

# 7 Things Every Nonprofit Professional Should Know about Online Fundraising and Marketing



### Agenda

- The Online Opportunity
- The 7 Things
- About Convio



## **The Online Opportunity**

- Online marketing has demonstrated promise for nonprofits but is far from achieving full potential
  - Most raise <5% of funds online</p>
  - Email files generally a fraction of direct mail files
- Important reasons to focus more on the Internet
  - Fundraisers report that Internet is growing in effectiveness vs. other solicitation techniques\*
  - Experts forecast 30% of all funds donated to nonprofits will be raised online by 2010\*
  - More people going online not only to donate but also to become more engaged with the organization

\*Source: Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, *Philanthropic Giving Index*, 2006 \*\*Source: Harvard Initiative on Social Enterprise.



## **Online Marketing: What's Different?**

- Constituents often younger, many new to philanthropy
- Organically develop vs. rent prospect lists
- Enables communication without solicitation
- Immediate and interactive
- Ability to test, track and report in real time
- Easy for mass personalization
- Viral component (peer to peer)
- New and creative giving options, e.g. peer to peer

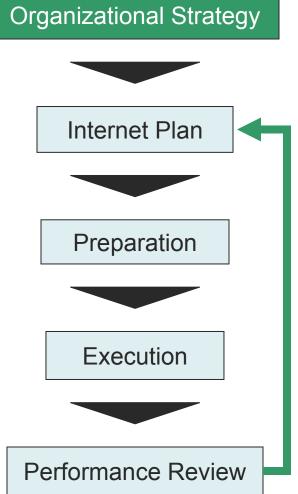


### 7 real world quotes regarding online marketing...

- 1. "You gotta have a plan"
- 2. "You don't have enough email addresses"
- 3. "Not everyone wants to hear everything"
- 4. "Old dogs need to learn new tricks"
- 5. "Maybe you should try it in blue..."
- 6. "Offline and Online are NOT oil and water"
- 7. "Don't lose the forest for the trees"



# 1) "You gotta have a plan"



### • Map to your overall strategy

- Expand your mission
- Extend reach
- Cut costs

### Resource accordingly

- Are technology and staff ready
- Accountability
- Assign tasks and Milestones
  - Track and measure
- Analyze and Review
  - Compare results to goals and baselines
  - Adjust planning as needed



## **Staffing for Success: Key Questions**

- What resources should be dedicated?
  - ► Type of resources?
  - ► How many?
- How can workload be distributed?
  - What happens centrally via the Webmaster/ Web team vs. in functions (e.g. fundraising, advocacy)
- What role should executives play?
  - Steering committees, oversight
  - Driving collaboration across functions



### 2) "You don't have enough email addresses"

### How are you collecting?

- Online Registration
- Offline Approaches
- What is the offer?
- Audit your registration process
  - Quick Low Barrier
  - Follow up for profiling
  - Integrated into opportunities

### Do you have opportunities to partner?



# **Building Email File: Website Conversion**

Maximize "conversion" opportunities on your Website
 Goal 2-3% conversion of unique visitors to subscribers



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# **Building Email File: Offline Channels**

- Collect email addresses at events and on reply devices
  - Paper-based reply devices: 2-6% email address capture rate
  - Telemarketing: up to 35% capture rate
- Use mailings, TV and other media to drive constituents to your Web site for conversion

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Please include me in The ASPCA News Alert, the free weekly e-mail newsletter.	Please include me in The ASPC	A News Ale	rt, the free weekly e	-mail newsletter.



# **Building Email File: Viral Marketing**

- Productive technique for most nonprofits
  - Tell-a-friend, petitions, ecards
- MADD Results:
  - Asked constituents to "sign" and forward epetition
  - 79% of click-through came from forwarded emails
  - Over 3,000 <u>new</u> email addresses collected
  - Grew email file 23% in 15 days

### Parents are in for a fright this Halloween .... but you can help make roads safer.





#### Dear Mandy,

Halloween should be about ballerinas, Spider-Man costumes, walking hand-in-hand with your kids and knowing which neighbors give "the good candy." Sadly, what was once considered a kid-friendly evening has become a dangerous drinking holiday thanks to alcohol marketers.

Halloween is now one of the deadliest times of year, with alcohol impaired drivers threatening our highways and even the roads in our neighborhoods. Even worse, Halloween falls on a Friday this year, almost guaranteeing that there will be more people drinking and driving.

