bill, unpaid office bills for machines and technology as well as phone service threatening to shut down crisis line. Survivors, Inc. has turned away 200 women and children due to full shelter and lack of funding.
- SCCAP has relied on lines of credit totaling \$650,000 and reserves not to mention a generous businessman who, through Adams County Community Foundation, donated \$60,000 over the past 3 months to keep the homeless shelter open which is currently housing 42 people, 20 of which are children.
- Adams County Office for Aging has not received state lottery money that provides home-delivered meals, funding for senior centers, and protective services. The Office for Aging has taken out a \$400,000 line of credit at a cost of \$1000 and 3.25% annual interest to cover costs of these services.
- Surrey Services has accessed its reserves as a short-term stop-gap measure to continue to provide life critical services such as food delivery for seniors
- Schlow Centre Region Library has curtailed new e-book purchases and support services to libraries. They are drawing from cash and capital reserves to meet the payroll of 4 staff whose wages are wholly or partially paid for from state funding. They will need to apply for a bank loan for cash flow in mid-December if a budget is not passed soon.
- Pottstown Area Senior Services will start cutting back on payments soon to conserve cash, to companies and organizations that serve us. We have already lost one of our "employees". We had an Experience Works person - Experience Works is an organization that trains seniors for new jobs. They do this by placing them in nonprofit organizations to learn a skill, while Experience Works pays them. Experience Works lost all of their funding, and we lost our trainee.
- Due to the budget impasse, the B.F. Jones Memorial Library
  - ✓ Temporarily reduced hours of operation
  - ✓ Temporarily cancelled community outreach programs
  - ✓ Deferred all non-essential purchases
  - ✓ Requested extended terms from suppliers on invoices due
- The Lebanon Community Library thankfully had a bit of reserves, so we have been using those. We have also received loans from the Lebanon County Library System, but are quickly approaching the maximum we can borrow from them.
- Friends of Briar Bush is attempting to raise more funds through private sources and a cutback in expenses

## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

A Woman's Place	Nazareth Housing Services
Aaron's Acres	North Philadelphia Human Services Development Corporation
Abilities in Motion	PA Link to Aging and Disability Resources
Adams County Community Foundation	Palmyra Public Library
Adams County Office for Aging, Inc.	PANO
Adults with Developmental Disabilities	PASSAGES, Inc
Alice Paul House	PathStone Corporation
Allegheny County Library Association	Pearl S. Buck International
Allegheny Valley Association of Churches	Peer Empowerment Network
Alle-Kiski Area HOPE Center, Inc.	Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
ATG Learning Academy	Pennsylvania Council of Churches
Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management @RMU	Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations
Beaver County Library System	Pennsylvania State Alliance of YMCAs
Beginnings, Inc.	Pennsylvania Workforce Development Association
B.F. Jones Memorial Library/ Aliquippa District Library Center	Pittsburgh Foundation
Bell Socialization Services	Pottstown Area Seniors' Center
Berks County Community Foundation	Prime Stage
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County	re:FINERY branding
Blackburn Center Against Domestic & Sexual Violence	Retired Community Banker
Cambria County Library System	Rhoades & Owen, LLC
CARE for Children	River Valley Regional YMCA
CASA Philadelphia	Sentor Hughes Office
Catholic Social Services	Schlow Centre Region Library
Cattani Consulting	Schuylkill Women in Crisis
CB Cares Educational Foundation	Somerset County Federated Library System
Chartiers Center	Somerset County Library
Chester County OIC	South Central Community Action Programs
Children's Aid Society	Surrey Services for Seniors
Children's Scholarship Fund Philadelphia	The Community Intervention Center of Lackawanna County
Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania	The Kidney Foundation of Central Pennsylvania
Coal Country Daycare	The Self Determination Housing Project of Pennsylvania
coLAB, Inc	Threshold Community Residential Service
Community Learning Center	Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

Community Progress Council	TRAILS Ministries
David L. Thompson	Transitions of PA
Donna Kirker Morgan	Turning Points for Children
Diamond and Associates	United Way of Bucks County
Elk County Community Foundation	United Way of Butler County
Elk County Council on the Arts	United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County
Friends of Briar Bush	United Way of Erie County
Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania	United Way of Greater Hazleton
Grantmakers of Western PA	United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey
Greater Pittsburgh Council of the Arts	United Way of Pennsylvania
Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership	United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley
Greater Scranton YMCA	United Way of the Laurel Highlands
HAVEN of Tioga County	United Way of York County
HopeWorx, Inc.	Ursuline Support Services
Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania	Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania
Inter-Faith Housing Alliance	Visit Lancaster PA
James V. Brown Library	Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program
Jon Eich	Wernersville Public Library
Lebanon Community Library	Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA
Lebanon County Libraries	Windber Public Library
Logos Academy	Women Against Abuse
Lutheran Settlement House	Women's Center of Montgomery County
Mental Health America of Lancaster County	Women's Help Center
Mercy Douglass Human Service Affiliate	YMCA of Greater Brandywine
Meyersdale Public Library	YMCA of Reading & Berks County
Middletown Free Library	YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County
Milestone Centers Inc.	YWCA Greater Harrisburg
National Association of Social Workers - Pennsylvania Chapter	YWCA Northcentral PA
National Council of Non-Profits	YWCA of Lancaster



## MEDIA COVERAGE

### MEDIA PRESENT

1. WPMT 43, Fox
2. WGAL 8, NBC
3. WHP 21, CBS
4. WHTM 27, ABC
5. Pennsylvania Cable Network, PCN
6. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
7. Allentown Morning Call
8. Harrisburg Patriot
9. Philadelphia Inquirer
10. Pennsylvania Legislative Services, PLS
11. House of Representatives press office
12. GOP Speakers press office

### HEADLINES ON PRESS CONFERENCE

- [Nonprofits call on state leaders to 'pass a budget' today – Harrisburg Patriot \(PennLive\)](#)
- [Nonprofits go to Harrisburg to push for budget passage – Pittsburgh Business Times](#)
- [Gov. Wolf says tentative budget framework in 'deep peril' – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- [State budget unlikely by Thanksgiving – York Dispatch](#)
- [Wolf: Budget deal in 'deep peril' – Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- [Gov. Tom Wolf: Deal to end budget stalemate 'in deep peril' – Allentown Morning Call](#)
- [Today's 'A Day to Stand for Pennsylvanians' – Gettysburg Times](#)
- [Thanksgiving budget hopes dwindle as nonprofits suffer – WPMT, Fox 43](#)
- [Budget Breakdown: Will there be a deal by Christmas? – WHTM, ABC 27](#)
- [Wolf: State Budget Unlikely by Thanksgiving – CBS 21](#)
- [IN LIMBO: Lawmakers weigh potential tax hike, budget deal – WGAL, NBC 8](#)
- [VIDEO: Coalition of nonprofits push for budget passage – Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- PCN – Press Conference aired on the PCN Select

#### Additional “Stand for Pennsylvanians” coverage

- [Op-Ed: A #PaBudget lesson - we must change how we fund critical services – Harrisburg Patriot News](#)
- [Bigger school property tax cuts, higher state sales tax dropped from Pennsylvania budget talks – Harrisburg Patriot News](#)
- [Library promotes action on budget – The Tribune Democrat](#)