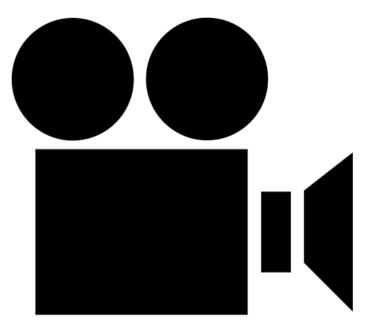


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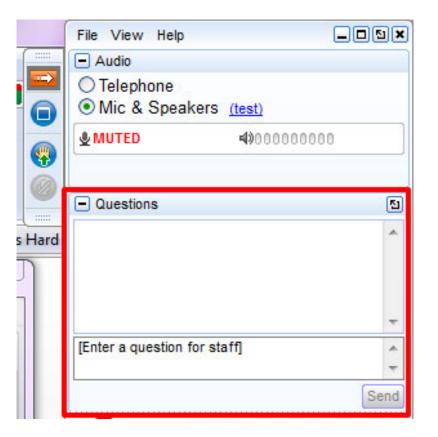




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Tis the season...





Partying

78.9% of us will attend at least 1 holiday party this December.

Source: AYTM Market Research



Baking.

Many of us will be busy baking an estimated 275,000,000 cookies this holiday season.

Source: Answers.com



Mailing

19,000,000,000 cards, letters, and packages will be mailed between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Source: Christmas by the Numbers

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At this very busy time of the year how can you **FUT** through the



By the end of this session you will understand <u>5</u> <u>ways</u> you can cut through the clutter with your year end fundraising campaign, plus <u>7 proven</u> <u>techniques</u> you can use to improve your results.

But first, let's look at some data...



31%

The percent of <u>total annual online giving</u> that occurs in the month of December.

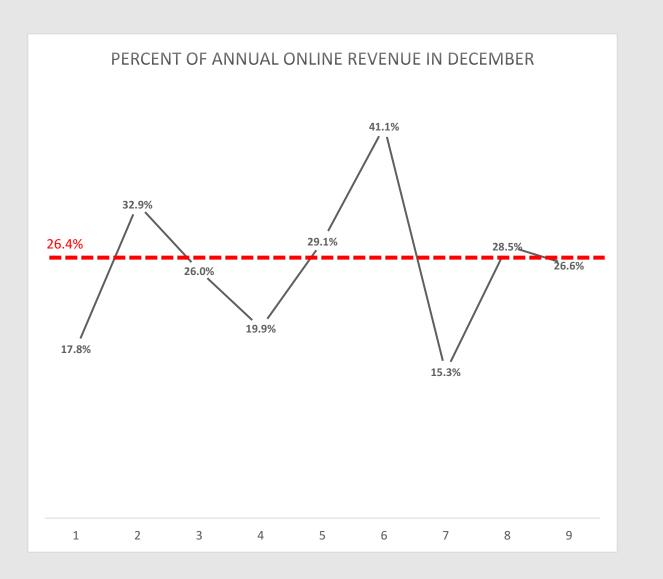


CYE Giving Benchmarks

- 15 nonprofit organizations
 - Faith-Based
 - Public Policy
 - Higher Education
 - Health & Human Services
 - Advocacy
 - Child Welfare
- 2016 Online Revenue Data (Jan-Dec)
 - \$88,938,261 in total revenue
- All Data from Google Analytics

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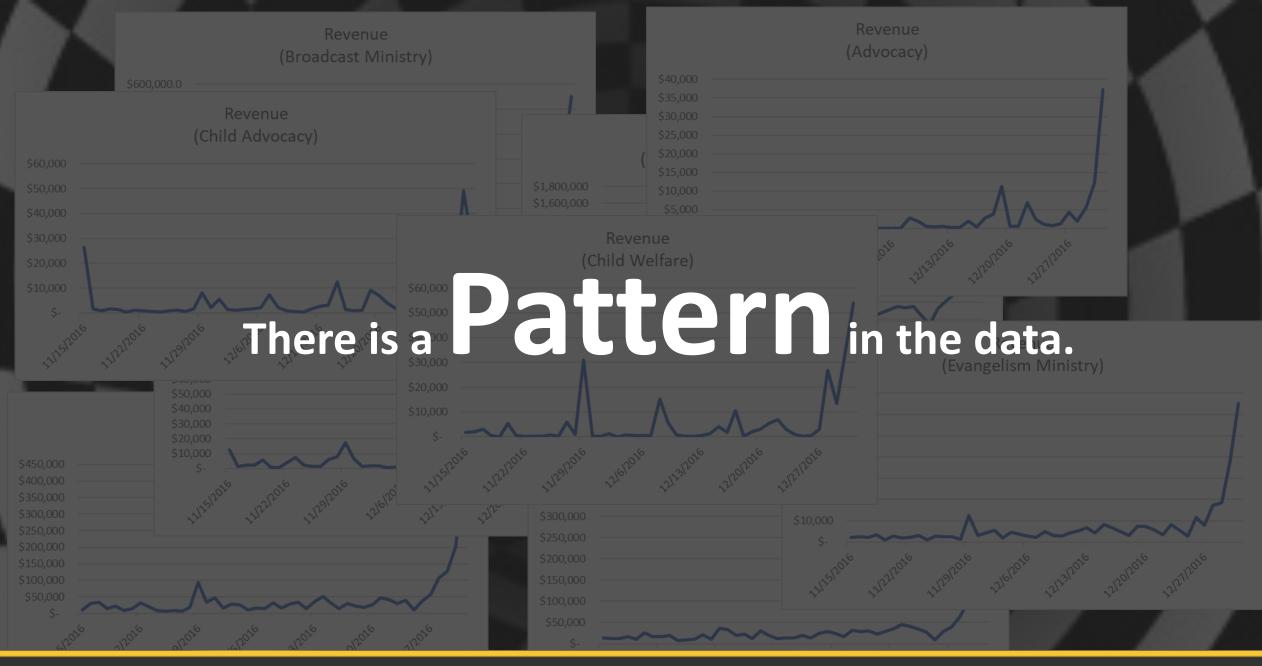


