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Agenda Day 1

THEME: COMMUNITY +

EXPERIENCE

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DISCUSSION: PYRAMID VS. VORTEX

RESPONSIVE FUNDRAISING: Building Deep Donor Relationships with Multi-Channel Strategies

TALENT 2021: Navigating Winds and Waves Forward



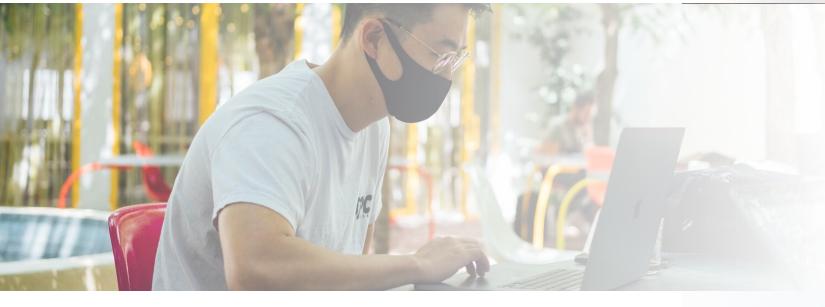




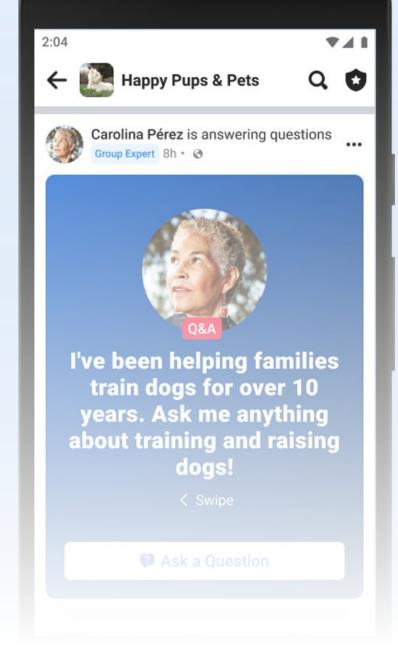
What is one thing you accomplished or navigated in the last 18 months that you're in awe of upon reflection? (personally or professionally)







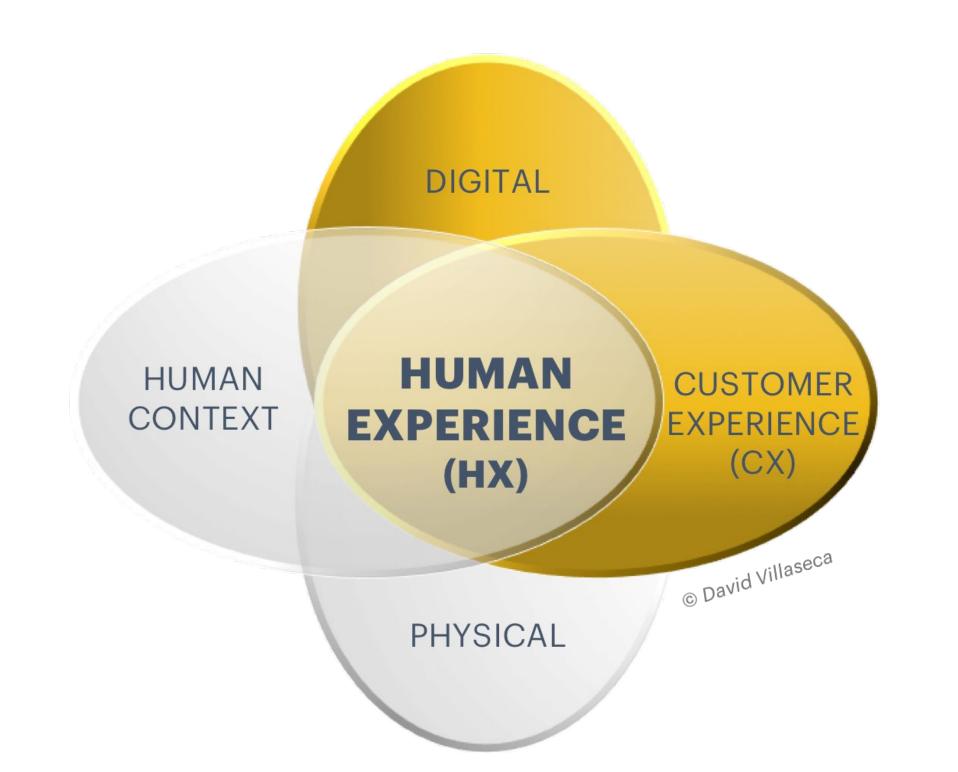






Community's Evolution







Human Experience

Community

Loyalty







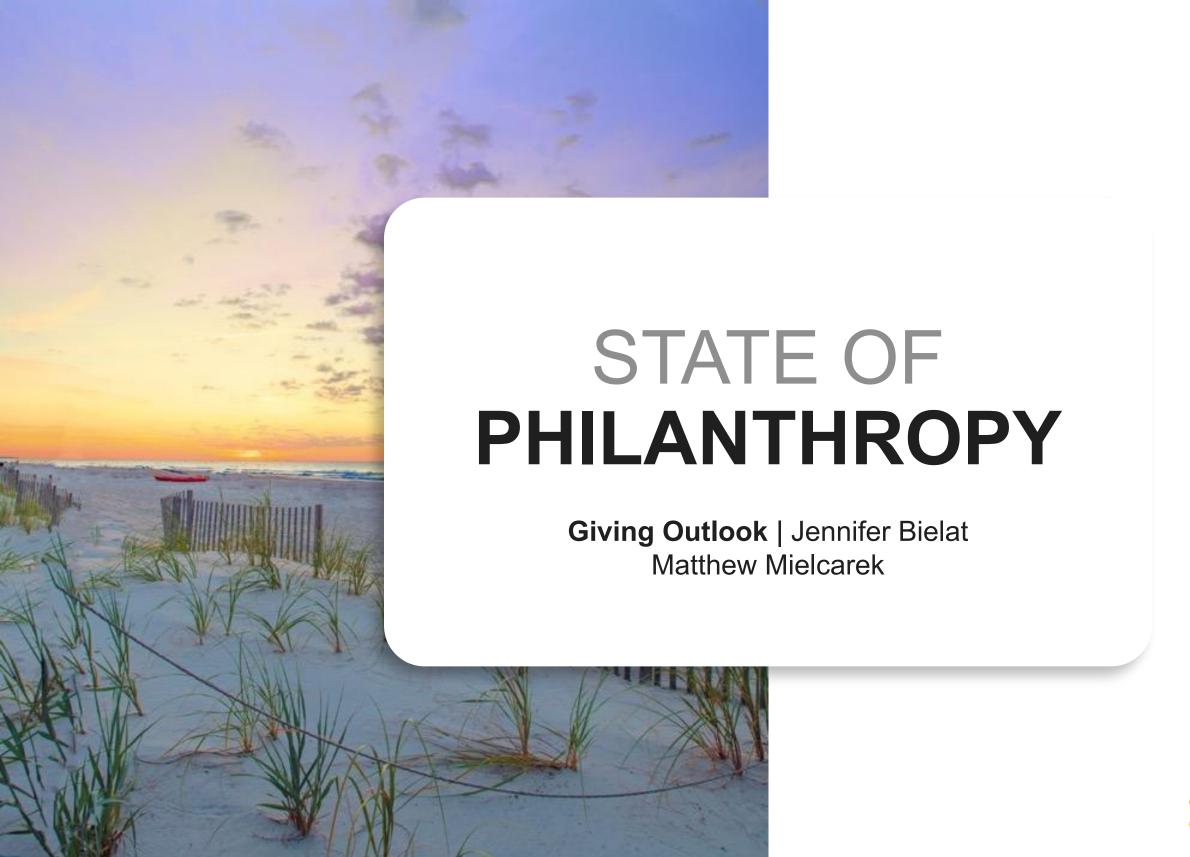
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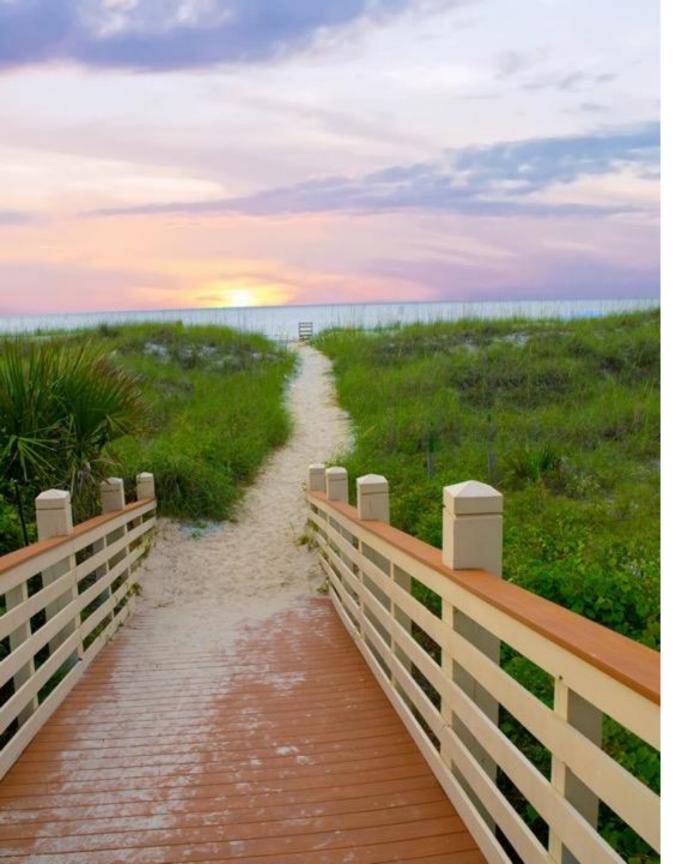
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WHAT WE'LL DISCUSS

