## SVA Accounting Spotlight on Service: The Value of Internal Controls

for Nonprofits

Hi, I'm Kirsten Houghton a principal at SVA and the head of our nonprofit Services Group. Implementing effective internal controls over financial assets as a responsibility of management due to small staff sizes or limited resources, many nonprofit organizations may find that their key controls, those that limit the chance that cash or other assets might walk out the door, are either not in place or are not functioning as intended. Do you have concerns that your organization's internal controls will not prevent a theft from occurring? What would be the impact of a theft from a donor point of view and how would it affect the organization's reputation in the community? SVA's professionals have the ability to perform internal control studies and can identify weaknesses and make recommendations for improvements. Remember that effective implementation and monitoring of internal controls is always management's responsibility. This task is ongoing as the organization's program service offerings that other endeavors change over time. We will work with your organization to assist management and the board of directors in understanding these best practices and will suggest methods of implementation that effectively serve the interest of the organization and its stakeholders. Don't put your nonprofit organization at risk. SVA's professionals are here to help evaluate and recommend improvements to your internal control system.