

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **Hundreds of Michigan nonprofits to gather for Nonprofit Day at the Capitol**

*House Speaker Joe Tate and Senate Majority Leader Brinks to  
headline the event*

**WHAT:** Hundreds of Michigan nonprofits will gather at Michigan's Capitol for the Michigan Nonprofit Association's annual [Nonprofit Day at the Capitol](#), featuring Keynote Speaker Michigan House Speaker Joe Tate and Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks. During the day, MNA will host conversations with Michigan's policy makers and 501c3s, including [MI Nonprofit Relief Fund recipients](#), to discuss the important role that nonprofits played during and now post-pandemic.

To celebrate the economic and inspiring contributions of nonprofits in Michigan, MNA launched its ['We Are 501 c 3'](#) campaign in November 2023, shining a spotlight on the resilience and vital contributions of nonprofits statewide, including some of the more than 1,480 MI Nonprofit Relief Fund recipients.

**Representatives from MNA, recipients of the MI Nonprofit Relief Fund, and legislative leaders will be on hand throughout the day for interviews.**

**WHERE:** **Heritage Hall at the State Capitol**  
323 W Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48933

**WHEN:** **Thursday, February 22, 2024 – [Full Agenda Here](#)**

*Media is welcome to attend part of or the full day. Key events include:*

- 9:30 a.m. – Welcome from the Michigan Nonprofit Association President & CEO Kelley Kuhn
- 10 a.m. – Advocacy: Mission Critical, Not Mission Creep Panel featuring MI Nonprofit Relief Fund nonprofit recipients
- 11 a.m. – Keynote from Michigan Speaker of the House Joe Tate
- 11:30 a.m. – Michigan's Nonprofit Legislative Caucus
- 12 p.m. – Conversation with Senate Majority Leader Winnie Brinks

**WHO:** **Kelley Kuhn**, president & CEO, Michigan Nonprofit Association  
Representative **Joe Tate**, Michigan Speaker of the House  
Senator **Winnie Brinks**, Senate Majority Leader  
Representative **Alabas Farhat**  
**Julie Calley**, Director of Strategy for House Republican Leader Matt Hall  
**Terri Legg**, President & CEO United Way of Montcalm-Ionia Counties

**Karen Aldridge-Eason**, Michigan Office of Foundation Liaison  
**Hillary Doe**, Michigan's Chief Growth Officer  
**Jaclyn Butler**, Michigan State Demographer  
**Sugelema Lynch**, Field Coordinator, Nonprofit VOTE  
**Norman Clement**, Founder, Detroit Change Initiative  
**Essence Wilson**, Chief Strategy Officer, Communities First, Inc.  
**Stacy Bahri**, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Chaldean Community Foundation  
**Kourtney Neloms**, Founder and Lead Consultant, Catalyst Evaluation & Consulting  
**Lysne Tait**, MNRF recipient; Executive Director, Helping Women Period

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**ABOUT MNA:**

*Michigan Nonprofit Association is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1990 to serve the nonprofit sector through advocacy, training, and resources. MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to promoting and supporting anti-racism and social justice in the nonprofit sector. For more information, visit [www.mnaonline.org](http://www.mnaonline.org).*