- Current philanthropic conditions
- Understanding performance
- A new model for engagement
- Thoughts forward





2020 THE HIGHEST YEAR OF CHARITABLE GIVING ON RECORD



PHILANTHROPIC GIVING

Highest performance on record. Overall increase of 5.1% over previous year.



CATEGORY GIVING

Foundation giving grew by 17.0% while Corporations fell 6.1%. Individual giving grew by 2.2%.



CHANNEL GIVING

Overall online revenue increased by 32% in – 3X the rate of typical, annual growth.



PROJECTED GROWTH

2021 and 2022 total giving expected to be higher than 40-year historic averages.



SECTOR HIGHLIGHTS

2020 PERFORMANCE HIGHLY RELATED TO PROXIMITY TO COVID-19 NEED + RESPONSE



Public Society Benefit **UP 15.7%**

Human Services
UP 9.7%

International Affairs
UP 9.1%

Education **UP 9.0%**

Religion UP 1.0%

Health DOWN 3.0%

Arts, Culture, Humanities **DOWN 7.5%**



ACTIVE DONORS AT RECORD HIGH **UNIVERSE OF DONORS GIVING**



CURRENTLY

Active Donors up 10% from Q1 2020, at the the highest level recorded

LONG VIEW

Universe of donors on a decade-long downward trend with frequent surges



LOW DOLLAR DONORS DRIVE **NEW DONOR** SURGE FIRST TIME DONORS TO AN ORGANIZATION



CURRENTLY

New Donors up 24% since Q1 2020. Most growth from low-dollar, giving less than \$100

LONG VIEW

More volatile than active donors with both greater dips and peaks



MID TO MAJOR REVENUE IS MUTED

DONORS GIVING MORE THAN \$500



CURRENTLY

Mid to major-level donor revenue down between 3% and 8% for from Q1 2020

LONG VIEW

Revenue per donor consistently increasing over time



DONATION FREQUENCY IS INCREASING

COUNT OF DONOR'S YTD DONATIONS



CURRENTLY

Donors giving two to six donations within a single year increased more than 10% from Q1 2020

LONG VIEW

Overall donations typically a mix between first-time and repeat donors



DONOR RETENTION IS RECOVERING

DONORS WHO GAVE LAST YEAR AND AGAIN THIS YEAR



CURRENTLY

Donor retention is up 6.9% over Q1 2020

LONG VIEW

Weak industry-wide, particularly for new donors. Took a major hit going in 2020.



ECONOMIC SIGNALS

ESTIMATING 2021 PERFORMANCE

JOBS MARKET

"great resignation" underway

has slowed after gains yet the

GDP

to grow more than 6% -4 percentage points higher than pre-pandemic levels

Trillion-dollar INFRASTRUCTURE AGREEMENT

remains under negotiation

COVID

resurgence continuing

CONSUMER SPENDING

likely to increase 7%

UNEVEN RECOVERY

across sectors, income levels, world



INFLATION

FEARS

prices are 5.4% higher

than last year while wages

are rising

TODAY 2021 PERFORMANCE

Donor and revenue growth continues after a year of widespread growth... but at a moderated pace

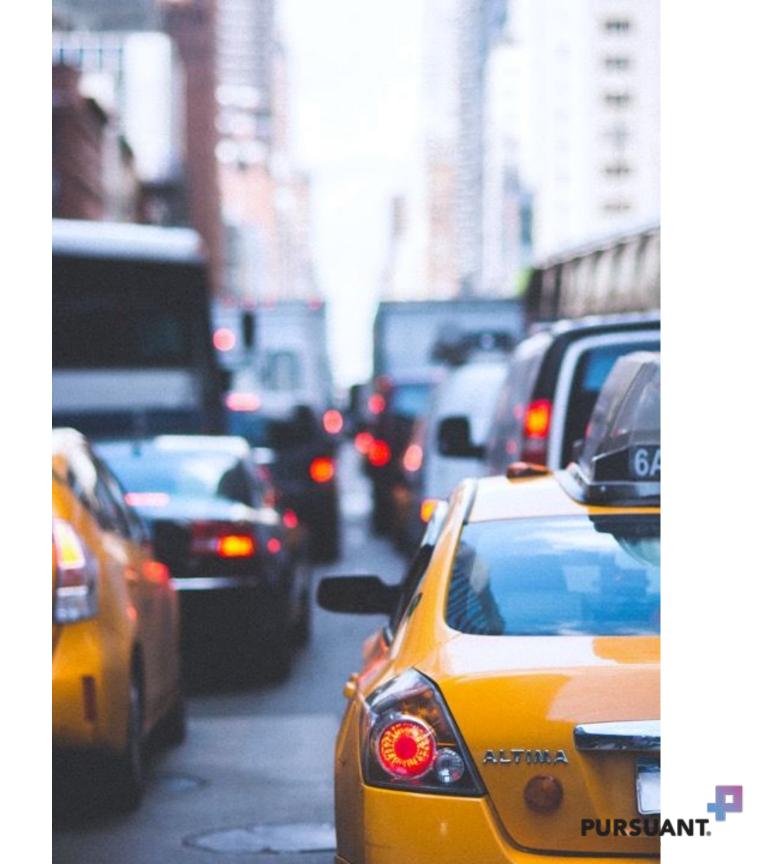
4.1% growth forecast in 2021

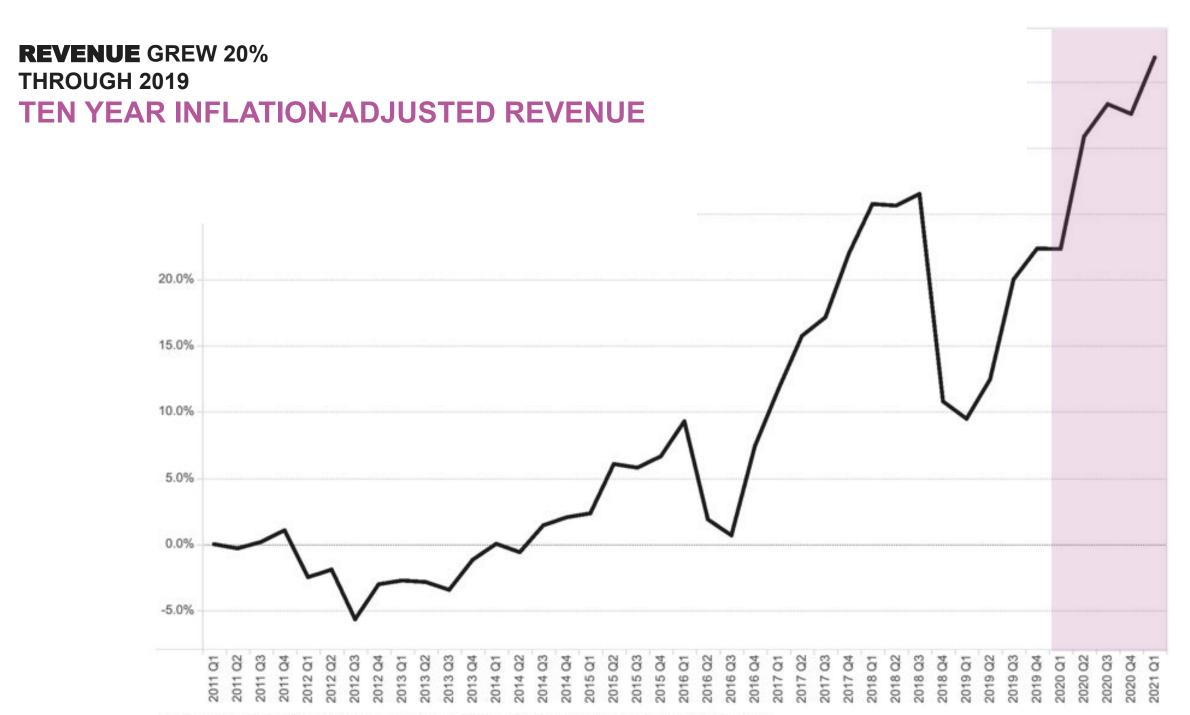
by Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, higher than historic 10-year, 25-year, and 40-year rates of growth





