

# **Digital and donor-centered** Engaging and stewarding donors online

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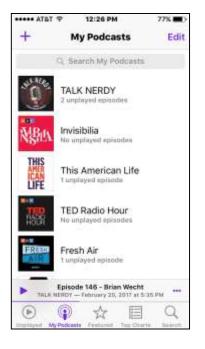
# What was life like before the internet?

- Most tasks done in person.
- Got paid by check.
- Went to the library to look up information.
- Had fewer spoiler alerts.
- Remember mixed tapes?



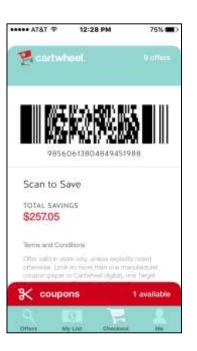
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# How has tech changed our lives?











## We need to meet donors where they are—and that's online.

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#### Digital stewardship



#### Communicating donor impact broadly www.give.umn.edu



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New Americans, Read more.

Congratulations to all on this

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## What about our closest friends? Principle gift websites for corporations and foundations

- Start with select pilot groups based on audience interest, scope, and promotional expectations.
- Provide more accessible way to communicate impact.
- Analyze resources and donor expectations to determine the best approach.
- Research donor expectations and needs.
- Adjust content production workflow.



# Website: masons.umn.edu



Nurturing the developing brain



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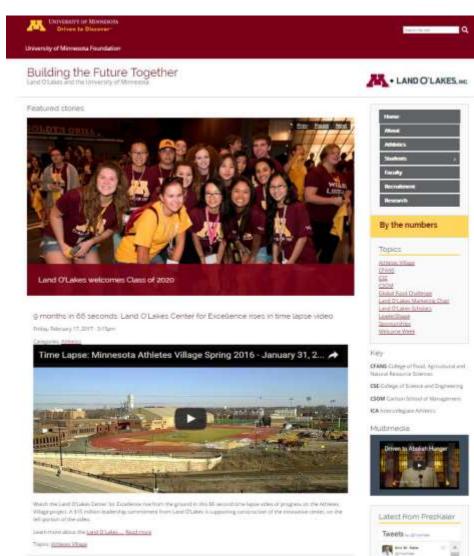
- <u>Primary</u>: Charity board
- <u>Secondary</u>: Fraternity

#### Content

Annual updates



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#### Audiences

- <u>Primary</u>: Corporate foundation contacts and leaders
  - <u>Secondary</u>: Employees and cooperative members

#### Content

Biweekly updates



# New templated digital donor reports Project goals

- Once a year online delivery to major corporate donors at a specific giving level. Starting fall 2017.
- Intended to ease donors out of print reports.
- Offers more accessible report options.
- Reports viewable on many devices.
- Reach a broader range of people in a more easily shareable format.

### Working draft of templated report



#### THE IMPACT OF OUR PARTNERSHIP

We at the University of Minnesota are proud of our many associations with UnitedHealth Group (UHG), one of the most successful companies in Minnesota. This relationship has been built by more than \$8 million in UnitedHealth Group's philanthropic giving and sponsored research, as well as the involvement of UHG leaders and employees.





## Working draft of templated report





#### Digital donor engagement



# Social engagement

Guiding strategy

- Have a mix of content.
- Use photos and video.
- Say THANK YOU often!
- Use hashtags. #UMNGive
- Tag others in posts.
- Identify ambassadors and ask for help.

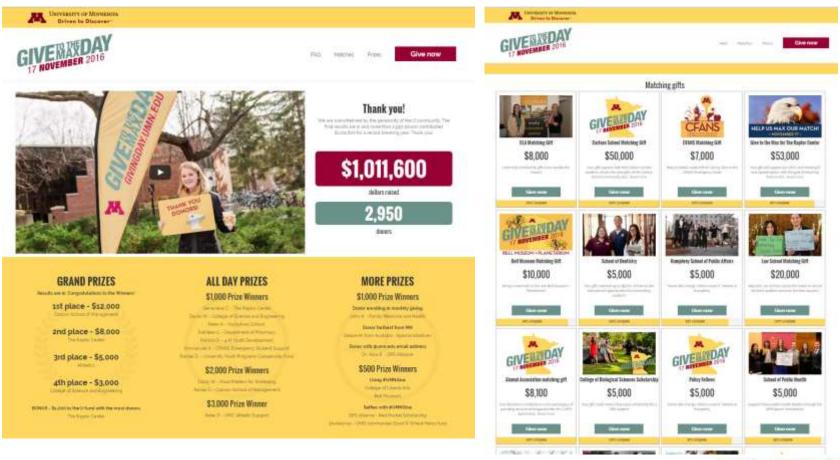




Inspired Stewardship

# Give to the Max Day

#### Interactive website



Give to the Max Day Social media influencers

- Breakfast with key U social influencers.
- Outreach bootcamp for U units to guide influencer cultivation and engagement.
- Social media guide for U units' with big social influencers with U ties.