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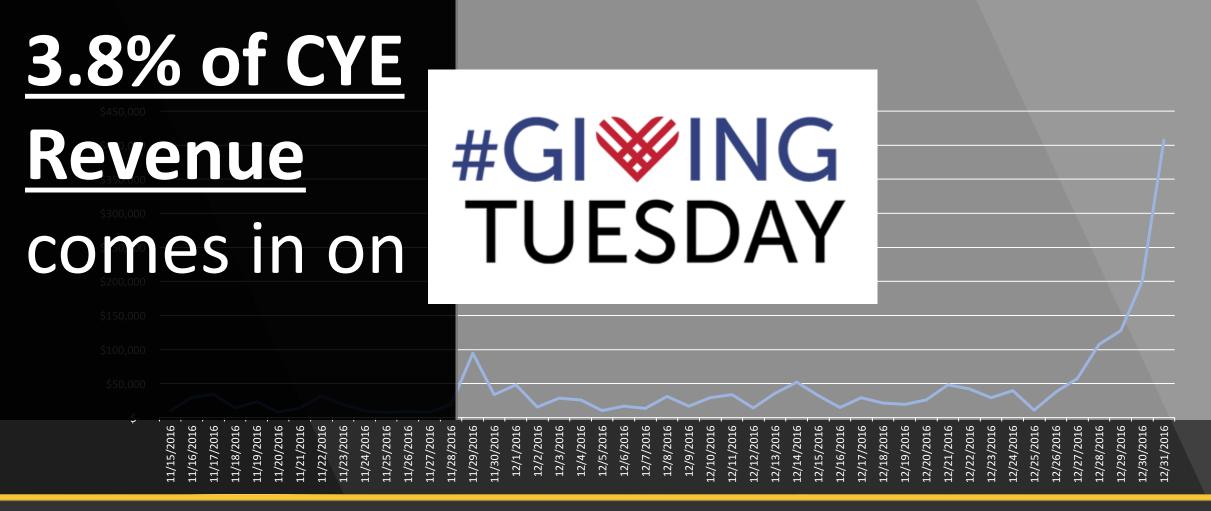
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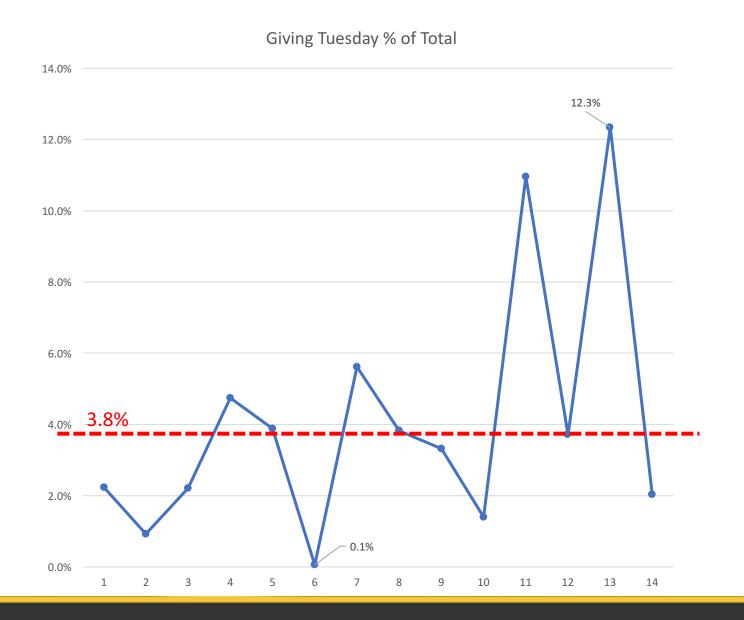




The Year-End Revenue Curve (GivingTuesday Nov 29)







BECHMARKS 3.8% is the average share of CYE revenue attributed to Giving Tuesday.

(15 Organizations in Benchmark)



The Year-End Revenue Curve (Dec 25 – Dec 31)

12/7/2016

12/8/20

48.7% of CYE

Revenue comes in

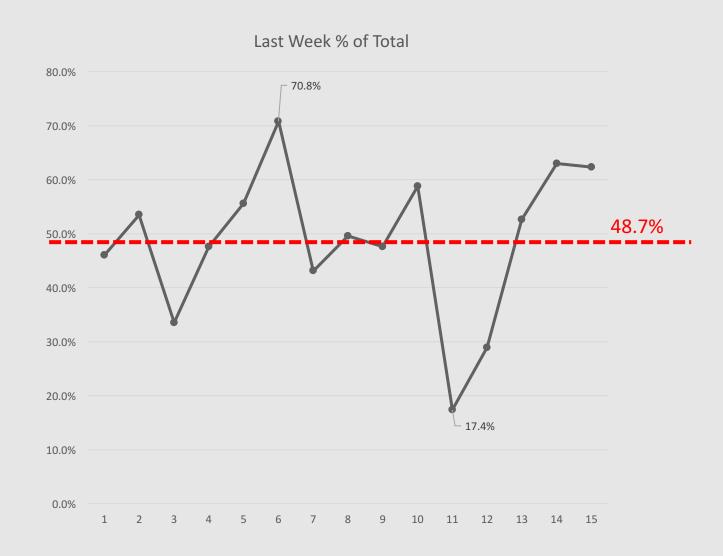
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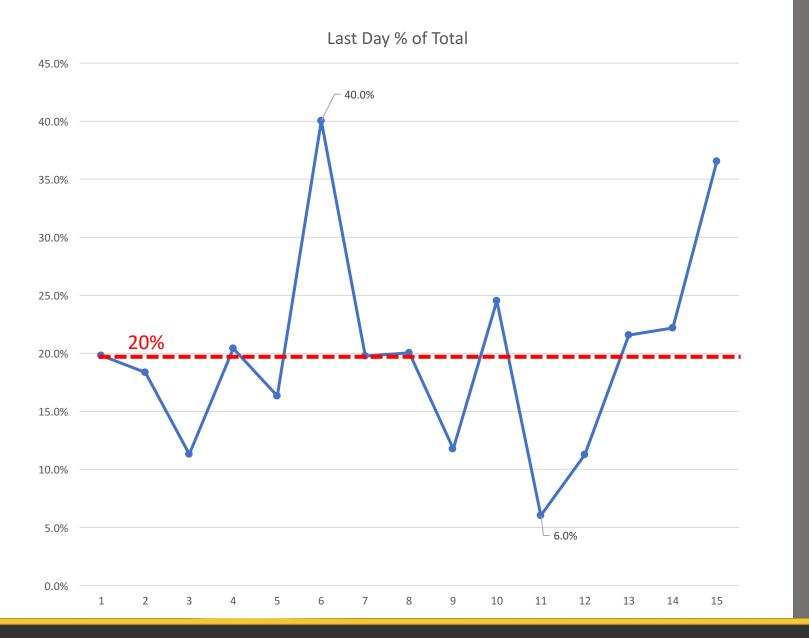
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20% of CYE

Revenue comes in

New Years Eve

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20% is the average share of CYE revenue attributed to December 31.

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Way back in 2014....

- Simulated Donor Inbox for December
- Received 17,263 unique emails from 151 of the largest nonprofit organizations
- Looking for answers to the following questions:
 - What are the best days to send?
 - When is the best time to start a year-end campaign
 - How many emails should we send?
 - When is the best time to send?
 - What should my email say?



