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Panel to discuss what's at stake for nonprofits in upcoming elections

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Nonprofit organizations once again have a lot at stake in the upcoming local, state and federal elections. Elected leaders, after all, are the ones who craft laws and shape public policies that not only affect nonprofits and giving, but more importantly the people nonprofits serve.

This year, however, there may be even more on the line - in Kentucky and beyond, says Danielle Clore, executive director/CEO of the Kentucky Nonprofit Network.

“This election cycle is prompting a lot of concern among some nonprofits, particularly when it comes to some of the rhetoric being used and how that may shape perceptions about charities and giving – perceptions that could do lasting damage,” Clore said.

That's why KNN, the state association for nonprofit organizations that boasts nearly 600 members, is sponsoring a panel discussion – “A Preview of the Impact of the Elections on the Sector” – during its annual Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington.

The session, which begins at 1:45 p.m., will feature Ben Chandler, former Kentucky congressman and newly named director of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky; David Thompson, vice-president of public policy for the National Council of Nonprofits; and Scott Jennings, a political analyst and former adviser to President George W. Bush who is now co-founder and partner in RunSwitch Public Relations. KET's Renee Shaw, host of *Connections with Renee Shaw* and co-host of KET's election night coverage, will serve as moderator.

“Given the issues facing the nonprofit sector, it's a can't-miss event for anyone who is interested in nonprofits and their ability to advance their missions,” said Clore.

Tickets for the panel discussion - \$45 for KNN members, \$65 for potential members – are available at www.kynonprofits.org/forum. The ticket price includes admittance to the Kentucky Nonprofit Awards Luncheon that precedes it at noon.

About Kentucky Nonprofit Network: Kentucky Nonprofit Network is the state association of nonprofits, existing to strengthen and advance Kentucky's nonprofit community. The association serves as a resource for nonprofit leaders, board members and other volunteers, an information center on effective nonprofit organizational practices, and an advocate for the nonprofit sector. For more information, visit <http://www.kynonprofits.org>.

About Kentucky Nonprofit Leadership Forum: The annual statewide gathering of nonprofit leaders convenes Nov. 2-3 at the Lexington Convention Center. KNN members and potential members may register for the two-day Forum, as well as a track for attorneys, CPAs and advisers to nonprofits, at www.kynonprofits.org/forum. The registration deadline is Oct. 24.