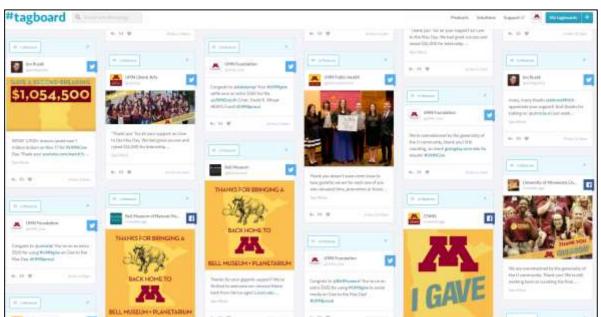




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Social media outreach and engagement

- Gifs and videos
- #UMNGive trending in Minneapolis all day
- Success with Twitter and Facebook ads
- Partnership on Snapchat

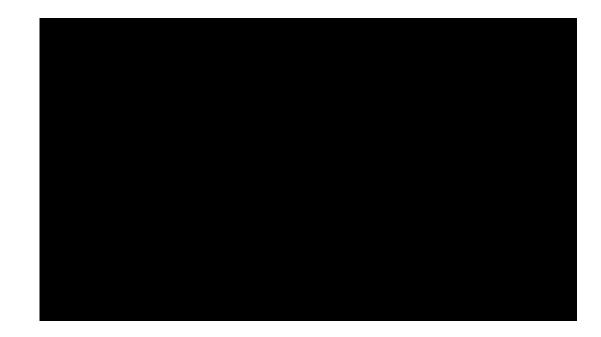




# Give to the Max Day

Creative recognition and stewardship

- Thank-you video
- Prizes, donor posts, calls
- Leadership Annual Giving follow-up calling
- Hand-written thank-you notes to donors



Your Connection to

Give to the Max Day Long-term value of the day

- Acquired, reactivated, or retained: 1K+ donors for the first time (\$140,397 impact)
- Alumni donors way up!
  2016: 1,467 donors
  2015: 763 donors
- Second gifts: 34% of the donors on the day had already given this year – that accounts for over \$445,000 of the total raised.



#### Digital empowerment







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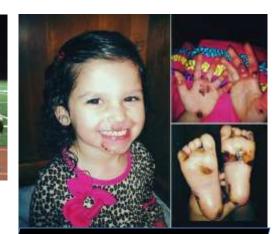
Marrow on the Move





# Crowdfunding Who is crowdfunding?





Research advocates



Scholarship donors

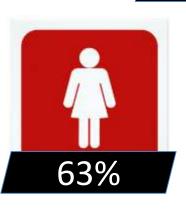


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Who is donating?









Stewardship

#### Donors

- Email confirmation and thanks from page owner.
- Email thank-you series and first-time donor welcome kit, if applicable. (New e-version)
- Possible newsletter sent, depending on cause supported.
- New—Cause updates and new fundraising campaigns.



#### Welcome, FIRST NAME

Thank you! Your donations, when pooled with those of other alumni and friends, enhance and enrich the student experience and help provide opportunities found nowhere else in Minnesota.

#### Because of donors like you...





Stewardship

#### Fundraisers—All new!

- Email series with tips for success and a guide to thanking donors.
- Emails thanking people for fundraising and updating on the cause impact.
- Online ambassador program engagement
- Give to the Max outreach.



#### Your crowdfunding page has been approved!

What does that mean exactly? It means your page is now live and it's time to tell everyone about it! You can do anything to get the word out, and the more people you tell, the faster you'll reach your goal. Share your campaign through email and social media, or add a link and your campaign information to your own personal website.

#### pread the word about your campaign

#### PREVIEW/UPDATE PAGE

Use this link to login to your account. When you view your campaign page while logged in, the page includes links to edit, market, and update your page and contact info.

QUESTIONS? Send an email to crowdfind umn.edu

> Good luck and thanks for fundraising for such an important cause!



# Key presentation takeaways

#### Partnerships

• Close collaboration with stewardship and digital teams is crucial. Rely on subject matter experts!

#### **Customizable tools**

 Create customizable communication vehicles/tools, for internal partners AND donors.

#### **Measurement and analysis**

 Digital offers unique measurement tools—take advantage and adjust strategy accordingly.

Discussion/questions

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