Make it Meaningful: Discussing Donor Engagement Strategies

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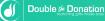


Today's Presenter



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Steps to Success:



Relationship with Donor: Nurture First-time donors Maximizing Relationship with Donor: **Recurring** donors

Maximizing Relationship with Donor Major Donors &: **Wealth** Screening ow to Maximize Revenue through **Corporate** Philanthropy

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End of Year Giving Importance

- End of Year giving is a BIG Deal & it makes sense to invest planning into it.
- Over 30% of annual giving occurs in December.
- Donors give significantly on Giving Tuesday and the last 3 days of the year. More than 10% off all giving happens in the last 3 days of the year for most nonprofit organizations.
- Think ahead in the new year show your gratitude with a card, newsletter, email, etc.
- Segment your donors and have personalized outreach for multiple segments: first-time donors, recurring donors, & major donors



Nurture First-time donors

Donor Stewardship plan

- 1. Keep Donors Engaged through communication
- 2. Improve Donor Experience/Donor Journey
- 3. Boost Donor Retention Rate
 - a. Acknowledge gift and show gratitude
 - b. Recognize Donors
 - c. Show Impact of their gifts
- 4. Encourage Donors to Make More Contributions
 - a. Ongoing process that needs attention, assessment and revision
 - b. Develop Marketing plan



First-time donors → Recurring donors

- 1. Show your donors the impact of their gift
- 2. Share your story and vision of the organization
- 3. Ongoing Communication
- 4. Give them an incentive to give again or give larger gifts
- 5. Share appreciation of their gift
- 6. Donor Journey Plan
- 7. Highlight current recurring donors and tell their story





Recurring Donors

- In 2021, 45% of worldwide donors are enrolled in a monthly giving program.
- A donor that gives monthly, semi-monthly, multiple times a year, or annually.
- Priority and goal for all of your donors
- Importance of Recurring Donors
 - Donor Lifetime Value
 - Donor Retention
 - Plan for the Future



Best Practices Major Donor Fundraising

- Increase non-fundraising communication
- Ask your donors how they're doing
 - Display the impact your nonprofit is doing, make it personal
- Offer virtual opportunities and events for major donors
- Increase donor appreciation if a gift is made
 - Handwritten letters with a gift
 - Phone call
- Provide a planned giving option
- Hire a major gifts officer, team, or volunteer focused on major gifts
- Be transparent
 - Share giving results and where the funds are going
 - Show their ROI
 - Get them engaged
- Prospect research/wealth screening

Create Realistic Fundraising Goals

- The goal of wealth screening is to answer this question.
- Key wealth markers and philanthropic indicators paint an accurate picture of possible gift amounts so that you can set—and achieve—more realistic goals.
- Goals can vary depending on whether you're attempting to secure gifts from major donors or engage lower-level supporters.
- A deeper understanding of your prospects' wealth and average donor's capacities to give can guide your campaign targets



What is wealth screening?

- A software that helps with prospect research.
- Research that determines a donor's giving capacity by examining indicators:
 - real estate holdings
 - stock information
 - past charitable giving
- Wealth screening data can help your organization to:
 - Create realistic fundraising goals.
 - Understand supporters and evaluate crisis-related circumstances.
 - Use key information to maximize revenue.



Maximize Revenue with Wealth Screening

Wealth screening maximizes your fundraising efforts by enabling you to:

- Determine eligibility for matching gifts.
 - Wealth screening can help you determine which of your supporters work for employers that offer matching gifts.

• Create targeted asks.

- Segmenting your donor communications based on wealth screening data allows you to tailor your ask to the ideal gift amount.
- Tailored communication also builds rapport and trust, which strengthens your relationship over time.
- Identify new major donors.
 - Wealth screening can help you find current supporters in your system who are able and likely to give more to your organization if prompted.



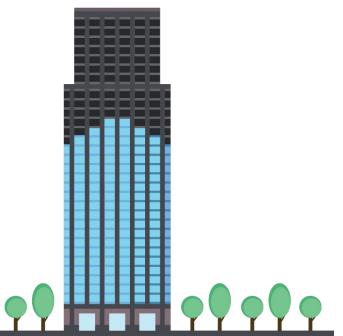
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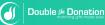
- Corporate Philanthropy: act of a corporation or business promoting the welfare of others, generally through charitable donations of funds or time.
- How can corporate philanthropy help nonprofits?
 - Encourages employee giving and positive impact for the nonprofit and society overall
 - Significant increase in revenue without an ask for donors to give more or volunteers to volunteer more
- Type of corporate philanthropy
 - Corporate matching gift programs
 - Volunteer grants
 - Volunteer support initiatives
 - Corporate sponsorships



Corporate Philanthropy Statistics

- **\$20.05 Billion -** The amount received through corporate giving in 2018, a 5.4% increase from 2017.
- **12% -** Of total corporate cash contributions to nonprofits are made through matching gift programs.
- 9 out of 10 Companies match employee donations.
- **77 Million -** The amount of Americans who volunteer their time and energy to organizations.





Corporate Philanthropy Process

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Use a corporate philanthropy database. Automate your match eligibility process



Encourage volunteers to match their hours



Donor Engagement: Ways to Expand Your Relationships with Donors during End of Year

- Steward your First time donors
- Establish a relationship with recurring donors
- Use Wealth Screening as a tool for Major Donors
- Invest time & effort into launching a corporate campaign
- Engage your board in giving for your organization



Additional Matching Gift Resources

Wealth Screening: https://doublethedonation.com/tips/top-wealth-screening-software-solutions/

Corporate Giving and Matching Gift Statistics:

https://doublethedonation.com/tips/matching-grant-resources/matching-gift-statistics/

Suggested marketing locations, downloadable resources, and examples:

https://doublethedonation.com/marketing-matching-gifts/

Corporate Giving and Matching Gift Statistics: <u>https://doublethedonation.com/tips/corporate-philanthropy/</u>



Questions on Donor Engagement?