We need your action immediately -- Halloween is only days away. Please <u>click to forward this note</u> to 5 friends or family members to ask them to sign our petition for increased DUI/DWI enforcement and safer roads.

Help us reach our goal of 17,419 signatures by signing the online petition now -- that's one petition for every person killed last year in alcohol-related traffic crashes. Let's do our part to make sure that the most dangerous outcome this Halloween is a toothache.

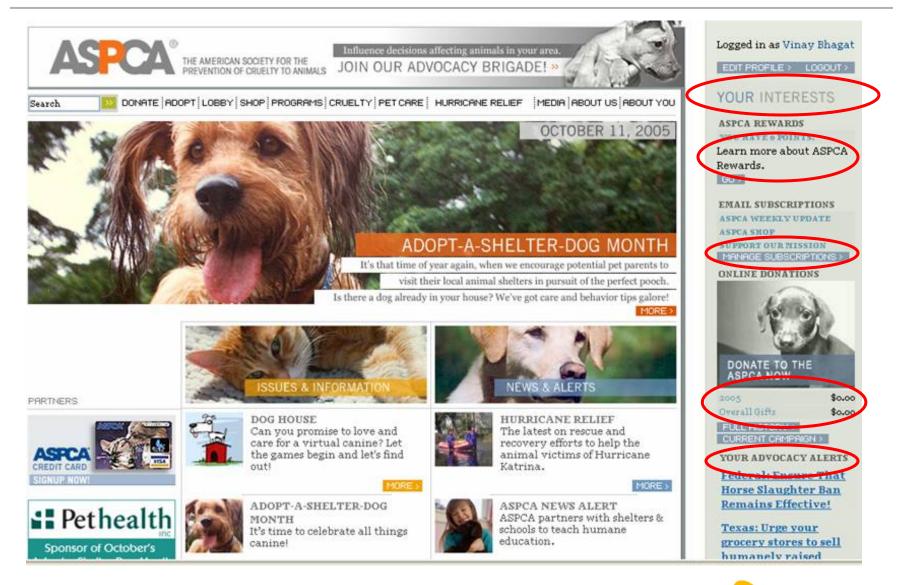


### 3) "Not everyone wants to hear everything"

- How do I segment my constituents?
  - Donor/Non Donor
  - Geographically
  - Member/Non Member
- What are 3 things I would want to know about a prospect to better communicate with them?
  - Dog vs. Cat Person
  - Patient vs. Family Member
  - Info Gathering vs. Needing Services
- How can I gather that information and use it?
  - Surveys
  - Link Tracking

