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Confidence in the Sector:
August Question of the Month Results

Has public trust in the nonprofit sector increased or decreased?
See what Newsletter readers think.

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Keeping Mission-Critical Technology Running in an Imperfect World

Advice from TechSoup on how to keep your vital systems up and running—in the real world of limited resources and conflicting demands on time and money.

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GuideStar on the Road

Want to put some faces with the names of people from GuideStar?
Find out where we’ll be speaking and exhibiting.

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From the President’s Office

Dear Friend:

Three days ago, GuideStar celebrated an important milestone—our 10th birthday. A decade ago, a dedicated group led by Buzz Schmidt gathered in an office in Williamsburg, Virginia, intent on improving the nonprofit sector by making charity information available to the public.

As Chuck McLean, our vice president for research and one of those founding employees, says, “Before GuideStar, giving to charity was like trying to buy stock without a stock exchange.” We are proud that we have changed that reality.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us revolutionize philanthropy with information during the past decade:

- The funders who took a chance on this upstart endeavor, who supported us along the way, and who are helping us continue the revolution today.
- The nonprofit organizations that embraced transparency and accountability by updating their GuideStar Reports and encouraging their peers to update as well.

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Stat of the Month

Number of IRS Form 990 images in the GuideStar database:
1,909,813
As of September 2, 2004