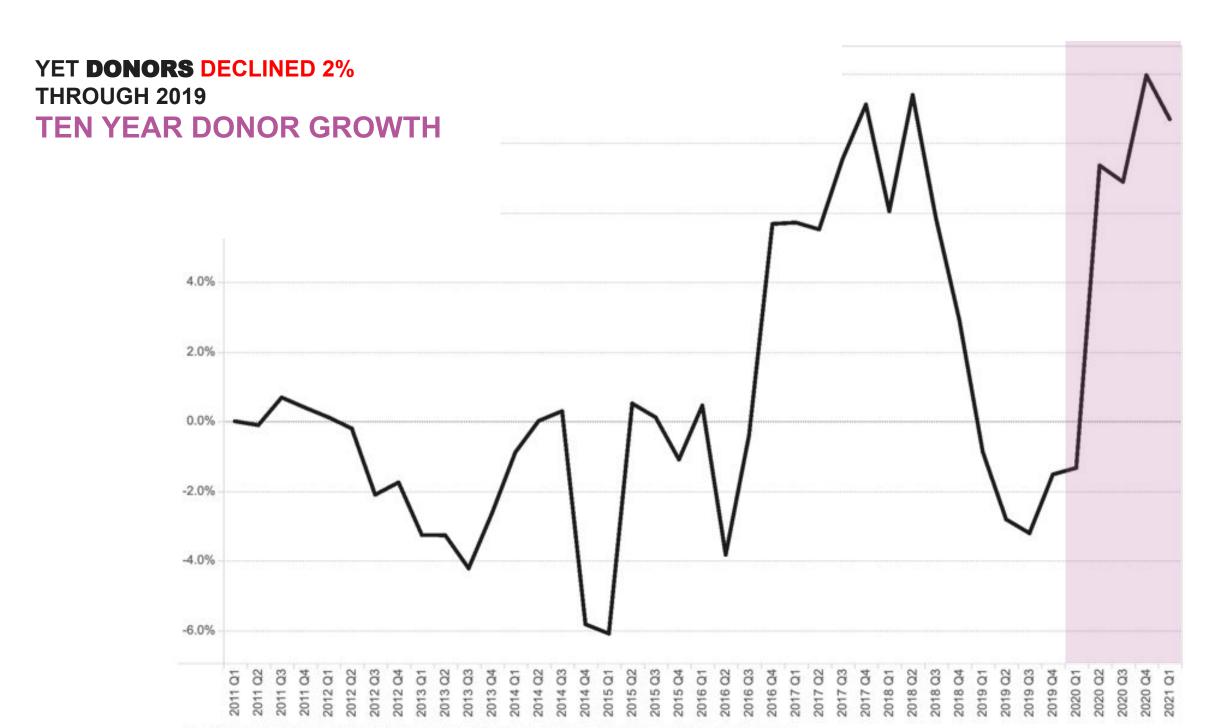
Does philanthropy remain disrupted or are we on a new trendline?















The pandemic destabilized many nonprofits' ability to engage

Consumers have now combined pre-pandemic preferences with new skills they acquired



Philanthropy is undergoing fundamental change



OUR POWERS OF ATTRACTION & ENGAGEMENT HAVE CHANGED

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* LONG BEFORE THE PANDEMIC HIT











Donor pyramid is archaic.

- Extremely linear
- Pinnacle defined as major/planned gifts
- Foundation is flawed when only 20% progress
- Focused on dollars
- Pyramid assumes that value is only derived from progression to a higher level









Vortex is the new model for donor engagement and cultivation.

- Donors enter at various points of the circle instead of moving up or down –
- Points of energy instead of stages energy builds at the center where long-term donors reside
- Acknowledges complexities of modern donor experience
 - focusing on donors not dollars



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Very Connected

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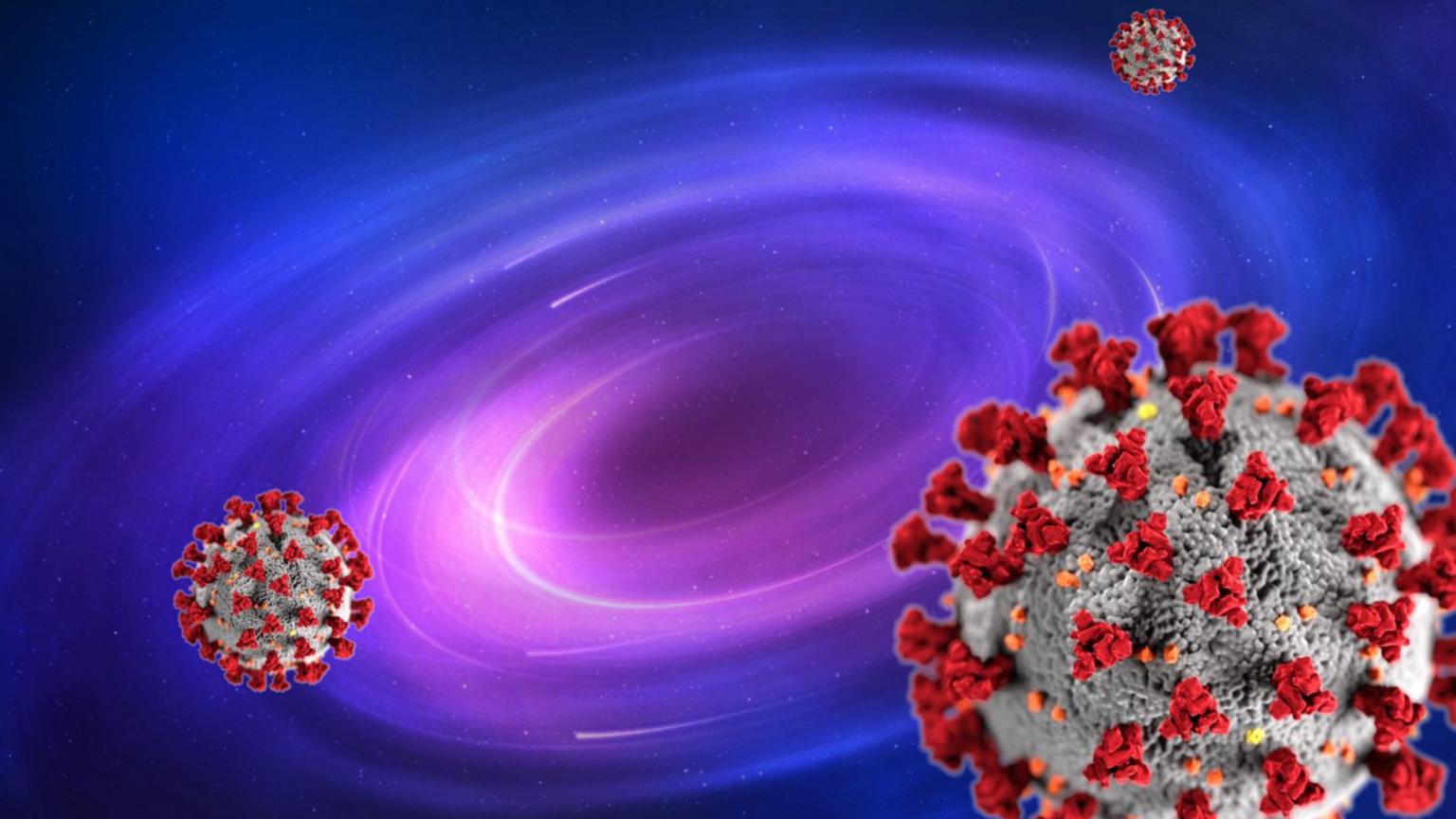
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- Fundraises, Advocates, and Volunteers nearly
 2x more than Disconnected
- Yet patients can be found at every point in the vortex!



COVID destabilized the vortex!

- Decimated in-person communities
- Invalidated many interaction points created by nonprofits
- Drove most engagement online





IF WE CAN CREATE COMMUNITY + CONNECTION WE CAN DRIVE VALUE



The vortex reminds us that our goal is to spark energy through engagement.

- Fundraisers must create opportunities to interact
- Outbound-only strategies are limited by economies of scale
- Fundraisers must create community platforms enabling constituents to engage with one-another – sparking energy and interaction







HOW ARE FUNDRAISERS SPARKING ENERGY?