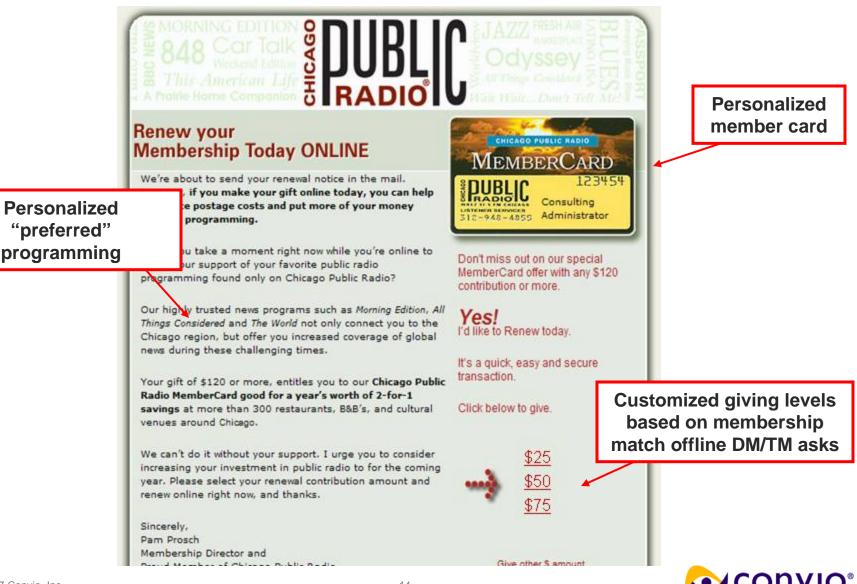


### **Relevant Content: Web Personalization**

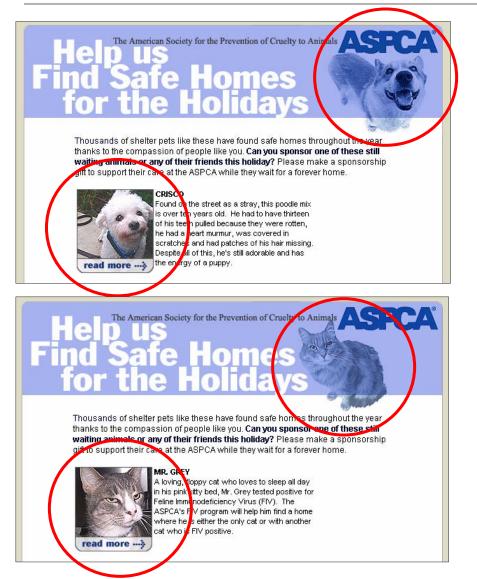


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### **Personalization for Retention**



## **Targeting for Success**



Do you have any dogs?	
Yes	-
Do you have any cats?	
Yes	-

**Results:** 

- Open rates 26%
   higher
- Response rates 2x
   higher



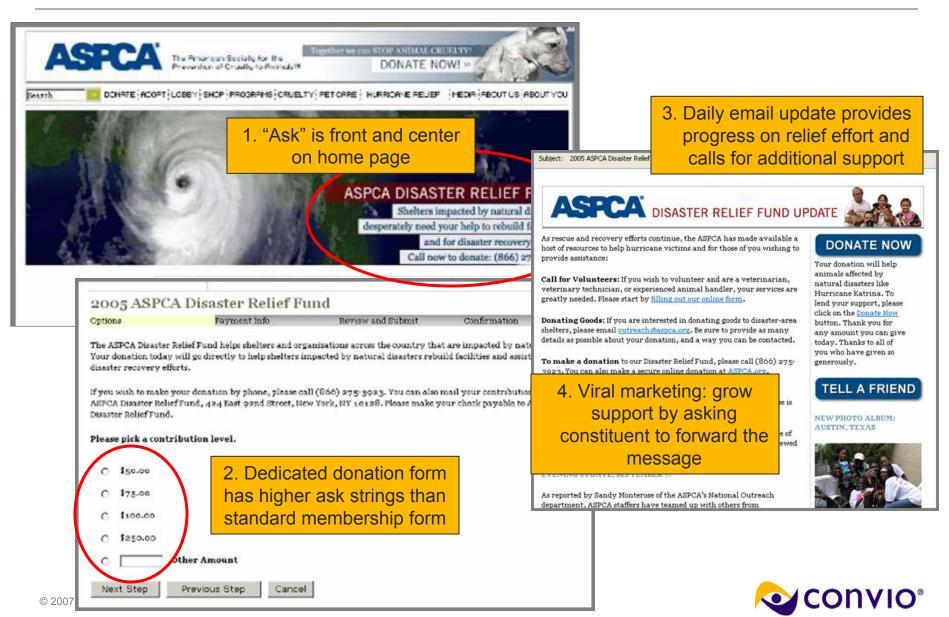
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### Optimize fundraising approaches

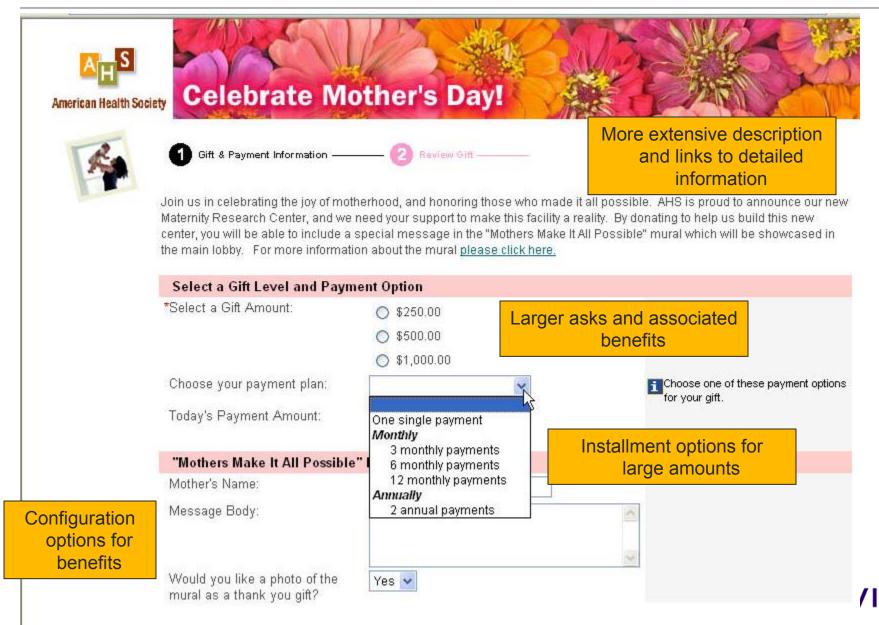
- MicroCampaigns
- Targeted Donation Forms
- Matching Gifts
- Campaign Approach
- Empower your constituents
  - Tributes
  - Widgets
  - Hard Core Supporters
- Explore new fundraising sources
  - eCommerce
  - Events
  - Cross Market