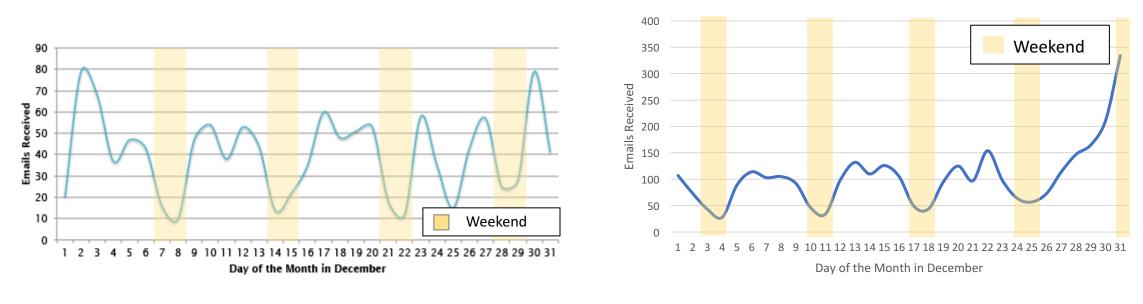
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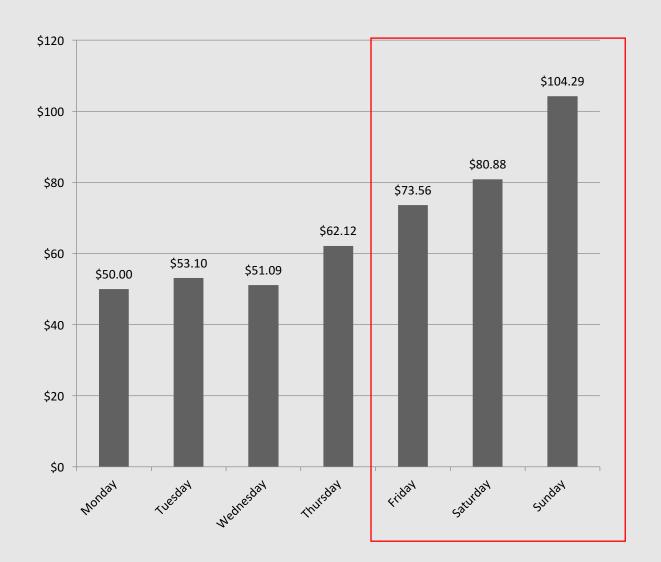
Weekends still remain an opportunity.











EXPERIMENT INSIGHT:

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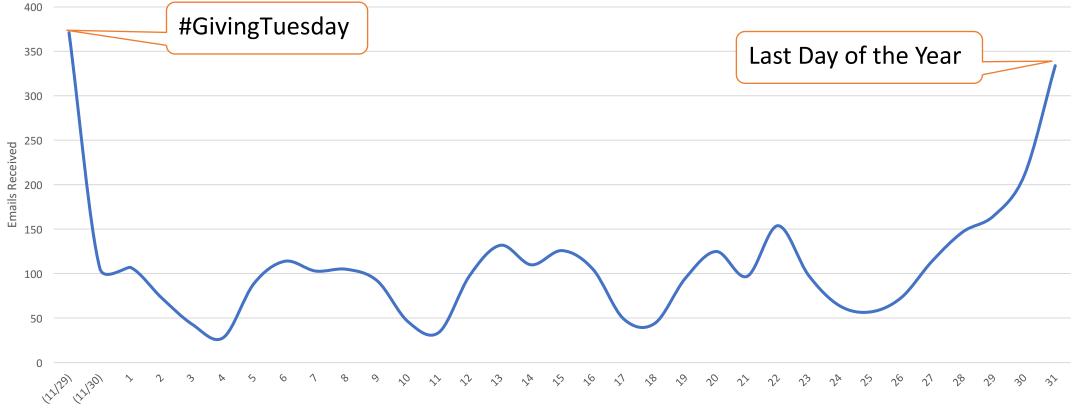




You can CUT through the CLUTTER by sending emails on the **weekends**.



23% more emails received on #Giving Tuesday than December 31



Day of the Month in December





581%

Average percent <u>additional revenue</u> generated on 12/31 compared to #GivingTuesday.

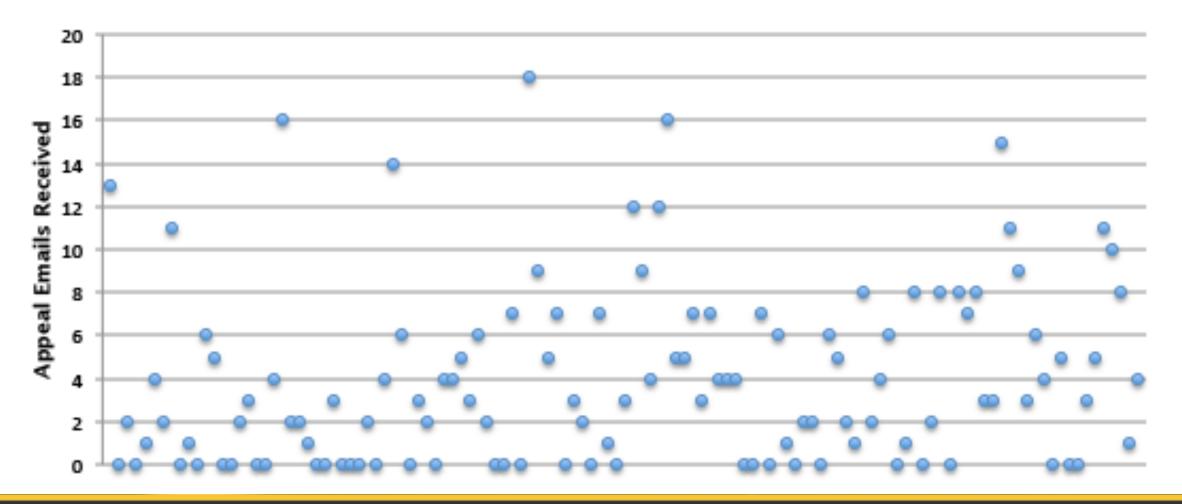


Make December 31 a priority over #GivingTuesday.



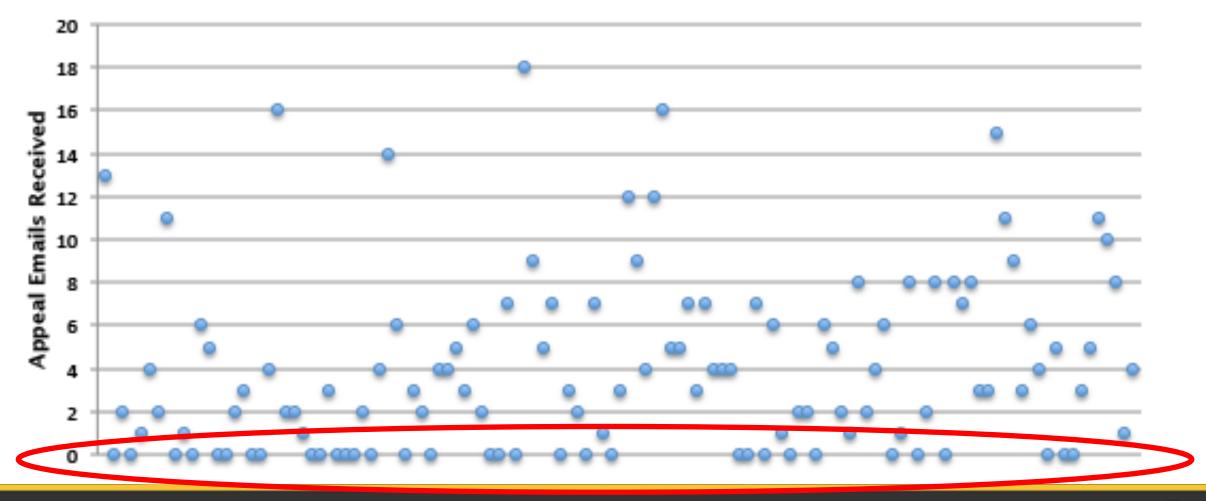
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Total Appeal Emails Received in December