Resetting Fundraising Strategies



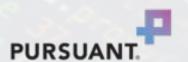
Taking
Command of
Data



Focusing on Donor Experience



Accelerating Omnichannel



LET'S CREATE A NEW PATH AND SPARK ENERGY TOGETHER



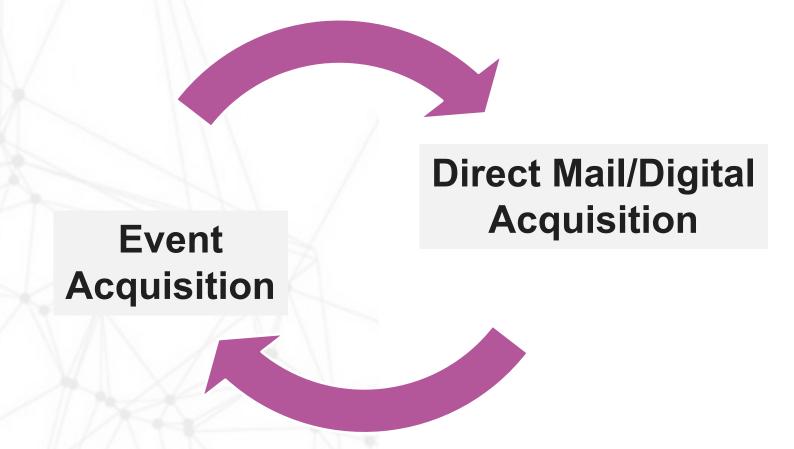




RESETTING FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES

REBALANCE INVESTMENTS IN CHANNELS + TEAMS

- Fundraisers are revisiting how resources are allocated across their programs
- Acquisition channels have been redirected to direct mail and digital
- Mid-level officers and digital is introduced
 + returning to development teams

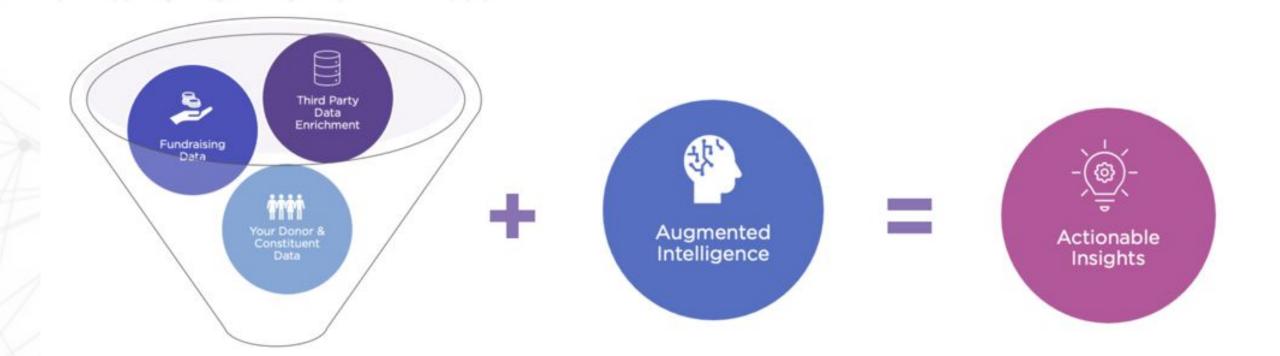




TAKING COMMAND OF DATA

UNLOCK VALUE OF EXISTING DONOR DATA

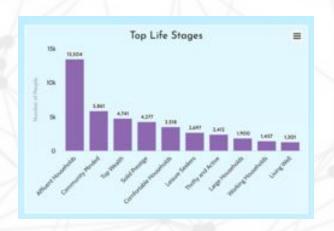
- Fundraisers are prioritizing data capture to maintain control of relationships
- Data enrichment used to provide complete donor profile and insights
- Predictive models used to prioritize donors

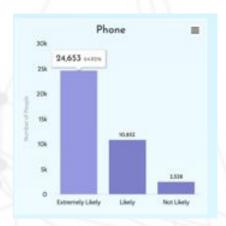


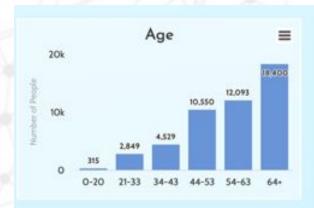


FOCUSING ON DONOR EXPERIENCE

DRIVE DONOR RETENTION









- Fundraisers are driving retention and multi-year relationships by improving donor experience
- Donor audience segmentation yields rich donor file insights on behavior and motivation
- Donor journeys can be prescribed to delight supporters and drive upgrades and repeat gifts









ACCELERATING OMNICHANNEL

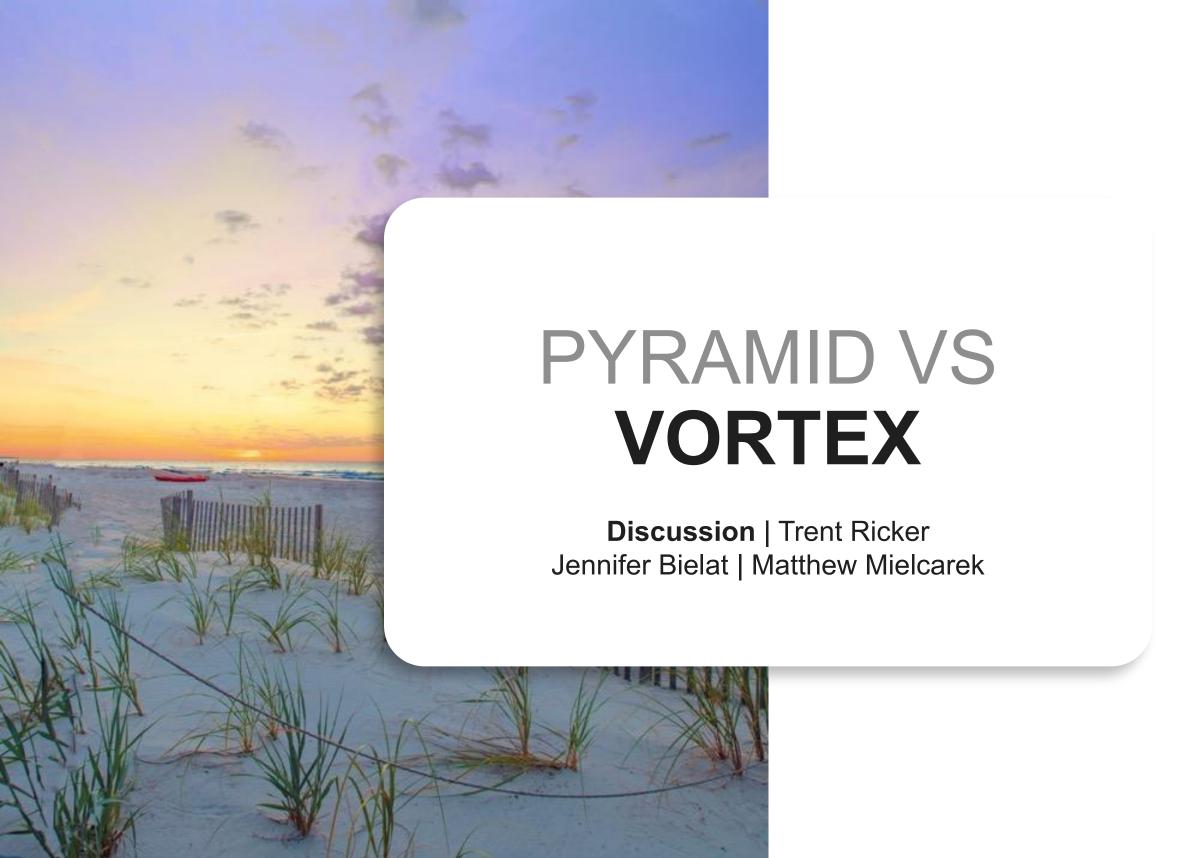
VALUE EXPERIENCE OVER ATTRIBUTION



- Fundraisers are building omnichannel experiences for their donors
- Experiences with nonprofits are blurred across all channels – delivering the same message and experience across digital and physical channels
- Direct marketing attribution models are evolving to incorporate engagement efforts









Does the vortex apply to your organization?

- Does your organizational structure support the Vortex?
 What would need to change?
- As an industry we have talked about DonorCentrics; Donor Loyalty; Experience & Journeys, is this just another buzz phrase or are we going to actually change?
- What natural points of energy exist within your organization and what will need to be created to drive the vortex?
- Will you need more staff and resources or could you redeploy resources...reset fundraising strategy?
- And what about data? Have you captured the right data points to drive energetic experiences?













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Our Time Today

The Problem in Fundraising
A More Responsive Approach

Getting in the Weeds

Tactics for Multi-Channel Responsiveness





More than just CRM...

Virtuous is a suite of responsive fundraising solutions that enable nonprofit teams to build better donor relationships and grow impact at scale.













We're facing a challenge ...