## **ASPCA Micro-Campaign: Katrina**



### **Configurable Donation Form**

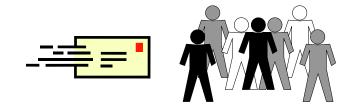


### **Recurring Gifts and Payment Options**

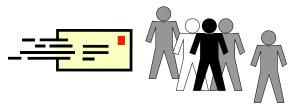
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	Yes, automatically repeat this
*First Name:	gift every month.
*Last Name:	
*Street 1:	
*City:	
*State/Province:	×
*ZIP Code:	
*Email Address:	
	Yes, I please send me information and updates.
How did you hear about us?	×
Payment Information	
*Select a Payment Type	Credit Card
Credit Card Type:	Bank Account Withdrawal Credit Card



## **Campaign Approach and Follow Up**



Message 1 12/13/05 1,907 Delivered 338 Opens \$1,811 Gifts



Message 2 12/20/05 1,878 Delivered 315 Opens \$1,951 Gifts



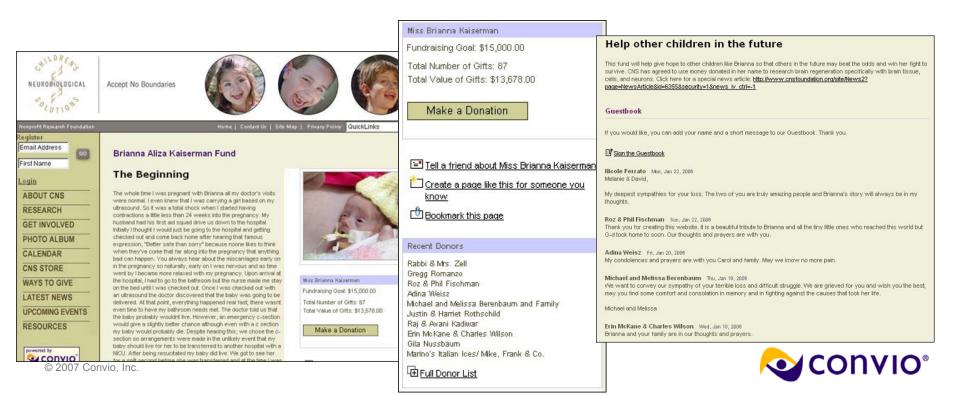
Message 3 12/29/05 1,838 Delivered 331 Opens \$2,900 Gifts

\$6,912 Total, Almost 4X the initial amount



### **Empower Tribute Fundraisers**

- Tribute fundraising gives a constituent the ability to create a "family fund" and easily produce a fundraising Web sites in memory or in honor of friends or loved ones
- Serves to build compelling content, includes descriptive text, photos, a guestbook, an honor roll, and a fundraising goal thermometer – and most importantly, ways to act.
- A personal URL can also be used to market in newspaper articles, local media.



### Provide opportunities to "step up"



### Take the Pledge. Become a Cyclist for the Bay.

#### The Bay You Love Is in TROUBLE.



The Chesapeake Bay is dangerously out of balance. The Bay and its rivers and streams are being choked by nitrogen and phosphorus pollution, toxic contamination, and oxygen depletion.

You can be part of the solution. Join CBF's CYCLIST FOR THE BAY program and help protect this national treasure.