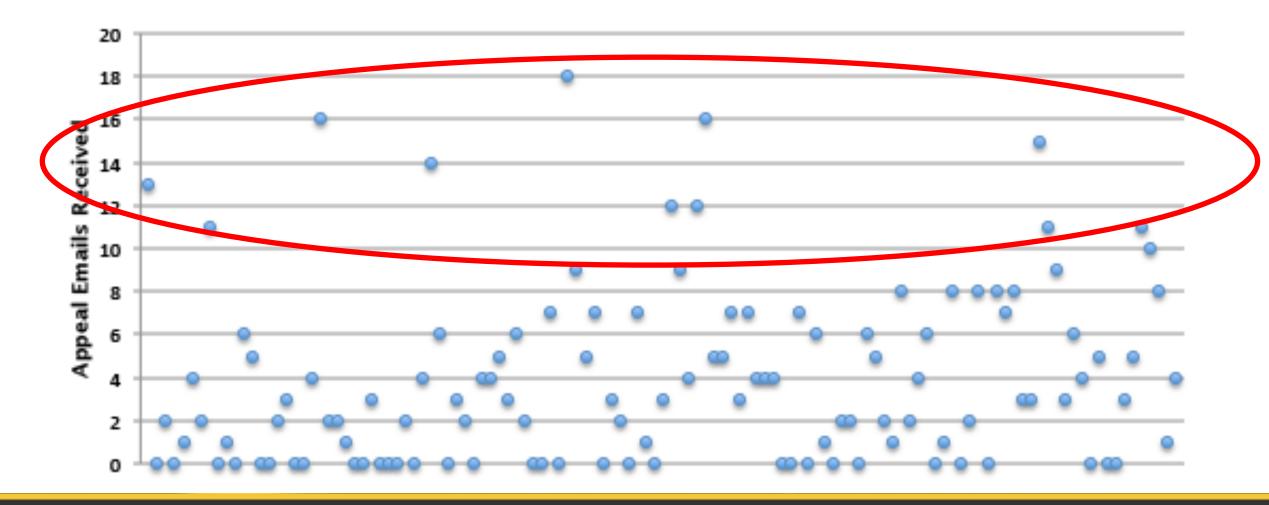


22% of Organizations Sent ZERO emails in December



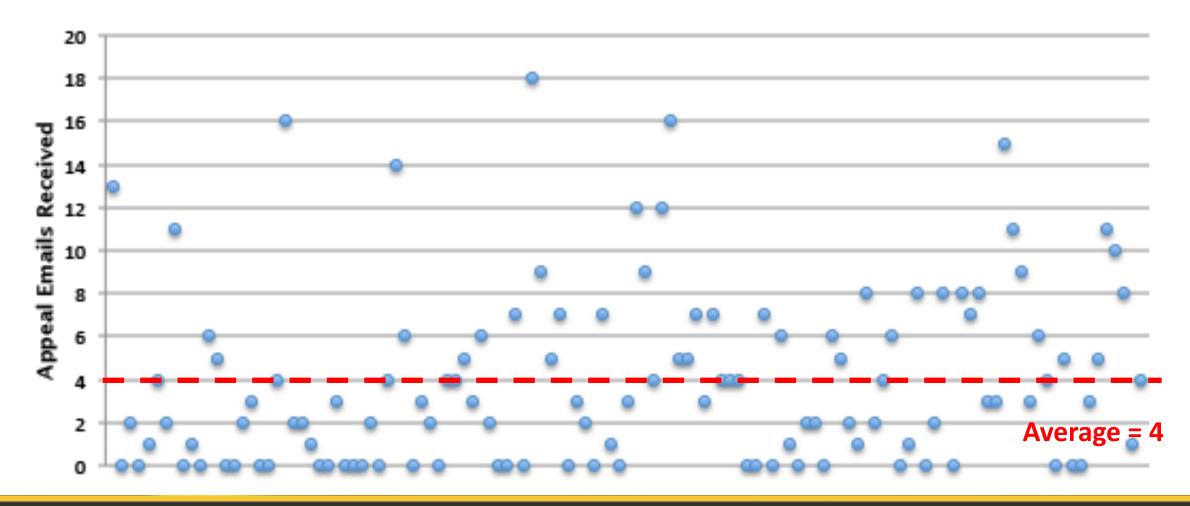
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8% sent MORE than 10 emails in December





Most organizations send 4 Emails in December







You can CUT through the CLUTTER by sending **more emails**.



key to sending more email.

RELEVANCE

Internal Relevance:

- Personal interests
- Demographics
- Personality
- Communication Styles
- Level of Engagement
- Donor Lifecycle

Internal Relevance is applied through **<u>segmentation</u>**.

External Relevance:

- Seasonality
- Special Events
- News
- Limited Time Offers
- Holidays
- Weather

External Relevance is applied across segments.





February 1, 2011

Good Example

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Bad Example

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Summer is Right Around the Corner...

"Beat The Heat" & Save (25-30% OFF) on all Patio Mister Maintenance Kits, High Pressure Misting Nozzles & Our Top Selling Mid Pressure Misting System Kit.

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Cool-Summer Patio Water Misters - Maintenance Kit



Use INTERNAL and EXTERNAL relevance to personalize your emails to your donors.



When is the **B S I to send**?

Everyone is sending at the same time.

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You can CUT through the CLUTTER by sending at **off-peak times**.



What we've learned in the LAB

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Combines the perpetual learning of a marketing and fundraising **Research Lab** with the practical application of a **Consultancy:**

- 800+ unique experiments spanning a combined sample of more than 8 million donor interactions.
- Research with 158 not-for-profit organizations to-date
- 4 Major studies, 6 Whitepapers, 19 Instructional videos and Database of over 54,462 messages





Experiment ID: #6404

It pays to thank your donors **BHORF** your year-end campaign.

Experiment Background

- Research partner is Hillsdale College, a small liberal arts school in Michigan
- Thank you post card mailer to donors prior to yearend fundraising campaign
- Short, personal note
- URL to a special video message
- Delivered to homes the week of Thanksgiving



Hi Jon,

As I reflect on the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I'm reminded that there is much for which I am grateful.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays, and I created a short video message with some of my thoughts about it.

Please enjoy this video, and thank you again for supporting Hillsdale this year.

