

Seven characteristics of resilient nonprofits

What does it take for nonprofit organizations to respond and adapt to shocks and disruptions of all kinds? Research points to seven crucial characteristics:



1. Purpose driven

A galvanizing commitment to mission, meaning, and values



2. Clear eyed

Challenges faced head on while maintaining faith in ultimate success



3. Future oriented

Forward-looking planning practices for navigating an uncertain future



4. Open

Intentional communication with internal and external stakeholders



5. Empowered

Inclusive organizational culture that embraces shared leadership



6. Committed to self-renewal

Space created for rest and rejuvenation



7. Connected

Supported by personal relationships, institutional links, and community networks

Access the full report, including stories of nonprofit resilience in action, and principles and practices for funders.

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