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Agenda

- Identify key generational differences between donor groups. Assess size of each group.
- Make sense of myriad online tactics available when building and rationalizing a strategic plan – particularly when investing in social media.
- Discuss how to most successfully reach and cultivate younger donors for a lifetime of support.



The Research

- In 2007 Convio, Edge Research and Sea Change Strategies partnered with 20+ nonprofit organizations on "The Wired Wealthy, Using the Internet to Connect with Your Middle and Major Donors".
- This follow-up study was designed to look at how different generations learn about, engage with, and donate to charitable nonprofit organizations both online and off.
- NGO's have a lot of experience connecting and raising money with older donors. These findings provide the sector with insights on cultivating the next generation of American donors.
- The study also examines emerging trends in outreach and fundraising strategies such as peer-to-peer and mobile philanthropy. Several additional reports will be released over the next few months.



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What makes them different? The same?



Looking at Generational Personas

Media, Technology, and Demographics

Life-Stage Defining Attitudes and Values

Acquisition and Giving Channel Behaviors



PERSONA INTRODUCTION



Gen Y



My name is Michael or Jessica, I'm 24, and I'm GEN Y.

SOCIAL MEDIA

I'm very tech savvy, and more likely to use Facebook, YouTube, MySpace, and Twitter than any other generation.

MOBILE

I'm also more likely to use my mobile phone for everything – including the Facebook mobile app, texting, and mobile Internet. I'm also most likely to have a mobile phone only.

INTERNET HABITS

- As a Gen Yer I'm most likely to download music and video and upload photos and video.
- l'm most likely to instant message, blog, listen to podcasts.



Gen Y



DEMOGRAPHICS

- I'm most likely to make less than \$50K a year, still be a student.
- More than any generation, I'm most likely to be single, be a renter, and live with my parents.
- I'm unattached to traditional institutions and am more likely than any generation to have NO political affiliation and am least likely to attend religious services.

ATTITUDINAL/LIFE STAGE

- I think it's "Time to Give Back"
 - I'm starting out, don't have a lot time or money to give
 - At a point in my life where I would like to increase my commitment to charity
- I also want to know "What's In It For Me?"
 - ► I like promotional give-aways
 - ▶ I like to support through social events. (i.e. parties, runs, etc)
- Lastly I want "Online Connection"
 - ▶ I promote my interests/causes through social networks
 - I visit websites prior to supporting



Gen Y



LEARNING ABOUT TOP CHARITY

 Even though mainstream media and word of mouth is a top prospecting devices across all generations -- I am significantly more likely to learn about charities through word of mouth, school, and peer to peer events.

GIVING CHANNELS TO TOP CHARITY

I'm more likely to give at fundraising events and through a website than any other generation.

Gen X



My name is Michael or Jennifer, I'm 37, and I'm GEN X.

SOCIAL MEDIA

 As Gen X, my social media habits are in line with other age groups, except that I use LinkedIn significantly more.

MOBILE

My mobile habits are in line with others'.

INTERNET HABITS

- I use the Internet more than other for web research, and to read magazines and newspapers.
- I also conduct online banking, engage in ecommerce, and instant message significantly more than other age groups.



Gen X



DEMOGRAPHICS

More than other generations, I'm most likely to have a post graduate degree than other generations and have children under 18 at home.

ATTITUDINAL/LIFE STAGE

- I want "Online Connection"
 - ▶ I promote my interests/causes through social networks
 - ▶ I visit websites prior to supporting
- I'm motivated by Random, Peer Motivated Support
 - Most of my charitable giving is random (who asks, emotions)
 - I'm more likely to support a charity when friends/family ask vs. the charity



Gen X



LEARNING ABOUT TOP CHARITY

 My generation consistently learned about a top charity through the usual channels –mainstream media and word of mouth – with no standouts from other generations.

GIVING CHANNELS TO TOP CHARITY

I'm more likely to give through a website and through monthly committed debit than other generations.



Boomers



My name is Michael or Mary, I'm 55, and I'm a Boomer.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE

My social media and mobile habits are in line with other age groups.