Warm Regards,









A Thanksgiving message for you, Jon



Exp # 6404 – Multichannel Cultivation

Control

Treatment

No Postcard Sent





Exp # 6404 – Multichannel Cultivation

Treatment Name	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence
C: <u>No Post Card</u>	8.8%		
T1: <u>Post Card</u>	26.9%	204.1%	100.0%

Key Learning:

Sy thanking donors for their previous support prior to the upcoming year-end campaign, Hillsdale activated their donor's continuity instinct and experienced a **204% increase in donations**, from donors that received the thank you post card.



Experiment ID: #5991

Visually remind your donors that their online gift is **SECURE**.

Experiment Background

- Research partner is CaringBridge, a secure online blogging site for people to share their healing and recovery journey with friends and family
- Research Question: Will adding visual elements increase the perception of form security increase donor conversion?

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Donate Now				

Your tax-deductible donation to CaringBridge powers our non-profit service of providing safe, protected websites for no charge. Every 7 minutes, a new CaringBridge site is created - along with a new compassionate community to surround that individual on their health journey.



Exp # 5991 – Visual Security Cues

Control

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Your tax-deductible donation to CaringBridge powers our non-profit service of providing safe, protected websites for no charge. Every 7 minutes, a new CaringBridge site is created - along with a new compassionate community to surround that individual on their health journey.

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Exp # 5991 – Visual Security Clues

	Treatment Name	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence
C:	<u>Control</u>	29.2%		
T1:	Increased Security Indicators	33.4%	14.4%	95.4%

Key Learning:

Online perception is a powerful driver of behavior. By simply adding a shaded box and a padlock icon to their donation form, CaringBridge helped to reduce cognitive anxiety for their donors and experienced a <u>14.4%</u> increase in donations. Note: the padlock icon added no additional actual security.



Experiment ID: #5988

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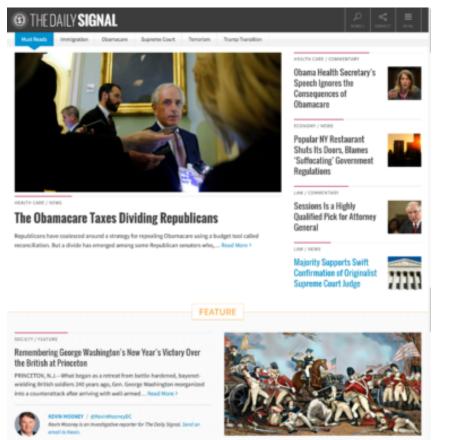
Experiment Background

- Research partner is The Heritage Foundation, a policy think tank in Washington DC
- Research Question: Will showing Daily Signal subscribers articles about Heritage's philanthropic need increase the donors' likelihood to give?



Exp # 5988 – Awareness Without an Ask

Control



Treatment





Exp # 5988 – Awareness Without an Ask

	Treatment Name	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence	Average Gift
C:	Visitors that didn't see articles	1.9%			\$86.63
T1 :	Visitors that saw an article	5.5%	196.6%	100.0%	\$83.32

Key Learning:

Subscribers that saw one of the donor-focused articles were <u>197% more</u> <u>likely</u> to make a end of year contribution than those subscribers that did not. This would indicate that targeting donors across multiple "channels" of communication significantly impacts their willingness to give.



Experiment ID: #5976

Let your donors know the PROFISS of

your campaign.

Experiment Background



- Research partner is The Heritage Foundation, a policy think tank in Washington DC
- Research Question: How does a goal progress indicator impact donation conversion rate

Stand with Heritage by December 31 and advance conservative policy victories



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For nearly a decade, our movement has faced opposition at every turn. Eight years of an Obama administration resulted in expansive government, one unlawful executive order after another, and Obamacare, one of the greatest failed policies in recent memory.

A divided, often ineffective Congress has stifled our ability to advance principled legislation to reduce regulation and taxes, restore Constitutional limited government, and help the American economy grow.

And an activist Supreme Court has ignored the Constitution in many high-profile cases, telling conservatives that we are on the wrong side of history and threatening decades of cultural oppression from behind the bench.

But on one Tuesday in November, the American people spoke and the entire

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The President-elect's transition team includes several Heritage staff including Founder Ed Feulner, who are implementing Heritage's three-part Mandate for Leadership plan to provide hundreds of specific steps to roll back the Obama's oppressive liberal agenda.

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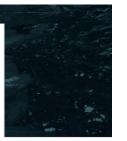


Exp # 5976 – Impact of Progress Indicator

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	Treatment Name	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence
C:	With Thermometer	43.4%		
T1:	No Thermometer	40.5%	-6.5%	95.3%

Key Learning:

The page that did <u>not</u> have a thermometer at the top saw a 6.5% decrease in giving. We had long assumed that the thermometer lifted giving; with these results, we now know the exact amount it impacts donor motivation. This tells us that a stated goal and transparency about progress is a valid motivator in donor giving.



Experiment ID: #4427

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Exp # 4427 – Impact of Progress Indicator

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Experiment ID: #5827

If the goal is donations, use **IFXI** instead of **VIDEO**.

Exp # 5827 – Video vs. Text

Control



A Special Story of Hope this Christmas

For most people, this season is a time for family and celebration. Unfortunately, that is not always the case for many children that live each day with an abusive family or an uncaring foster system. However, there can be hope for many of these children.

Please take 2 minutes to see one particular child that found hope and love at Christmas

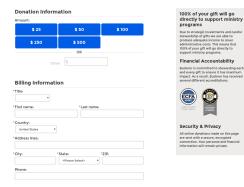


At Buckner, we want to create more stories like this. Our mission is to bringing hope and stability in the midst of turbulence to vulnerable and at-risk children. But this is only made possible by people like you, people that want to care for these children that need it most.

When you give to Buckner International, you are placing children on a trajectory to living full, healthy, happy lives-in Jesus' name. Plesse give a generous year-ond gift, When you do, your donation will be doubled due to a matching gift from a generous donor that have your here for children.

. Your alft must be received by December 31 to be doubled, and to qualify for a tax deduction for 2016.

Please make a gift using the secure form below



Treatment



A Special Story of Hope this Christmas

A Message from Buckner President Albert L. Reyes

About a year ago, I came across a Christmas story of a young lady who had recently been adopted. After years in the foster system, she now had a forever family.

This family was taking Christmas pictures in a photographer's studio. Immediately, as soon as the picture was over she jumped out of he seat, ran behind the photographer into the dark area of the studio, and got real quiet. A moment or so after that you could hear her crying.

Naturally her mom went over to find out what was wrong.

"Why are you crying? What's wrong?" She said, "Well, Mom, it's just that all of my life, foster families that I was with would ask me to sit over to the side so they could take their family picture at Christmas." She said, "Today is the first time that I've been allowed to be in the Christmas holdowith the family."

As I read that stoy, I just had to take a break. It just brocked me off my feet. I couldn't help but think of just how wrong it is to not be included. I remember all the times that my own family would take Christmas photos and there was never a question of who would be in the picture.

This is what Buckner does.

We provide families for children so they can be in the family and, naturally, be in the picture. For 137 years, Buckner has consistently provided a Christmas experience for thousands of children that otherwise would have gone without. Wore able to do that because people like you, an eneroid sons who make contributions to make family possible for children that are vulneable and in need.