#### The Pledge

#### **Tell Us About Yourself**

#### As a CYCLIST FOR THE BAY, I will

- Use my bicycle instead of a car whenever possible to reduce the harmful effects of vehicle emissions.
- Ride my bike to work at least once a week, if circumstances allow.
- Do what I can to promote cycling as an environmentally-friendly means of transportation.
- Spread the word that vehicle exhaust contributes more than one-third of all the nitrogen pollution entering the Bay from the air.
- Encourage other cyclists to join the fight to protect and restore the waterways, farmlands, and forests of the Bay region.
- Speak out for decisive action to save this national treasure.

#### Membership is FREE!

Pledge now and receive

Two CYCLIST FOR THE BAY stickers to proudly display your support for the Bay

Please fill out the following information and pledge to	
become a Cyclist for the Bay. Fields marked with an	*
are required.	

Title:	×
* First Name:	
* Last Name:	
* Email:	
* Street 1:	
Street 2:	
* City:	
State / * Province:	<b>v</b>
ZIP / Postal * Code:	
Phone Number:	

Remember me. What's this?

Would you be willing to help recuit other cyclists for this program?

### **Traditional eCommerce**



### ONLINE STORE

#### > ASPCA Logo Products

- > Animal Tees
- > T-Shirts
- > Ladies Tees
- > Youth Tees
- > Baby Onesies & Tees
- > Long-Sleeve Tees
- > Sweatshirts
- > Caps/Bandanas
- > Mugs/Totes
- > Magnet/Stickers
- > Wristbands
- > Children's Books
- > Ages 0-3
- > Ages 4-8
- > Ages 9-12
- > Ages 12-Adult
- > Animal Careers
- > Coping with Pet Loss
- > Henry Bergh Book Awards
- > Pet Care Guides For Kids
- > Anti-Cruelty Resources
- > Books
- > Educational Resources
- > First Aid For Pets
- > Gift Ideas
- > Holiday Cards
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MEMBER LOG-IN

User Name

LOG-IN

#### Need help logging in?

#### JOIN THE ASPCA

When you register on the ASPCA website, you can get our newsletter, lobby for humane laws, and shop for ASPCA gear. **REGISTER NOW!** 



### FREE ASPCA STUFF!

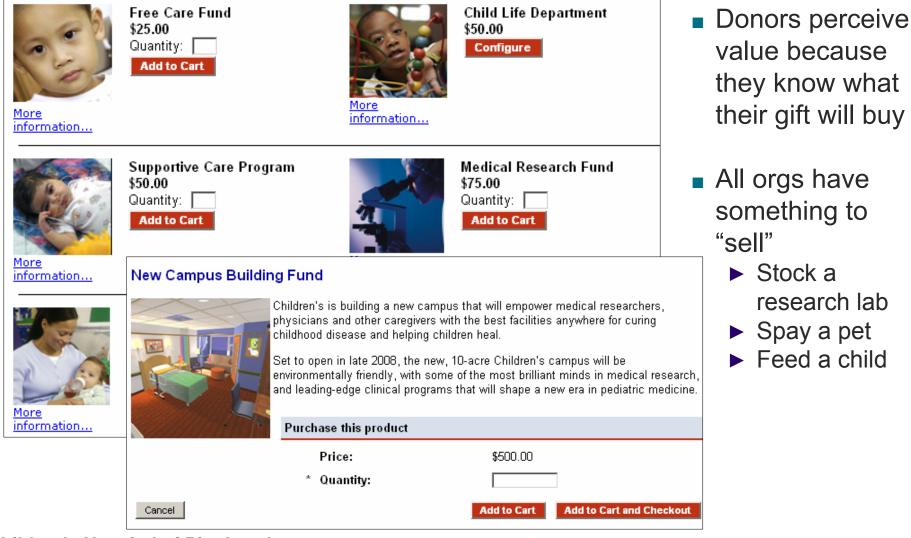
- Get a Free Magnet
- Order a Free Sticker
- Send ASPCA eCards
- Download Wallpaper

### ASPCA NEWS ALERT

Sign up now to receive our weekly e-mail newsletter!