The Generosity Crisis

The numbers

≈50%

Turn over in donors every year

≈25%

Decrease in small donors the last decade

Why donors opt out

Inappropriate asks & impersonal messages

Lacking acknowledgement & transparency

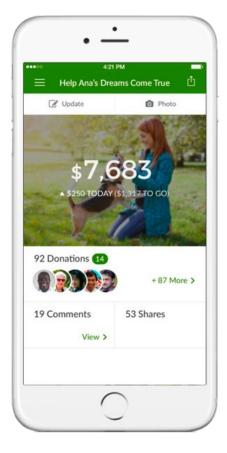




The world you fundraise in has changed.

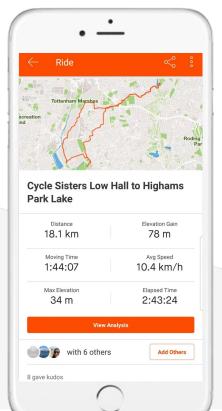












What changed?

Shift from mass marketing to personal experiences.



Tailored to you

Curated content and experiences based on your interests.



Two-way, behavior driven

Triggered based on my response to content, data signals, etc.



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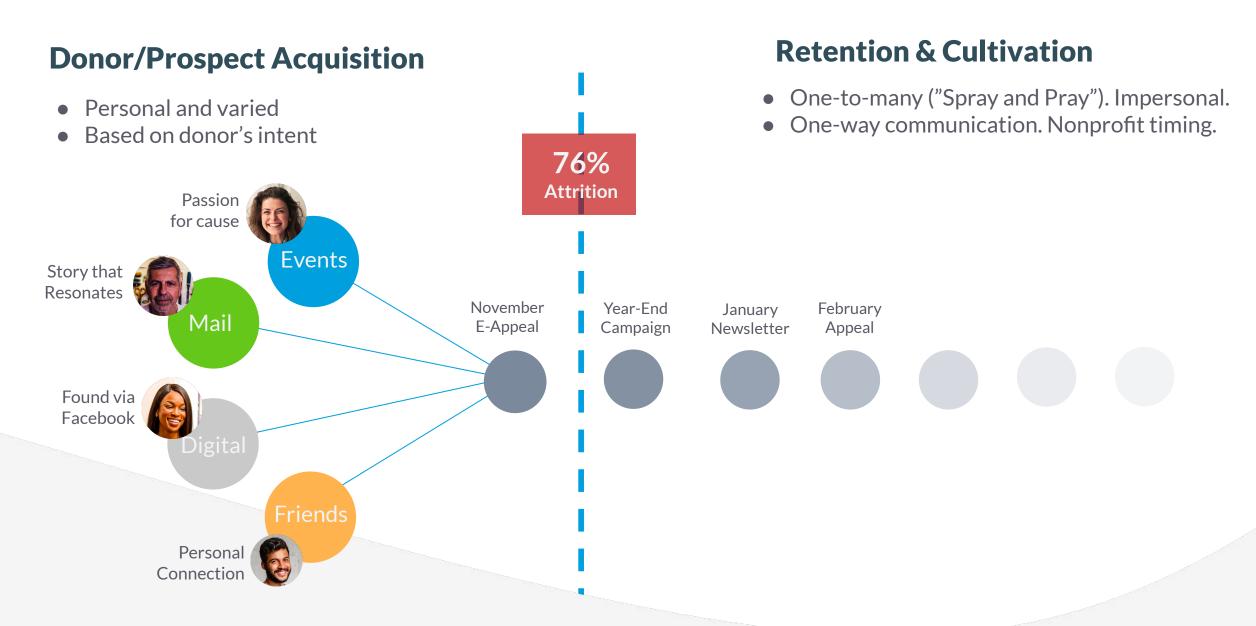


Giving is personal

Today's donors expect a **personal connection** to causes they care about.



Today's fundraising is largely impersonal





The Good News... Many nonprofits are closing the gap

Essentials of Fundraising

Connecting supporters with your story through systems



Metrics, Communications, Platforms



Responsive Fundraising

Growing nonprofits are using **responsive** technology and tactics to **connect personally** with each donor.



Listen

Ask questions. Find out why donors given. Identify key signals.



Repeat

Test. Find out what what works. Rinse and repeat.





Connect

Connect personally in real-time. Automate emails, tasks, & segmentation.



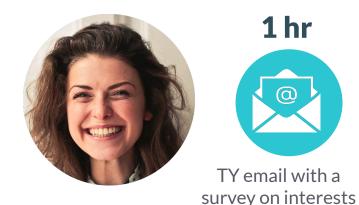
Suggest

Suggest the right next step based on engagement, intent and capacity



Imagine for a moment ...

Meet Lisa Attended a virtual event



1hr TY email with a

1 day

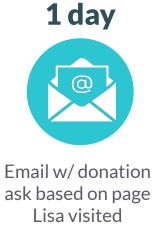
Thank you call from team

2 days SMS

SMS from Program Team based on interests

Lisa Visits Site







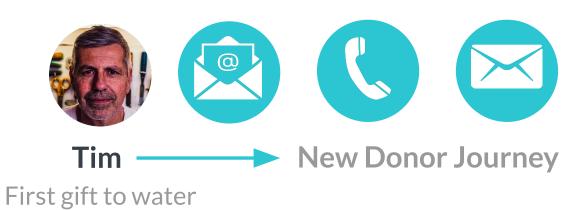


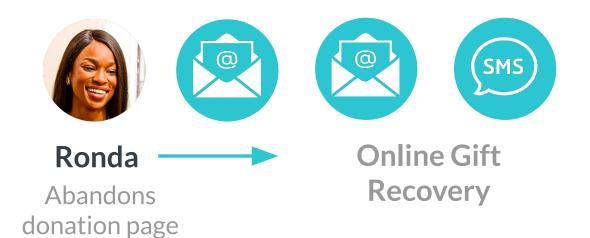
15 days Postcard closing the loop on impact

Connection is based on timing & intent. Multi-channel. Hyper personal.



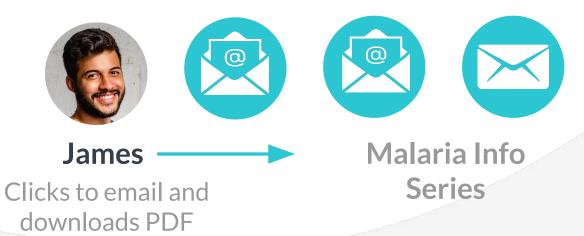
What if ...







campaign





Static vs Dynamic Campaigns

Driven by constituent's timing not the organization's timing



Responsive, dynamic campaigns

Donor/Prospect Acquisition

Retention & Cultivation

Personal. Based on Donor Timing

Connected to Intent. Driven by Donor Behavior.





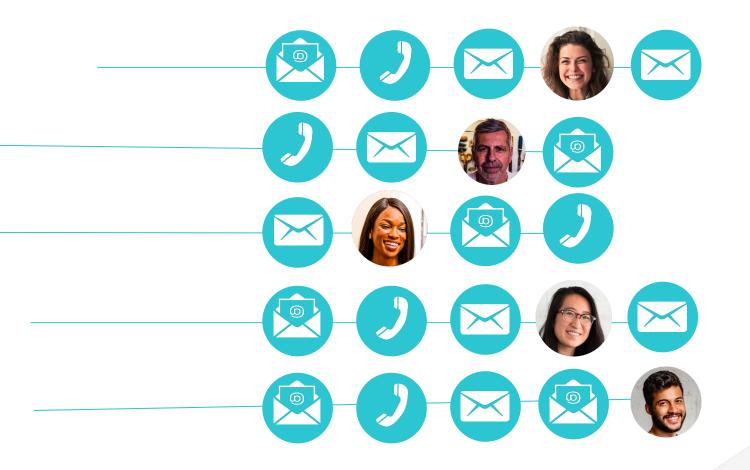






Multi-Channel. One Conversation.

Growing nonprofits are using multi-channel communications to deepen engagement.





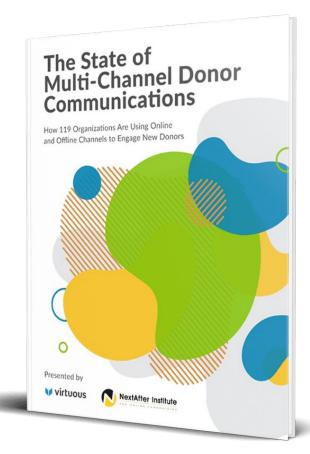
Why Multi-Channel?

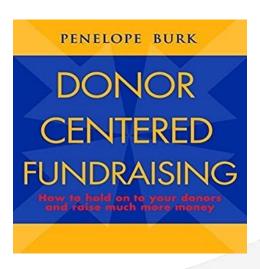
Multi-channel donors are worth 300% more (LTV)

Digital donors are 3x more likely to become multi-channel donors

Phone & SMS are key to success.