There are Christmases that can be created, but we can't do it without your heip. I'm going to invite you to join us and make a generous gift, perhaps your best gift in a while, this Christmas so that we can shine hope into the lives of children who we serve.

This Christmas, when you do make a gift to Buckner, your donation will be doubled due to a matching gift from a generous donor that

But, your gift must be received by December 31 to be doubled, and to qualify for a tax deduction for 2016.

Please make a gift using the secure form below

Donation Information

100% of your gift will go directly to support ministry



Exp # 5827 – Video vs. Text

Treatment Name		Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence	Average Gift
C:	Video with Short Copy	0.43%			\$25.00
T1:	Video Transcription	2.8%	560.2%	96.5%	\$57.14

Key Learning:

The video transcription ended up producing a **560.2% lift to the overall donor conversion** on the page. This may suggest that reading is more aligned with the giving than viewing a video. More testing must be done in this area.



Exp # 3970 – Video vs. Text

Control



Jonathan Laurie shares his testimony in "What's It Going to Take?"



Calling Our Loved Ones to Faith

Do we have a part to play in restoring a person who has fallen away? Yes we do. James 5:19 says,

"If someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins."

Get a copy of *Come Home*, by James MacDonald, to find out what your role is in God's restoration of prodigals. It will be sent to you for a donation of any amount.



Help call others home to the Lord with a financial gift to Harvest Ministries today.



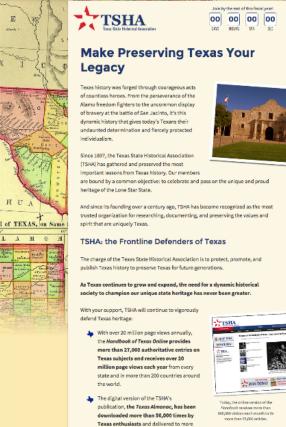
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Exp # 1985 – Video vs. Text

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Experiment ID: #323

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Exp # 323 – Urgency on Donation Page

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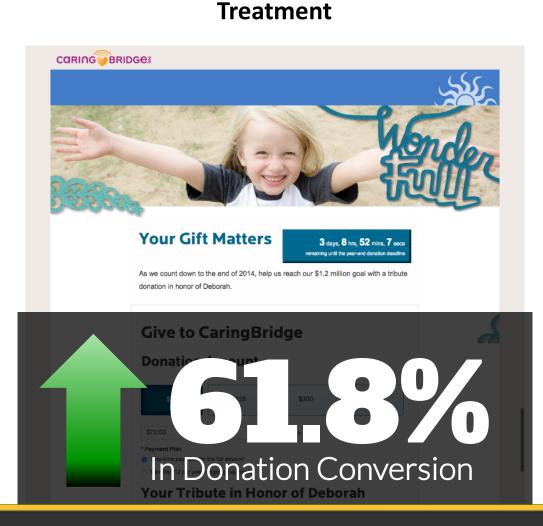
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Your Gift Matters

As we count down to the end of 2014, help us reach our \$1.2 million goal with a tribute donation.







Exp # 323 – Urgency on Donation Page

	Treatment Name	Conv. Rate	Relative Difference	Confidence
C:	Control - no urgency elements	4.7%		
T1:	Countdown Clock Only	7.9%	68.1%	100.0%

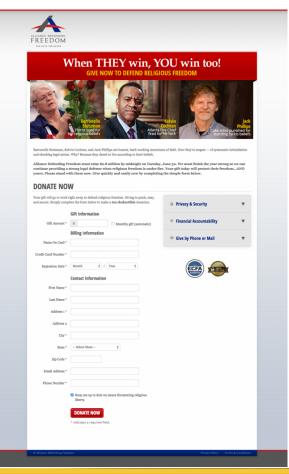
Key Learning:

The countdown clock in the treatment increased conversion by 61.8%. By adding the countdown clock, we were able to increase the perceived urgency which increased conversion.

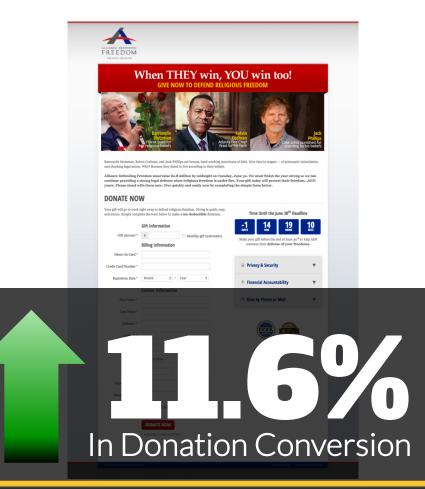


Exp # 1562 – Urgency on Donation Page

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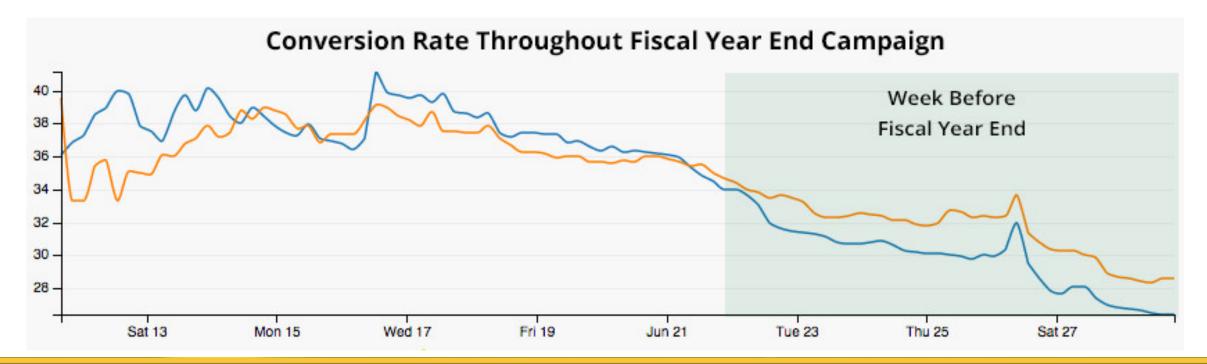
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Visual Urgency

Countdown clock had no significant impact until the we got closer to the end of the campaign.





Exp # 412 – Urgency in Email Appeal

Control

Dear << Test Salutation >>,

I wanted to send you a quick reminder to make your online gift to Dallas Theological Seminary today. Your gift is an investment that will produce a return greater than any worldly investment you could make.

Generous donors have already helped DTS meet the Challenge Gift of \$450,000, but it's not too late to make your gift! *Every penny counts* to help DTS equip servant-leaders to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus.

Before you help ring in the new year, help lay the groundwork to advance God's kingdom in 2015.

Make your year-end gift now.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Bailey, PhD President Dallas Theological Seminary

You are receiving this email because you donated to DTS and opted to receive emails. <u>unsubscribe</u>

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DEADLINE: MIDNIGHT 12/31/2014

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Exp # 5865 – Urgency on an Ad

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Dear reader:

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According to The Hill, since making this statement on Monday, Rachael Dean, a spokeswoman for McCain, has softened the senator's claim. She said McCain "will, of course, thoroughly examine the record of any Supreme Court nominee put before the Senate and vote for or against that individual based on their qualifications as he has done throughout his career."