# Virtual eCommerce



### **Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh**

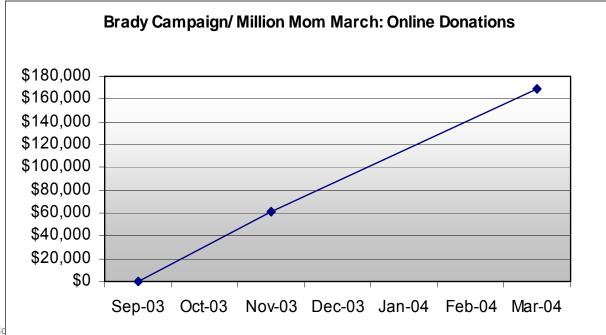
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### Cross Promoting Fundraising – Brady Campaign/Million Mom March

### Fundraising: Appeals Sent After Building Relationships

- Fostered support through petition and advocacy, wait before asking for money
- Sent two donation requests to online supporters for the first time in February '04
- Response rates on donation requests were 3% and 2.65%, respectively





# 5) "Maybe you should try it in blue..."

Volves will no longer be safe in our most wild places, if the Forest Service has its way. *Please help support* ur efforts to stop them. (For a limited time, one of our most generous donors will even match your lonation dollar-for-dollar!)





#### Dear Sandy,

Wolves would no longer be safe in our most wild places, if the Forest Service has its way. Under a new proposal, wolves could be chased down from planes or all-terrain vehicles. Baited traps could shoot toxic gas into their mouths, causing a painful, horrible death.

Your donation can help stop this harmful proposal -- and thanks to a dollar-for-dollar match, you can double the impact of your donation.

We're launching a new campaign to stop the Forest Service's ill-advised plan, and you can help. Thanks to a generous donor who has offered to match your contribution, each dollar you dollar: give between now and August 30th will have twice the impact to protect our wolves and other wildlife.

The Forest Service's plan to make it easier to kill wolves and other carnivores would upset the natural balance in the most remote and wild places we have left.

And it would put Wildlife Services -- an agency with a grim track record -- in charge. In 2004 alone, they killed more than 37,000 animals through aerial gunning.

We have to stop this proposal. Double your gift NOW! Your



VES! I would like to double the impact of my donation to help save our wolves! Please match my gift dollar-for-

- \$35 = \$70 with match
- $\odot$ \$50 = \$100 with match
- §100 = \$200 with match
- \$500 = \$1000 with match
- Another Amount doubles with 0 our dollar-for-dollar match!

DONATE NOW

hanks to a generous donor, your contribution will go twice as far to help wolves -- Double the impact of our donation today!



#### Dear Sandy,

We've received word from a generous donor that he will match your contribution dollar-for-dollar in the next two weeks. That means every dollar you give goes twice as far to save our wolves and other wildlife!

Double your gift NOW! Help us reach our goal of \$25,000 -that's \$50,000 with the match -- by August 30th.

This matching gift couldn't come at a better time. We're launching a new campaign to stop the Forest Service's harmful proposal that would make it easier to kill wolves and other carnivores in our wilderness areas -- areas designated to be wild and free of human influence.

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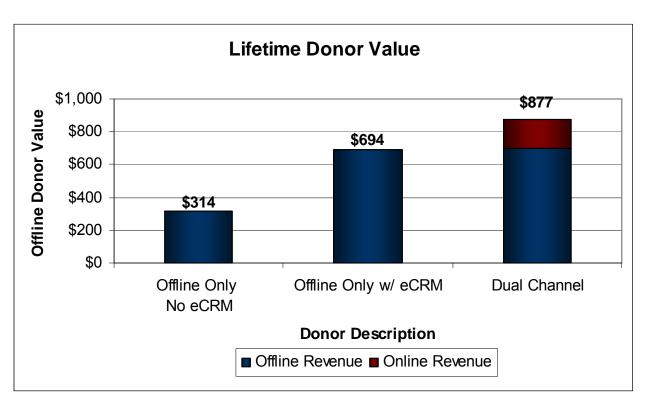
DONATE NOW

Wolf copy focus: 0.17% donation rate Match copy focus: 0.13% donation rate

Wolf-focused tone increased donation rates by 29% in one segment



### 6) "Offline and Online are NOT oil and water"



Note: Metrics exclude transactions \$10k+ and one time only donors

#### Donors per segment:

Offline Only No eCRM: 55,042 Offline Only eCRM: 2,844 Dual Channel: 3,143 Donors receiving eCRM are significantly more valuable

- Offline only donors receiving eCRM are more than twice as valuable life-to-date as offline only donors who do not
- Offline only donors receiving eCRM have a similar longterm value for offline contributions as dual channel donors (doesn't cannibalize)