39% increase in giving due to thank you call





Sources: Penelope Burk's 'Donor Centered Fundraising', Aggregate Virtuous Customer Data, The State of Multi-Channel Communications

How We're Doing...

65%

of nonprofits are not communicating with online and offline donors in multiple channels Donated **\$20** online to **119** organizations.

Donated **\$20** via mail to **119** organizations.

Captured **12 key data points** in the giving process.

Donation Page. Thank You Page. Ways to Give Page.

Let's get tactical!

What does personalization look like? How can marketing automation help?

A Story of Two Donors

Each gave a gift yesterday.



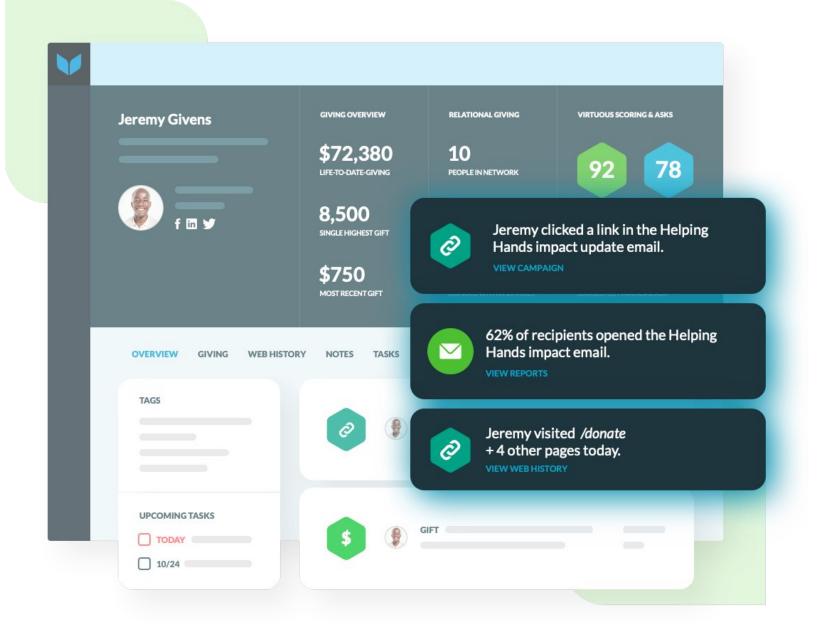
But what happens next?



Katie

Jeremy





STEP 1 Listen to Signals

Know your Donor

Donor Profile

- Personal Info
- Giving History
- Engagement
- Channel
- Survey Response

Donor Signals

- Digital Activity
- Wealth Data
- Smart Scoring
- Social Media
- Demographics
- Location



What Are You Listening For?

Involvement

How they engage

Interest

What they engage with

Intent

Why they engage



Active donor ~4 years LTD Giving > \$5k Volunteers often Gives monthly to women support programs

Volunteered to be a mentor for young girls

Said in a survey that she gives because of she saw first-hand the value of mentorship.



First-time donor Attended a virtual event Gave \$500 online Requested more info on child advocacy programs

Viewed child adoption articles on our website

Visited the website again after being disengaged for four (4) months.



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RESPONSIVE FUNDRAISING

Segment by Donor Persona



Erika // New Mother



Cheryl // Former Teacher



Scott // Pastor



Suzie // Mother



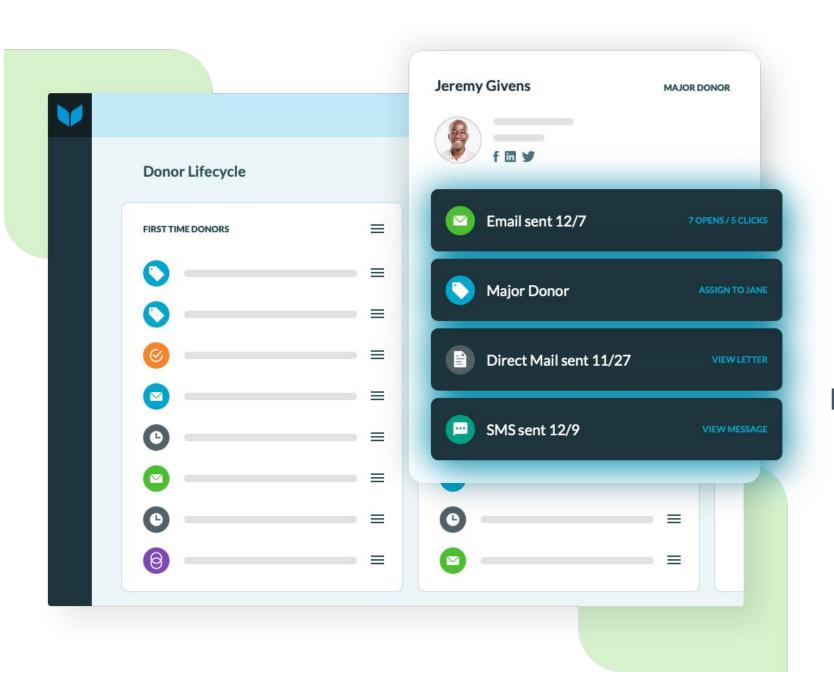
Abby // College Student



Jay // Business Owner









Connect Personally

Multi-Channel

- Email, SMS,Direct Mail,Phone, etc
- PersonalizedContent

Automation

- Segment in Real Time
- Dynamic Campaigns
- Portfolio Management





RESPONSIVE FUNDRAISING

Example: Contextual Follow-up & Next Steps



Kyle, meet Peter.

He leads the team that cared for Estela, the patient from Guatemala you supported, and he wrote you this note:

"Kyle, you and Watsi have done something special, which is allow us to say yes to patients like Estela. It creates hope, revitalizes imaginations, and reshapes medical realities. Happy Valentine's Day. Thanks for being on this journey with us."

This Valentine's Day, support one of Peter's patients.

And dedicate the donation to someone you love!

VIEW PATIENTS

Tactical Examples

Welcome Series

Introduce new supporters to your cause, and recommend next steps.

- Auto-append wealth and social data
- Auto-segment donor
- **SMS 1**: Thank you text with link
- Email 1: Thank you email with personal connection
- SMS 2: Link to current story
- Email 2: Email with stories of impact
- Postcard: Impact highlight postcard
- Phone call: Thanks from program team
- Email 3: Initial appeal for recurring gift
- Mail appeal for recurrring gift





AUTOMATION #2

Supporter Milestones

Proactively celebrate key moments of engagement.

- Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- LTD Giving Levels
- Volunteer Hours
- Graduation Date
- Partnership Level



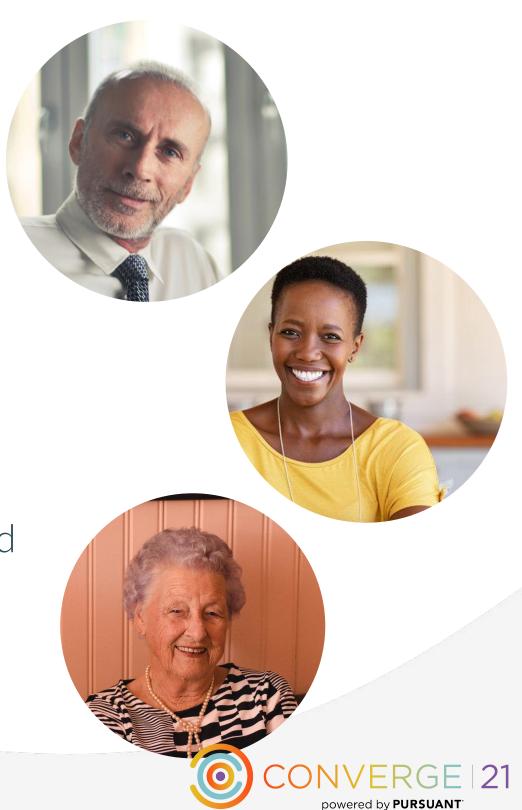


AUTOMATION #3

Portfolio Management

Surface key relationships and streamline portfolio assignments.

- Auto-append social wealth data. Track behavior,
- Auto-assign portfolios based on criteria
- Dynamically assign tasks MGOs based on behavior
- Scale personalized communications (SMS, email, mail) and free up time form more outreach



AUTOMATION #5

Sustainer Activation

Identify monthly donors and activate action

- Identify prospects (2+ gifts under \$250)
- Send recurring invites to key donors
- Drive to subscription giving product landing page
- SMS/Mail follow-up





BONUS IDEAS!!!