INTERNET HABITS

I use subscribe to e-newsletters significantly more than other generational cohorts, other than that use the Internet like everyone else.

DEMOGRAPHICS

I'm more likely to be divorced.



Boomers



ATTITUDINAL/LIFE STAGE

- I often consider "Time versus Money" tradeoffs when giving support
 - Volunteering is a priority for me
 - Sometimes I can make more of a difference volunteering my time
 - ► Sometimes I can make more of a difference giving money
- My giving is also "Pre-meditated" and planned
 - ▶ I have a well-established commitment to charities I care about
 - I budget for charitable organizations each year
 - ► I know which organizations I will support

LEARNING ABOUT TOP CHARITY

 My generation consistently learned about a top charity through mainstream media – like others – but we also learned about the organization through mail.

GIVING CHANNELS TO TOP CHARITY

I'm more likely to give through a check by mail significantly more than other generation.



Matures



My name is James or Mary, I'm 65, and I'm a Mature.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE

 My social media and mobile habits are significantly lower across the board than any other generation.

INTERNET HABITS

I also subscribe to e-newsletters significantly more than other generational cohorts other than that use the Internet like everyone else.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- I'm more likely to make over \$100K and be married and widowed than other generational groups.
- I'm more likely to be retired, own a home, and attend religious services.



Matures



ATTITUDINAL/LIFE STAGE

- Like my generation, I'm "Guarded" and "Scrutinize" offers I receive blocking out noise.
 - I won't answer the phone or look at mail from charities I haven't supported
 - I will not give charities my phone number or email
 - I'm concerned about what portion going to overhead

LEARNING ABOUT TOP CHARITY

 My generation learned about a top charity through mail – more than any other generation.

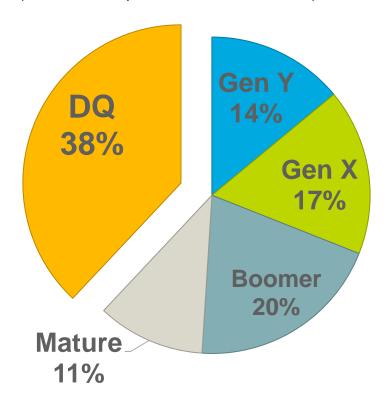
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The Donor Universe

Survey Context: Donated to Nonprofit/Charitable Cause within Year (US Adult Population: 227.7 million)



THE GENERATIONS



Gen Y (b. 1981-1991) **31.06M Americans**; **54% give**



Gen X (b.1965-1980) **39.53M Americans**; **52% give**

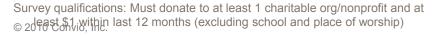


Boomers (b. 1946-1964) 45.17M Americans; 66% give



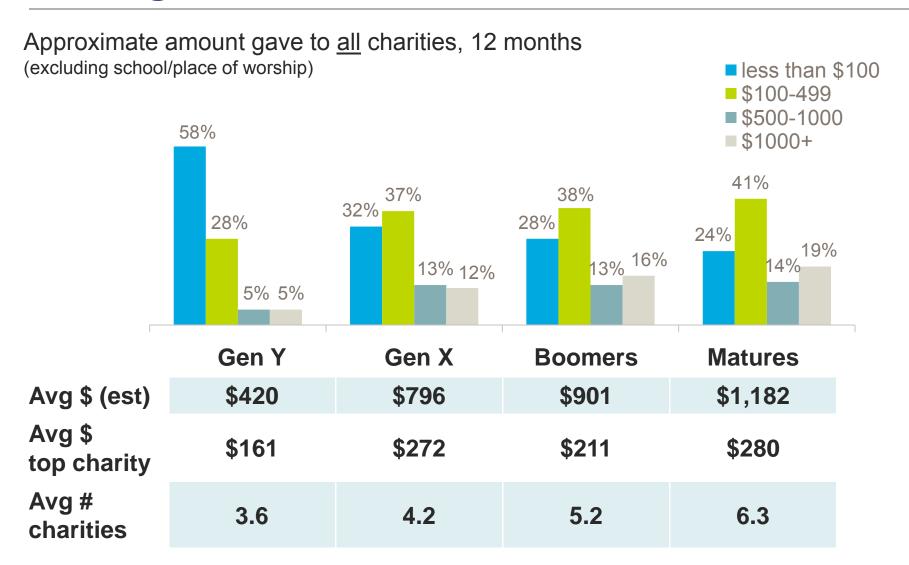
Matures (b. 1945 or earlier) 25.41M Americans; 77% give

