

# Message from Board Chair



It has been my pleasure to serve as CCVO's Board Chair in 2018–19. Like so many of CCVO's supporters and members, I have been working in the nonprofit sector for many years, and recognize the value of an organization like CCVO. The complexity of issues requires nonprofits to respond and strategically plan to ensure that our organizations have the knowledge, capacity, and confidence to establish strong business models to support the work we are dedicated to providing.

This past year, the Board and staff engaged in developing CCVO's [2019–21 strategic plan](#). We have established priorities to build upon CCVO's internal capacity, engage the nonprofit sector, and advance public policy. These directions will continue to ensure CCVO's commitment as a backbone to the nonprofit sector.

We are proud of CCVO's public policy commitment to agencies throughout Alberta by showing a strong presence and empowering nonprofits that [encouraged the sector's voice](#) to proudly engage in the 2019 provincial election.

Once again CCVO dedicated resources to gathering insights on the sector by undertaking our [8th annual research project](#) on the Alberta nonprofit sector. This exercise, which is unique to CCVO, continues to be a resource that is important for nonprofits, funders, and governments.

The year showed increased engagement with multiple stakeholders across the province. It gave us great pride to see the energy of our sector as we created platforms and events provincially and in Calgary that connected nonprofit professionals, funders, and the business community. The new [Nonprofits at Noon](#) luncheons and the [8th annual Connections Conference](#) provided spaces for conversations and fresh thinking to be stimulated. We continued to see a need for and response to programs like the [Executive Directions Leadership Development Program](#) and services like the [Boland Survey](#) and the [Reach Hire](#) nonprofit career source. We continue to be dedicated to growing leadership for the sector and to support a strong nonprofit workforce, knowledge base, and voice.

CCVO's work has been acknowledged by the continued financial support of multiple long-term funders and we are grateful for this funding as we enter a new year. We look forward to supporting and connecting with nonprofits across the province.

In closing, I would like to thank the dedicated CCVO Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff who work together to promote and strengthen the nonprofit sector. As a membership-based organization, we are looking forward to listening to your needs and ensuring that we can come together to give voice to the critical issues to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patty Kilgallon'.

Patty Kilgallon  
Board Chair