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Rid your team of redundant back-office tasks, automate follow-up and driven engagement

- Dynamic segmentation
- Lapsed reactivation series
- Volunteer activation
- Alumni and giving circles
- Grateful patient engagement
- Event follow-up
- Thank you call tasks for program team
- Data management and clean-up
- Gift acknowledgment and receipting

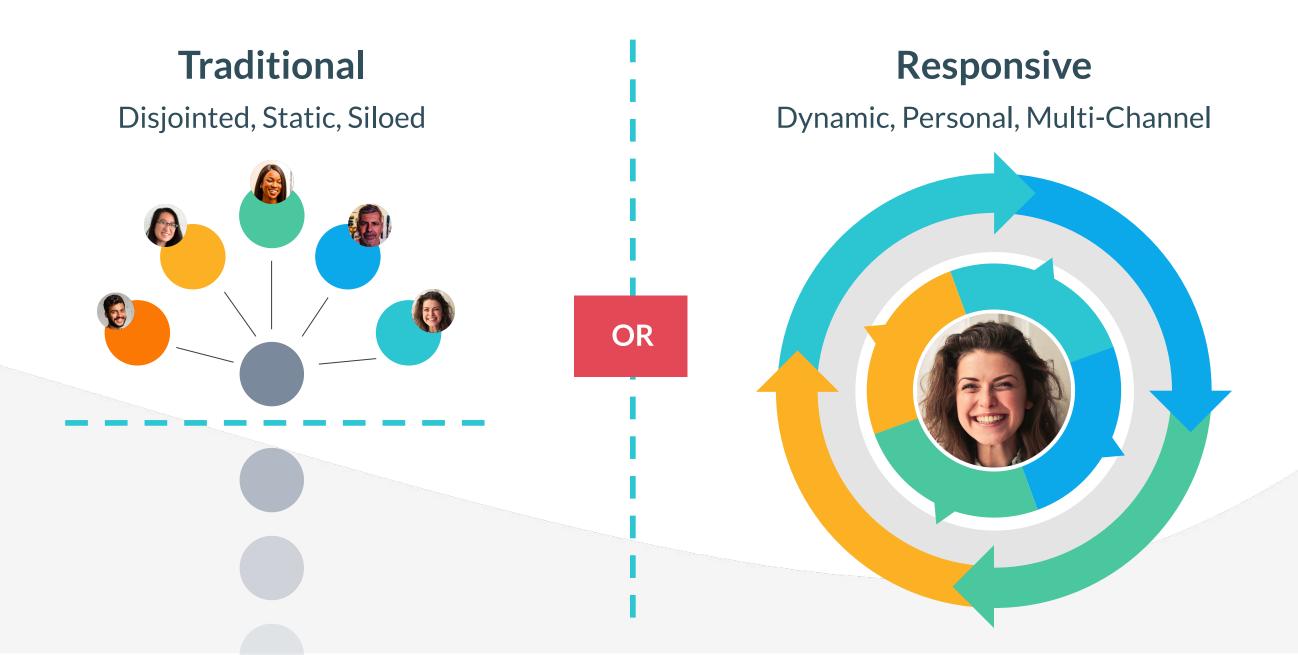






Your Nonprofit Has A Choice

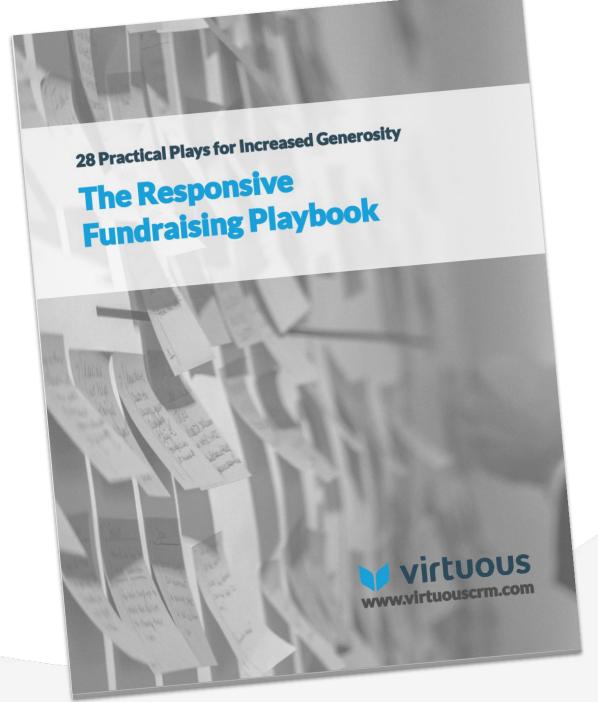
Will you carry on or adapt your system to grow?



Offer: The Responsive Fundraising Pack

Send an email to responsive@virtuous.org with subject line "Converge" and I'll send you:

- A 30-minute video showcasing the why and how of responsive fundraising
- The 100+ Page Responsive Fundraising
 Blueprint & Playbook
- A self-paced Responsive Assessment to benchmark your nonprofit's fundraising







Welcome Beth Fisher

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A growth partner for nonprofit teams

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From responsive fundraising platforms and playbooks to hands-on support from real people who care about your success.













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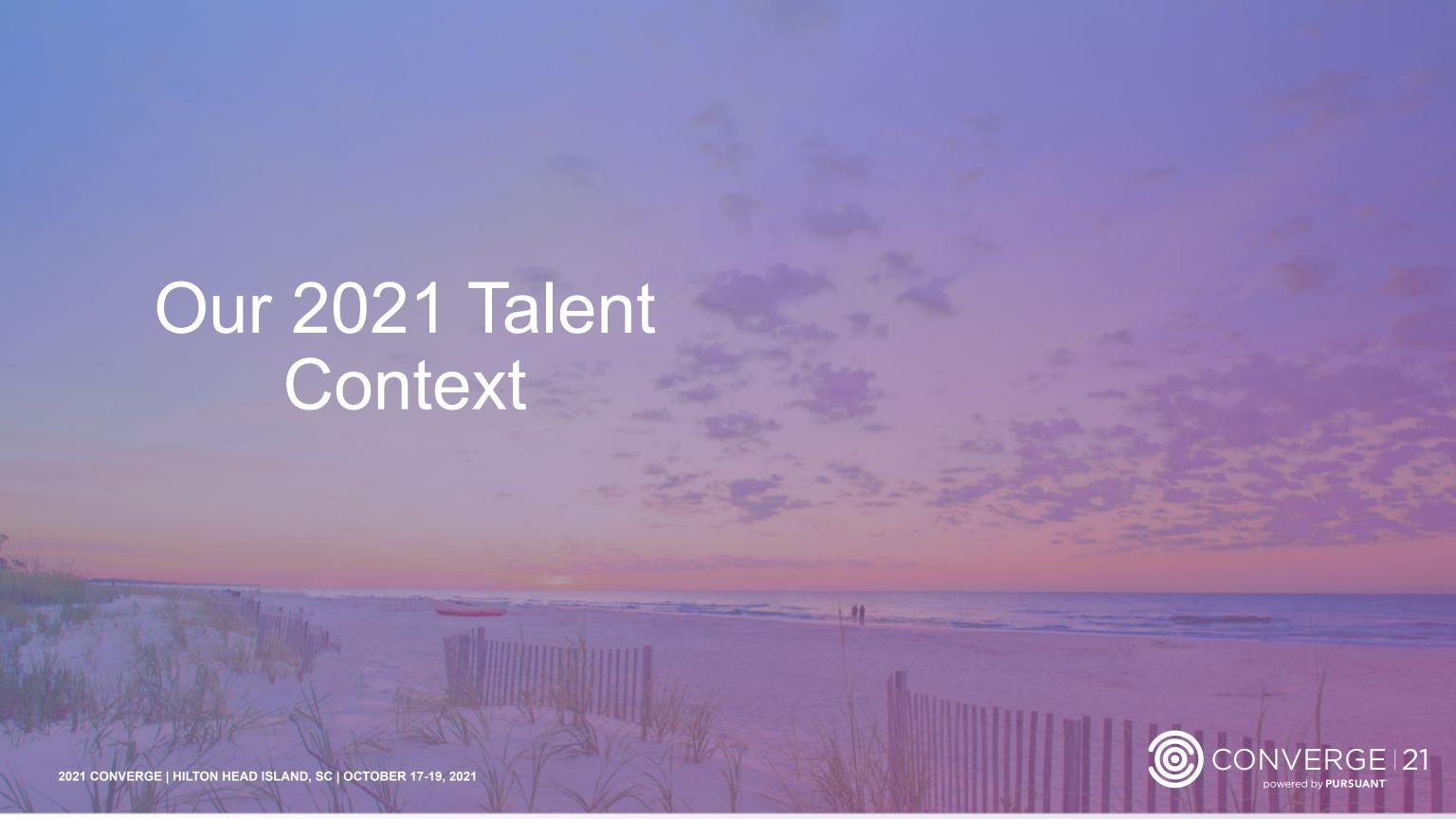
Converge on Talent