62% qualified 141 million donors





Giving Amounts



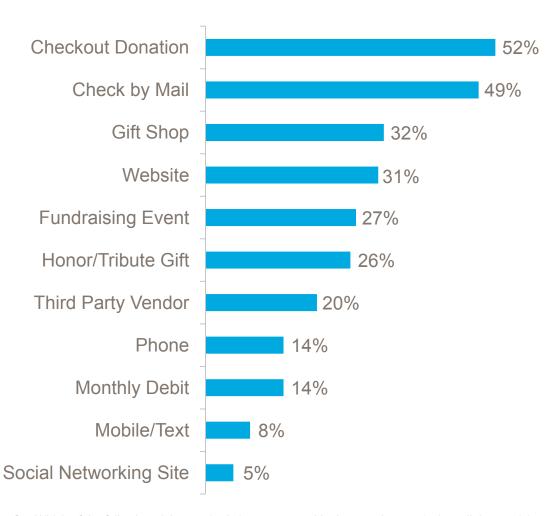
Q4. Approximately how many nonprofit organizations and charitable causes have you donated to in the past 12 months?

Q6. Approximately how much do you give in *total* each year to *all* charitable or cause-oriented organizations, excluding your school and place of worship? Blue numbering in the table on the right indicates significance at the 95% confidence level



Giving Amounts

% who say have donated in this way in last 2 years (total)



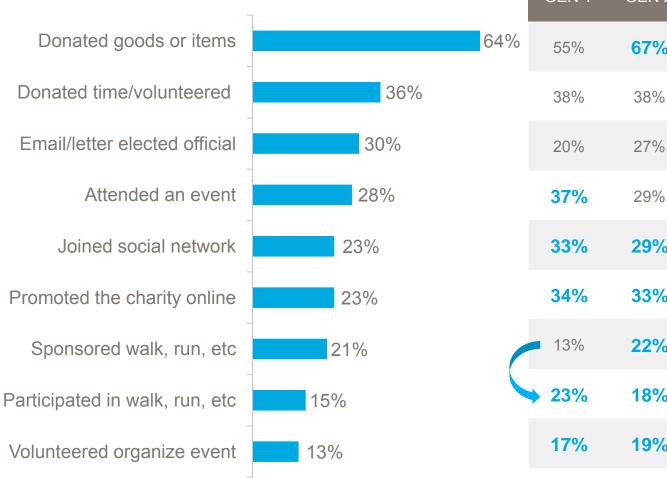
GEN Y	GEN X	BOOMERS	MATURES
48%	57 %	52%	48%
26%	43%	54%	77%
28%	35%	32%	30%
29%	35%	31%	25%
22%	28%	28%	31%
22%	22%	27%	35%
25%	27%	17%	12%
8%	10%	16%	25%
11%	17%	14%	11%
14%	13%	4%	2%
9%	6%	4%	2%

Q7: Which of the following giving methods have you used in the past 2 years (select all that apply). Bold numbering in the table on the right indicates significance at the 95% confidence level



Other Forms of Support





	GEN Y	GEN X	BOOMERS	MATURES
6	55%	67%	66%	68%
	38%	38%	35%	34%
	20%	27%	31%	45%
	37%	29%	26%	21%
	33%	29%	19%	10%
	34%	33%	16%	9%
	13%	22%	25%	21%
	23 %	18%	12%	6%
	17%	19%	9%	5%

Q3: In the last 12 months, in which of the following ways have you supported nonprofit organizations/charitable causes?

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Life-stage Defining Attitudes and Values

Time to Give Back

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What's In It For Me?

