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Three Greater Cincinnati Nonprofits Merge to Support Nonprofits and Promote Philanthropy

CINCINNATI, OH (August 17, 2026) – Three leading nonprofit organizations are joining together to better serve nonprofits and strengthen philanthropy across Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

The new organization, BEAM Center for Nonprofits, brings together:

- OneSource Center for Nonprofit Excellence
- Leadership Council for Nonprofits
- Social Venture Partners (SVP) Cincinnati

Rob Reifsnyder, current OneSource Center Board Chair and inaugural Board Chair of BEAM Center for Nonprofits, said: "This new organization reflects a shared commitment to helping nonprofits succeed. By combining resources and expertise, BEAM will provide greater value, encourage collaboration, and increase community impact. The unified organization will work to strengthen nonprofits, develop leaders, and engage philanthropists across our region."

It also was announced that Elizabeth (Beth) Benson has been hired as BEAM's first Chief Executive Officer. Benson previously served as Executive Director of the Leadership Council for Nonprofits. She will lead the integration of the three organizations while positioning BEAM for growth and service as the front door for nonprofits needing support.

"Beth Benson is an exceptional leader who understands the opportunities and challenges facing nonprofit organizations," said Reifsnyder. "She has earned the trust and respect of nonprofit leaders and has the experience and vision to guide BEAM's future."

Benson said nonprofits are at the heart of the new organization. "Every day, nonprofits across our region are addressing our community's most important challenges. They will be at the center of everything we do. Our goal is to help them succeed in their important work." She added that the merger was driven by a shared recognition that the three organizations' complementary services could create greater value together than they could independently.

What BEAM Will Do

BEAM will offer nonprofits the ability to access the following in one place:

- Consulting and operational support
- Leadership development and training
- Peer networks
- Strategic investments
- Philanthropic partnerships
- Common Good Store, resources and tools

The new organization combines:

- OneSource's consulting, leadership development and training, and nonprofit store
- Leadership Council's leadership programs and peer networks
- SVP Cincinnati's innovation, engaged philanthropy, and investments in nonprofits

Why BEAM

The name BEAM represents both light and strength, reflecting the organization's commitment to helping nonprofits grow with greater clarity, stronger connections, and the support they need to succeed.

Susan Ingmire, Board Chair of SVP Cincinnati and a leader of the merger committee, said the nonprofit sector is changing quickly and that “BEAM will help organizations think bigger, respond faster, and be more efficient in accessing knowledge, expertise, and resources with our single, front door approach.”

Reifsnyder concluded, “We’re excited about the opportunity for this merger to create new possibilities for nonprofit organizations. We invite volunteers, philanthropists, funders, and nonprofit leaders to join this new opportunity.”

Additional Information

- BEAM will be governed by a new board made up of representatives from the three merged organizations and community members with nonprofit expertise.
- The new organization will operate under new bylaws and governance structure.
- BEAM's primary office will be located at 936 Dalton Avenue, the current OneSource location.
- SVP will continue to maintain a satellite office at The Alloy Growth Lab in Norwood.
- BEAM will become its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit. OneSource and the Leadership Council will dissolve, and SVP's current relationship with Inspiring Service will end.

About BEAM Center for Nonprofits

BEAM Center for Nonprofits is a regional nonprofit serving Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. Through consulting, leadership development, operational support, philanthropy, and peer connections, BEAM helps nonprofits build stronger organizations, increase their impact, and better serve people living in our region.

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