Context

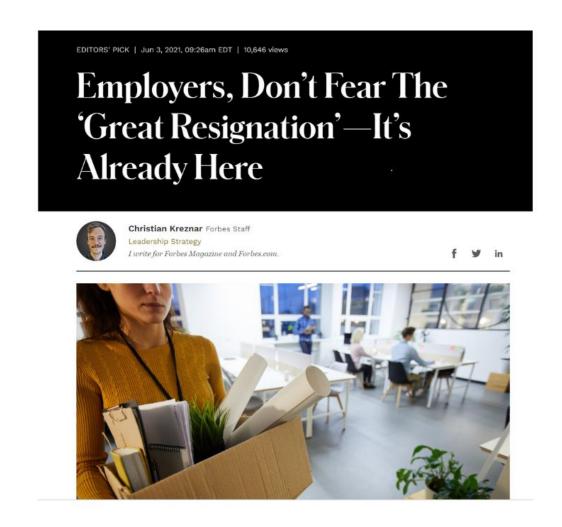
Deeper Dives

Solutions Forward





The Great Resignation



40% of professionals are projected to leave their current employer

Mid-career + manager-level departures growing fastest

Elimination of pandemic benefits in 2021 did not restore workforce

Freelancers / "gig" workers projected to make up 50+% of workers by 2027





Workforce in Motion

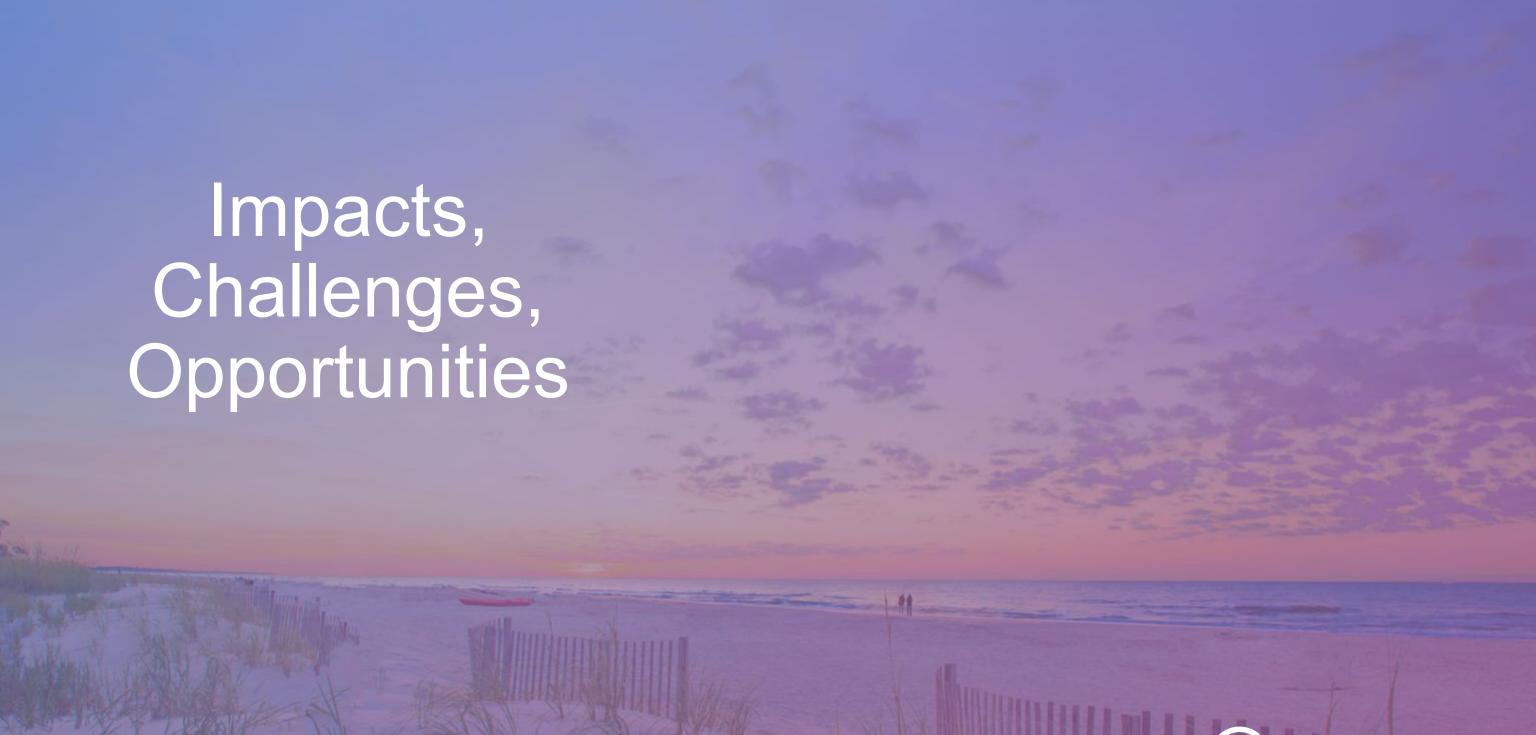




Life Mission Health Passion Meaning Family Campaigns Safety Commutes Compensation Caretakers Digital Work Equity + Inclusion Remote / Leadership Hybrid **Transitions** Vaccines







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Organizational Culture



"Talented people want to work for organizations with strong cultures."

Gallup







New Roles, Structures, Competencies



Team structures were broken or shifted in 2020. New models emerging.

Roles and expectations transformed.

Ability to navigate both digital and in-person with ease and expertise became paramount.

"Digital" officers. Truly different?

Will we finally hire more – and successfully – from other sectors?

On average, employees receive 42 hours of training per year. (Industry Report)

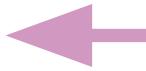




Remote / Hybrid / In-Office Modes of Work

- Maturity of organization / program
- New vs. established leaders
- Fairness / equity considerations
- Digital access
- Comp design, state compliance
- Budgeting for new models
- Meeting design, culture work





Designing what's right for our organizations.





Expect Hybrid as a continuing norm

Pandemics

Natural Disasters

Fires

Storms

Floods

Regional Disruptions

Disease Outbreaks

Conflict

Economic Forces

Industry Disruption

Expect disruption, integrate hybrid approaches as normal.

102 Top talent is always in demand.

The global talent shortage almost doubled in past decade. Hold onto our teams.

"Winners" hire before markets rebound. Prepare to hire and onboard.

Demand for virtual and hybrid roles is high; need to be able to attract and onboard this top talent.



Diversity Equity Inclusion

#1 request from our nonprofit partners 87% of surveyed companies indicate management believes hiring a diverse workforce is important. (Yello)

81% of companies have diversity recruiting strategies. (Yello)

Women's participation in the workforce has dropped to 57%, the lowest since 1988. (Barrons)

Organizations are reducing bias in the hiring process, revamping search committees, interviews, site visits.

Securing Black, Brown, AAPI and Indigenous talent takes funding and active, consistent work.









Belonging, Hiring, Retention



#notadiversecandidate

Individuals bring experience, talents and competencies we need – *and* diverse lived experience.

Tough questions about where we are in our DEIB journey? *Being authentic is key.*

Hiring leaders reframing from "pipeline problem" to acknowledging systemic factors and adjusting process.

New leaders don't want to be "the one" to transform our organizations.

Shifting emphasis off the employee to code shift and be 10X as good. Developing our majority leaders, managers and colleagues to create success.



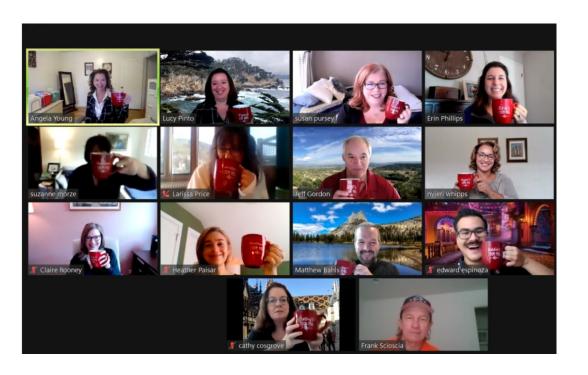


Retaining Top Talent

- Talent Reviews (9 box, 2x2)
- Onboarding
- High communication + engagement
- Transparency on plans + priorities
- Engage employees in planning + solutions
- Effective Meetings
- Deeper Quarterly 1-1s / Career Pathing

May 2021 Survey* of 2,000 employees in U.S. + Canada:

- 1/3 planned to leave for higher compensation
- 2/3 cited other reasons that essentially comprise company culture
- 1 / 4 sought better work-life balance
- 1/5 sought greater recognition for their work
- 15% cited values and relationships











Onboarding

Onboarding and retention have an established relationship:

- Improves new hire retention by 82%.
- 86% of new employees decide to stay or go within first 6 months
- Organizations lose up to 20% of new hires within first 45 days.
- 58% more likely to stay 3+ years if structured onboarding



- ✓ Begin before day 1
- Ensure time with direct manager
- ✓ Outline performance goals
- Assign a buddy





Planning + Engagement in Planning





Strategic use of valuable meeting time







Measuring Productivity, Ensuring Accountability