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Time vs. Money

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Pre-meditated Giving

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Gen Y

Gen X

Boomers

Matures



BREAK



Findings Review: Generational Focus

- Marketing programs should be optimized beyond seniors alone.
 Donor acquisition rates have been declining for several years for good reason.
- In the near term, Boomers are your next prime audience, but we can't ignore Gen X and Y.
- The economic value of Gen X and Y goes beyond current giving capacity. They have a lifetime of giving ahead of them, plus demonstrate the willingness to promote their favorite causes online.
- No generation is as loyal as Matures retaining Boomers, X and Ys will require constant re-inspiration.



Findings Review: Channels

- No channel will dominate for the foreseeable future; all generations are showing multi-channel tendencies.
- The Internet in general has caught up with or surpassed direct mail as a core fundraising channel for the youngest segments.
- Word of mouth/peer to peer remains critically important sometime it's important to be mindful of all the communications channels but let your supporters pick which to use.
- Social media is an important supporting channel for Boomers, X and Y – but not perhaps as important as some say.
- Mobile giving is where online giving was in 1999.



Applying Generational & Channel Learnings



Audit **online strategy** and tactics to determine how we're meeting generational needs.



Create connections between the online and offline worlds to support generation "migration" and giving channel preference.



COMPLETE TACTICS ASSESSMENT



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How are we meeting Generational Needs?

Gener ation	Matures	Boomers	Gen X	Gen Y
Attitudes/ Values	Guarded Scrutinize	Time vs Money Premeditated Giving	Online Connection Random, Peer Motivated	Time to Give Back What's In It For Me?
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Tactics + Strategies				
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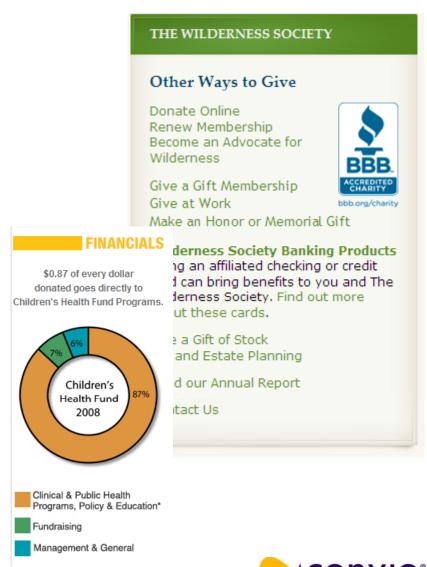


Assessment: How do we reach Matures?

Guarded

Scrutinize

- Annual Tax Receipts
- Guidestar/BBB/Charity Navigator Insignia
- Fundraising Expenditure
 Disclosure
- E-Newsletters



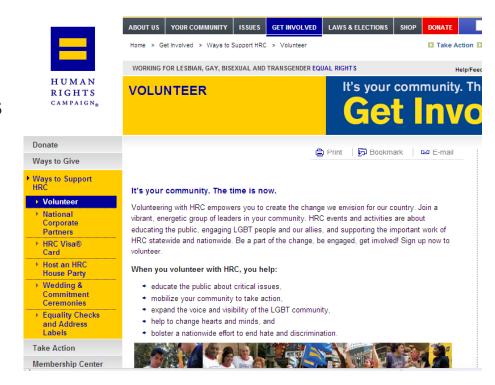


Assessment: How do we reach Boomers?

Pre-meditated Giving

Time vs. Money

- Renewal Appeals and Notices
- Event Fundraising Donation (vs Participation)
- Basic Donation Forms
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Data Mining Planned Giving





Assessment: How do we reach Gen X?

Random, peer motivated Online connection

- Create/Donate to a Tribute Fund
- Make a Sustained/ Committed Gift
- Sign a Pledge
- Event Attendance
- Mobile Site Optimization





Assessment: How do we reach Gen Y?

