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Leading the way:
Activities helped provide additional spring through Great Recession

$1.44 billion annually in expenditures, are responsible for an estimated $2.4 billion in local economic activity, according to an update of its annual report, which was released by the Berkshire County United Way.

The success of this event was ‘sunny’ in Berkshire County, according to Professor Stephen Sheppard.

“Everything is not necessary sunny in Berkshire County, but it’s better than it otherwise would be.”

Sheppard introduced the report compiled by Sheppard and collaborator Kay Oehler. It is titled “Resilient Berkshire: 5:36 AM

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By Clarence Fanto

The selectman and fire chief submits resignations stemming from dilemma following a ruling that he could not hold both posts

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The second version, released in 2009, was amended three years ago.

The original report found that Berkshire nonprofits generated $1.9 billion in local economic activity in 2008, upped by $318 million from 2006 to 2008 and from 2008 to 2012. During a news conference at Barrington Stage Company’s Blatt Performing Arts Center, Sheppard said the nonprofit sector continues to face, has done pretty well,” Sheppard said, when asked to compare the amount of growth from 2006 to 2008 and from 2012 to 2015. Sheppard said the nonprofit sector has rebounded to its pre-recession levels in 2006 faster than other areas of the Berkshire economy.

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“They are led by people who are creative, and energetic and scrappy,” he said.

When asked the types of jobs that nonprofits support, Sheppard said the report contained “limited data on wages,” but that those numbers were in the range of $25,000 per year.

“Models show that Berkshire nonprofits hold $221.5 million in assets in 2012, an increase of $1.39 billion in 2012, up from $1.09 billion in 2002. Health nonprofits lead the way with $870 million in revenues. Education nonprofits are responsible for $801.8 million, fourth among the five other highlighted from the report:

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