Lee said that he will oppose potential Supreme Court nominees put forward by Clinton.

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Exp # 2852 – Urgency on an Landing Page

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Harvest is committed to one thing: knowing God and making him known. Harvest's outreach ministries reach millions each year through radio, broadcasts, live events, and large-scale evangelistic outreaches. Since 1990, thousands have come to Christ through the ministry of Greg Laurie and Harvest. Your gift today can change someone's eternity.

Your Gift will support:

- Bible teaching that reaches thousands each week through radio.
 Face to face evangelism in Southern California and throughout the world.
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- Online resources and podcasts that are accessed by tens of thousands of believers and nonbelievers each month.
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Make your donation today.





We would like to send you a book called, *The Biggest Story*. With beautiful illustrations and the compelling message of redemption,

To say thank you...

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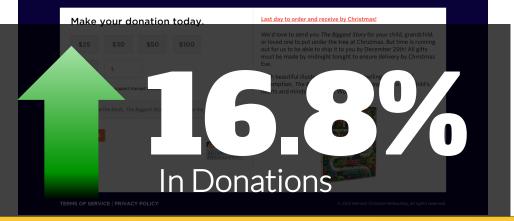
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Experiment ID: #616

At year end (and throughout the year, remember Prople give to PEOPLE.

Experiment Background

- Research partner is The Heritage Foundation, a policy think tank in Washington DC
- Research Question: Which email and messaging tone will generate the most year-end donations?

 From:
 Jim DeMint <info@heritage.org>

 Reply-to:
 info@heritage.org

 To:
 Subject:

 Make this bold statement



Dear Fellow Conservative,

With only a few days until the new Congress swears in, now is the time to make a bold statement by standing with The Heritage Foundation.

Stand with The Heritage Foundation today >>

When you stand with Heritage, lawmakers know exactly what you believe. It means you stand up for your principles . . . it means you do not back down in the face of adversity, or when you're in the minority . . . it means you are well-informed . . . it means you are not one to be swayed from your convictions.

Heritage is successful because of patriots like you. Thanks to you, we've become a leader of the conservative movement, with more than 600,000 members across the country. Lawmakers, the media, and the American people turn to Heritage because they trust our policy research – and because they know you and your fellow Heritage supporters are the most informed, most influential, and most conservative constituency out there.

And all of our work over the past 41 years is meant to make you and your family safer, happier, and more prosperous by fighting for the principles our founding fathers espoused: free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.

Help make these principles a reality. Help make America a better place. Help make America the one you want your children's children to be proud of.

Please, stand with Heritage today and make your year-end gift to support your conservative principles.

Thank you for your support as we defend freedom for future generations.

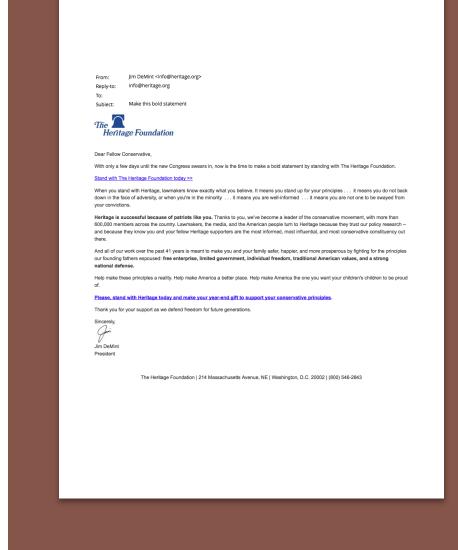


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Experiment: Version A

- This email was sent by Jim DeMint, the president and most well-known leader of the Heritage Foundation, asking recipients for their support with a year-end gift
- Version A leverages continuity, as all support requests throughout the year have come from DeMint
- The tone of the email is formal and professional





Experiment: Version B

- The email was sent by Christie Fogarty, the foundation's lesser known Director of Membership, requesting donations
- Version B breaks continuity, as all support requests throughout the year have come from the president of the nonprofit
- The email uses a much friendlier, informal tone

From:	Christie Fogarty <info@heritage.org></info@heritage.org>
Reply-to:	info@heritage.org
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Subiect:	Checking in

Hey there,

I wanted to check in to see if you'll be able to contribute towards Heritage's million dollar goal by the December 31 deadline

Your gift will go straight to supporting your conservative principles in 2015. We're going to arm and equip the new Congress with the intellectual ammunition they need to win conservative victories. And we're going to work to move more and more Americans to our side.

You can make your year-end contribution here.

I hope you'll be able to stand with us by the end of the year. Thanks for your support, and have a very happy new year.

All my best,

Christie Fogarty Director of Membership The Heritage Foundation

P.S. The Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so your gift by December 31 is tax-deductible.

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Experiment: Side-by-side comparison

Version A Jim DeMint <info@heritage.org> From: info@heritage.org Reply-to: Version B To: Christie Fogarty <info@heritage Subject: Make this bold statement From: Reply-to: info@heritage.org The 2 To: Heritage Foundation Subject: Checking in Dear Fellow Conservative, Hey there, With only a few days until the new Congress swears in, now is the time to make a bold statement by standing with The Heritage Foundation. I wanted to check in to see if you'll be able to contribute towards Heritage's million dollar goal by the December 31 deadline. Stand with The Heritage Foundation today >> Your gift will go straight to supporting your conservative principles in 2015. We're going to arm and equip the new Congress with the intellectual When you stand with Heritage, lawmakers know exactly what you believe. It means you stand up for your principles . . . it means you do not back ammunition they need to win conservative victories. And we're going to work to move more and more Americans to our side. down in the face of adversity, or when you're in the minority ... it means you are well-informed ... it means you are not one to be swayed from your convictions. You can make your year-end contribution here. Heritage is successful because of patriots like you. Thanks to you, we've become a leader of the conservative movement, with more than I hope you'll be able to stand with us by the end of the year. Thanks for your support, and have a very happy new year 600,000 members across the country. Lawmakers, the media, and the American people turn to Heritage because they trust our policy research and because they know you and your fellow Heritage supporters are the most informed, most influential, and most conservative constituency out All my best, there. And all of our work over the past 41 years is meant to make you and your family safer, happier, and more prosperous by fighting for the principles Christie Fogarty our founding fathers espoused: free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong Director of Membership national defense The Heritage Foundation Help make these principles a reality. Help make America a better place. Help make America the one you want your children's children to be proud P.S. The Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so your gift by December 31 is tax-deductible. of Please, stand with Heritage today and make your year-end gift to support your conservative principles. Thank you for your support as we defend freedom for future generations The Heritage Foundation | 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE | Washington, D.C. 20002 | (800) 546-2843 Sincerely qui Jim DeMint President **Audience Question:** The Heritage Foundation | 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE | Washington, D.C. 20002 | (800) 546-2843



Which email will result in more donations?