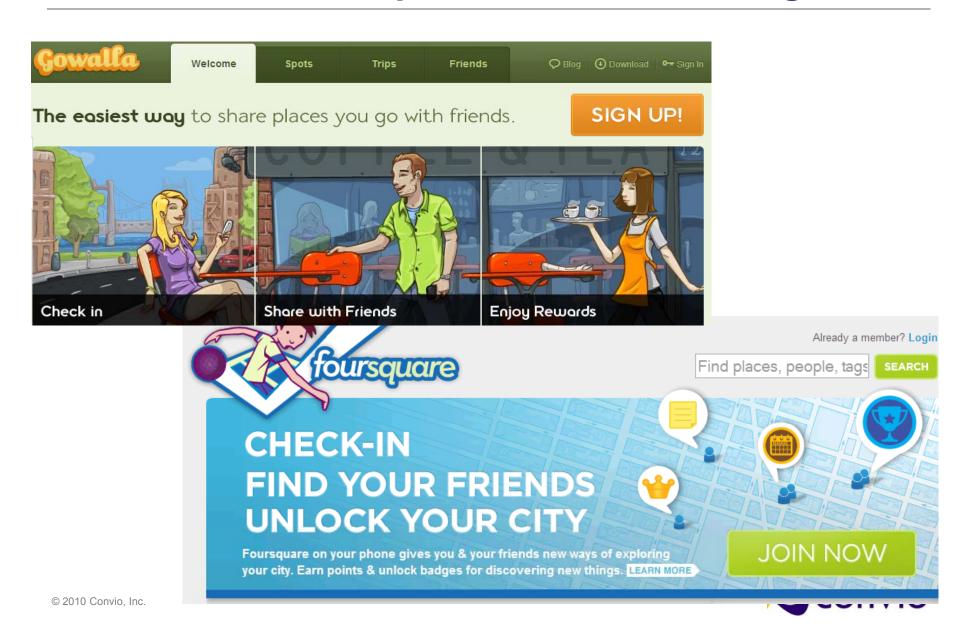
Time to give back What's in it for me?

- Premiums/Contests
- Event Fundraising Participation (vs Donation)
- Social Media
- Mobile Outreach





How should we respond to new technologies?



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- Determine gaps in existing strategy that new technology might fill. Is our strategy balanced for each generation?
- Set realistic goals for the type of response and constituents that technology will drive as part of investment strategy.
 - ▶ Is donor conversion a realistic goal for Twitter?
 - ► Should Facebook be used to drive awareness and outreach through peer-to-peer sharing and gift giving
 - ► Would we drive visitation to a museum through Gowalla "check ins"?
- Ensure that constituents, particularly Gen X and Y, have the ability to respond in a channel of preference.



Create Online + Offline Connection

- Research tells us that a multi-channel approach is the only option for reaching across generational constituencies and for planning for the next generation.
- Key tactics will ease the migration to incorporate digital channels as Boomers come on line and younger generations make more significant financial impact.
 - Online feeder acquisition
 - Multi-channel campaign methodology
 - Segmentation methodology
 - Donor management database



Online Feeder Acquisition

- In the multi-channel world the goals of any online fundraising manager should extend beyond revenue raised online, but the ability to influence the overall relationship through online campaign.
- Online must serve as a list acquisition channel for offline campaigning, similar to capturing an email address in offline channels.



Multi Channel Campaign Methodology

- Take a multi channel campaign approach by following an integrated fundraising calendar.
- Allow constituents to respond in the channel of choice, regardless of solicitation channel – and expect response to cross channels.
- Respect previous giving behaviors and promote offers with consistency.
- Don't overlook a customized homepage experience (in addition to email and direct mail) for delivering your integrated appeal.
- Expect to measure response on an aggregate basis. Ease tracking by using shortcut URLs in direct mail.



Segmentation Methodology

- Is it time to begin capturing birth year data and segment based on generational characteristics and assumptions?
- Does the offer and primary action change based on what we know about constituents?

Veteran's Organization Memorial Day Campaign						
Generation	Mature	Boomer	Gen X	Gen Y		
Call to Action	Give to all Veterans	Give to a Veteran Tribute Fund	Give to a Veteran Tribute Fund	Create a Tribute for a Veteran		



New Approach to Donor Management

- Open, flexible infrastructure necessary for managing the next generation of donors
- Database should support tracking and visibility into multichannel interactions
- Ability to "hook" into other data sources
- 360° view of constituents
- Access "on-the-go"



