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Candidate name

Krisitne Howard

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Office running for (governor, PA House, PA Senate)

State Representative

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District

167

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Party affiliation

Democrat

Q5

How have you or someone close to you benefited from nonprofit services?*Nonprofits include groups like food banks, Habitat for Humanity, YMCAs, religious institutions, museums, libraries, childcare centers.

Yes. I also served as the executive director of a non-profit legal services organization and did volunteer work with Lawyers for the Arts and represented children in foster care who needed legal services. Before a State Representative, I worked as a child abuse investigator and interacted with a variety of non-profits that provided services to children.

Q6

Nonprofits not only provide mandated services on behalf of state and federal government, but they positively contribute to the Commonwealth (providing 15% or 807,000 jobs), and by bringing in revenue from outside the state. What policies do you propose to promote continued job growth for nonprofit employers so they can continue addressing community needs?

This is a very broad question. Generally, I have supported all kinds of legislation intended to benefit non-profits and the people they serve. One specific initiative I am introducing legislation is to create more paid internship opportunities for social and human services students to work in a paid capacity with non-profits

Q7

Would you support increases in reimbursement rates* for nonprofits providing contracted government health and human services? If not, please explain why.*Some rates have not been increased for over a decade.

Yes.

Q8

87% of nonprofits were negatively impacted by the pandemic - and continued to provide services to those most vulnerable. The state has yet to designate funding to support our work. Given the likelihood of a looming recession, what policies do you support to ensure financial support to these nonprofits so critical to your work?

I believe we are sitting on too much money in our "rainy day" fund and have failed to use our American Rescue money effectively. I support using these funds to help non-profits recover and grow their services.

Q9

Many nonprofits were created to address inequities in policy or programs.* If elected, how would you go about identifying and addressing these inequities?*Examples: Food banks exist to serve those who live in food deserts or have other limited access to food. Suicide hotlines exist to serve those who have no where else to turn when life no longer seems worth living.

I would prefer to work with non-profit organizations like PANO and others to identify the needs and inequities.

Q10

If elected, what would be your top three policy priorities?

- 1) Increase aid and improvements in our foster care system.
 - 2) Expand paid educational opportunities for social work and education students to work in non-profits and public service
 - 3) Pass my bill to codify Roe v. Wade in PA law.
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