Experiment: Results

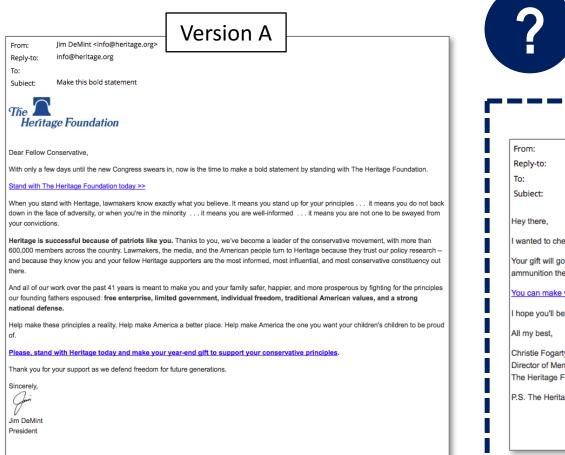
381% Increase in revenue

The optimized treatment's revenue increased by 380.7%.

Design	Revenue per Visitor	Relative Difference	Statistical Significance
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Version B – New Signer	\$0.14	380.7%	99%
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Why didn't the more formal letter sent by the well-known organization president produce better results?

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Empathy

This case study illustrates three ways you can use empathy in your email appeals:

Believability Readability Clarity



1. Ensure that your message is

Believability

• The use of a well-known, highranking sender with a longform letter implies a mass, impersonal email send.

Version A

 From:
 Jim DeMint <info@heritage.org>

 Reply-to:
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 To:
 Subject:

 Make this bold statement

The Heritage Foundation

Dear Fellow Conservative,

With only a few days until the new Congress swears in, now is the time to make a bold statement by standing with The Heritage Foundation.

Stand with The Heritage Foundation today >>

When you stand with Heritage, lawmakers know exactly what you believe. It means you stand up for your principles . . . it means you do not back down in the face of adversity, or when you're in the minority . . . it means you are well-informed . . . it means you are not one to be swayed from your convictions.

Heritage is successful because of patriots like you. Thanks to you, we've become a leader of the conservative movement, with more than 600,000 members across the country. Lawmakers, the media, and the American people turn to Heritage because they trust our policy research – and because they know you and your fellow Heritage supporters are the most informed, most influential, and most conservative constituency out there.

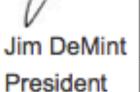
And all of our work over the past 41 years is meant to make you and your family safer, happier, and more prosperous by fighting for the principles spoused: free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong

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pport as we defend freedom for future generations.

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Sincerely,

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Believability

• The winning email hypothesized (and confirmed) that a lesserknown sender with a shorter, briefer message would imply a more believable, personal email send.

From:	Christie Fogarty <info@heritage.org></info@heritage.org>
Reply-to:	info@heritage.org
To:	
Subiect:	Checking in
Hey there,	
I wanted to c	heck in to see if you'll be able to contribute towards Heritage's million dollar goal by the December 31 deadline.
-	go straight to supporting your conservative principles in 2015. We're going to arm and equip the new Congress with the intellectual they need to win conservative victories. And we're going to work to move more and more Americans to our side.
You can mak	e your year-end contribution here.
I hope you'll	be able to stand with us by the end of the year. Thanks for your support, and have a very happy new year.
All my	/ best,

Christie Fogarty Director of Membership The Heritage Foundation v December 31 is tax-deductible

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2. Ensure that your message is

Readability

- The losing email uses a tone that reads very much like a formal lecture.
- This might make sense in other marketing materials, but seems out of place in a "personal" email.

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now is the time to make a bold statement by standing with The Heritage Foundation.

Please, stand with Heritage today and make your year-end gift to support your conservative principles

Sincerely,

future generations

Jim DeMint President

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Readability

- The winning email, however, takes a tone that matches more closely to the expectation of the medium.
- In fact, it was designed to read like a conversation and is true to the style of the actual sender.

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Thank you for your support as we defend freedom for future generations.

Sincerely, Jim DeMint President

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• The losing email asks donors to blindly give without establishing how donations will be used.

Clarity

 In addition, the calls-to-action either omit the desired action or make it easily missed by placing it in the middle of a long sentence.



Clarity

- The winning email, however, walks through why donations are needed and how they will be used.
- In addition, the call-to-action is very clear and direct.

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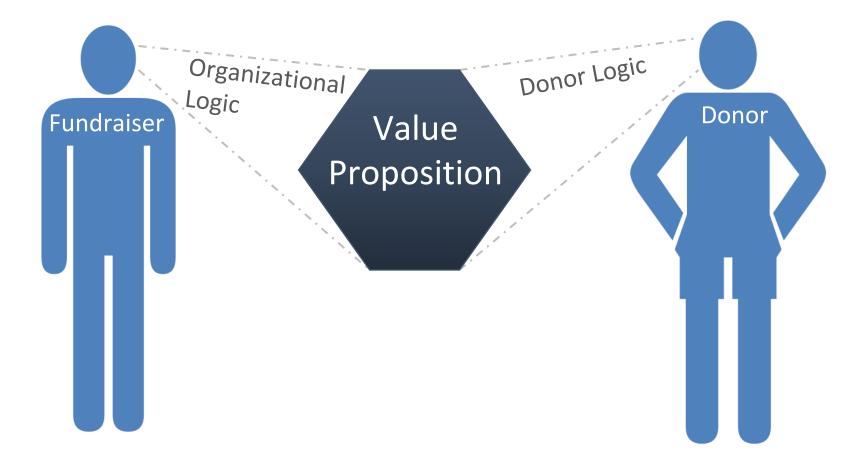
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Our Fundamental Flaw







A Donor's Protest



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ARTICLE ONE: We believe that people give to people, that people don't give to organizations, or from Websites; people give to people. Fundraising is not about programs; it is about relationships. 2

ARTICLE TWO: We believe that brand is just reputation; fundraising is just conversation, and giving is an act of trust. Trust is earned with two elements: 1) integrity and 2) effectiveness. Both demand that you put the interest of the donor first. 3

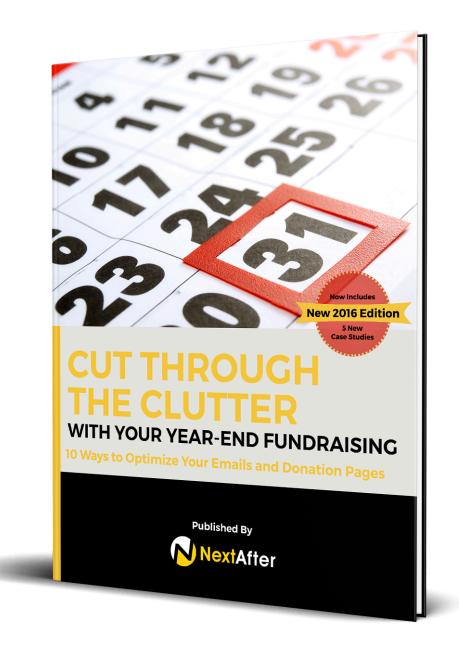
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