## **Integrated Appeal Calendar**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Membership Renewal	$\checkmark$											
Spring Direct Mail Campaign		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$								
Newsletter	$\checkmark$											
Advocacy Alert	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$					$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Fall Direct Mail Campaign									$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
Holiday Newspaper Ad											$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

### **Results**

- Typically lift response 5-15% through integration
- Also able to execute low cost Web only appeals



### 7) "Don't lose the forest for the trees"

- Stay focused on the strategic goals of the organization The Vision
- Drive towards results
- Don't get lost in the technology mumbo jumbo
- "A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week." George S. Patton (1885 - 1945)

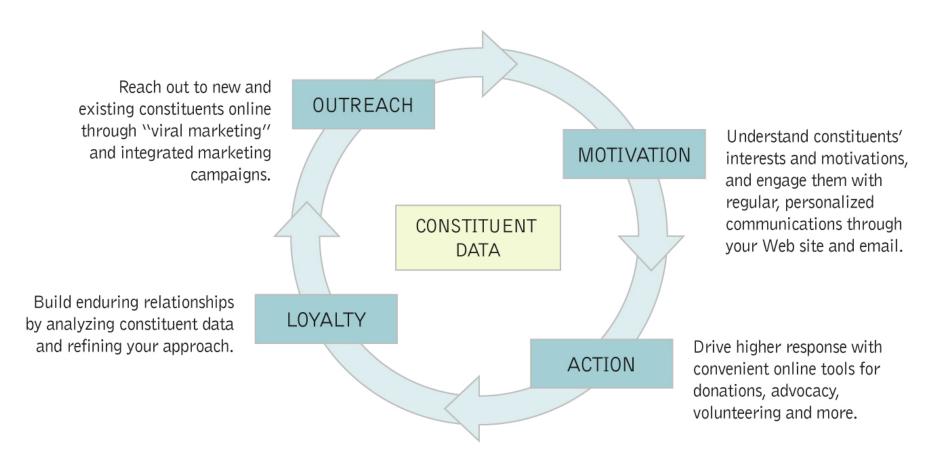


### Recap

- 1. Plan
- 2. Outreach
- 3. Segmentation/Targeting
- 4. Innovation
- 5. Testing
- 6. Integration
- 7. Vision



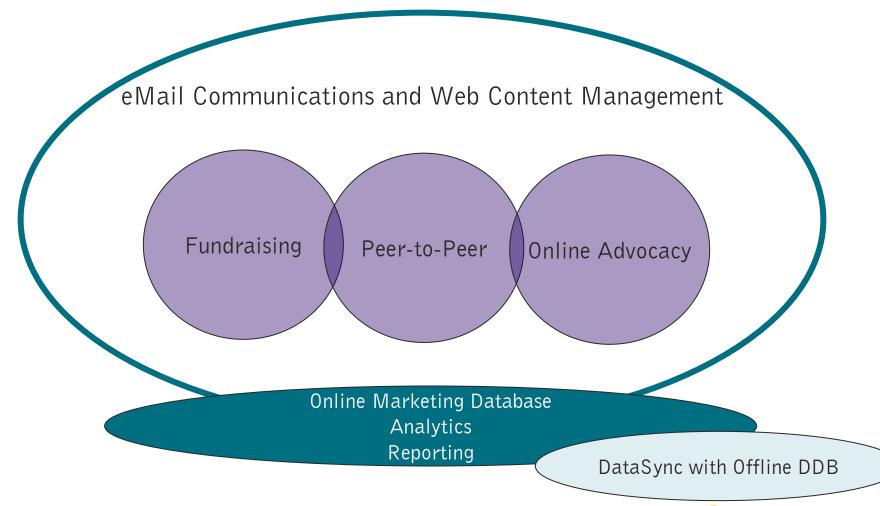
## The Convio Approach - eCRM Framework





### **The Convio Solution**

### Account Management, Training, Support, Consulting Services





## **About Convio**

- Leading provider of software and consulting to help nonprofits build relationships and drive support online
- Focus on helping nonprofits get results from their online investment
- Internet strategy and campaign consulting capabilities





Save the Bay





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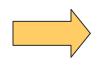






# **Next Step: Finding the Right Resource**

Unsure about Internet's potential for your organization



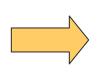
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Believe Internet has strong potential but don't have a clearly defined online strategy



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