Donor Relations Architecture

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You keep using that word

I do not think it means what you think it means.





History

From Old English *stíweard*, or household

Servant who supervised the Lord's estate and household, earning 3 to 4 pounds a year

Took care of the lord's castles when he was away and checked on his serfs' taxes



History

Contemporary stewards take care of:

- People on planes and ships
- Churches
- Trees, the earth, the ocean
- Investments
- Wine





Definition

In broad usage:

One who manages property or other affairs for someone else

In advancement:

One who ensures that donors gifts are used as donors intended



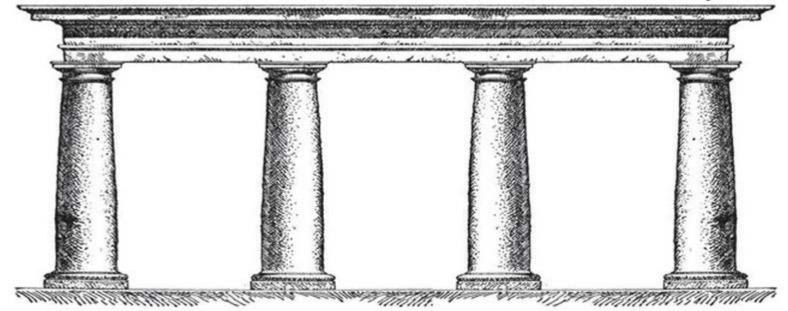
Definition and theory

- One does not steward a prospect. One *cultivates* a prospect. But one can use stewardship as a cultivation tool.
- To be a good steward, you don't actually have to do the stewardship. But you do need to make sure it gets done.
- Stewardship is most effective when delivered by the person or program most directly benefitting from the gift.



Four pillars

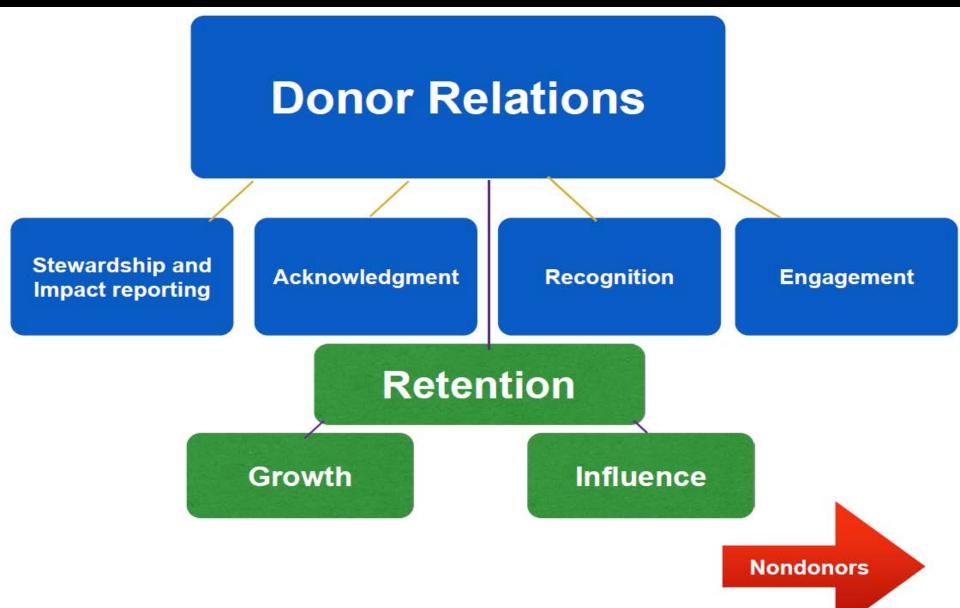
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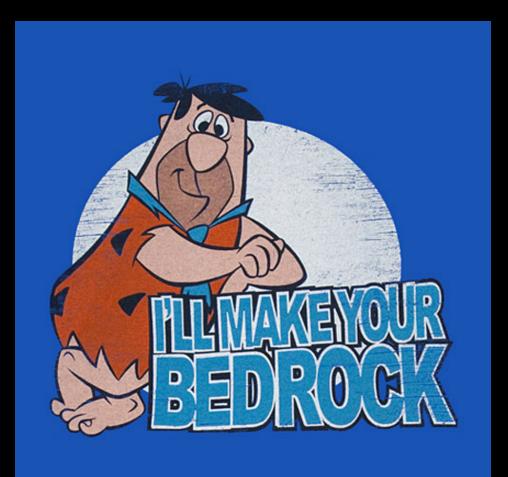
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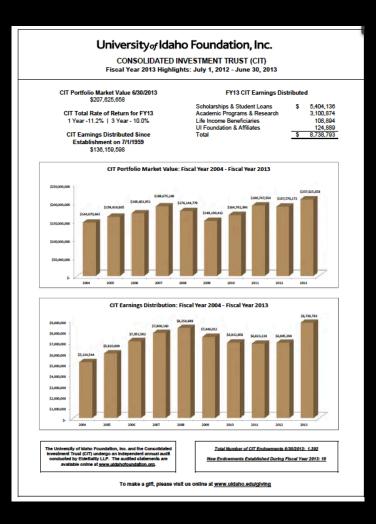




Gift Acceptance, Acknowledgment



Stewardship and Impact Report



Donor Engagement and Recognition

- Donors Want Three Things:
 - Access
 - Information
 - Experience





Acknowledgments

• MUST

- Gift Agreements
- Timely Receipts
- Leadership
 Acknowledgments
- Online GivingConfirmation

• LUST

- Impact Videos
- Hand Written
 Notes from
 Leadership
- Online Thank Yous that Change with Designation



Stewardship and Reporting

- MUST
 - Fiscal Reporting
 - Narrative Reporting
 - Accountability
 - Transparency
 - All funds spent and spent according to donor intent

- LUST
 - Impact Videos
 - Unrestricted
 Reporting
 - Storytelling

LUST

meet jean bosco.

Shy and sturdy, he carried a 20 gallon Jerry Can on his head with a banana as the cork. Only 15 years old, his days were filled fetching water. Four to five times a day, he walked back and forth to a brown, murky, stagnant pond.

READ THE STORY>

RWANDA

LUST

UGANDA

will the beautiful women of the world please stand up.

This is when I met Helen Apio. Placing both hands on my shoulders and smiling, she said, "Now, I am beautiful." That really hit me. My job is to focus on sustainable development, health, hygiene and sanitation; to make sure charity: water's projects are working in 20 years. But nowhere on any of my surveys or evaluations was a place to write, "Today we made someone feel beautiful."

READ THE STORY>



Donor Recognition

• MUST

- Giving Societies?
- Telling Donor Stories
 - All kinds all levels
- Recognition Events
- Gift announcement

• LUST

- Nomination for Awards
- Donor Recognition
 Web presence
- Digital Donor Wall
- Thank a Donor
 Week



Donor Engagement

• MUST

- Meeting Recipients/Beneficiari es
- Stewardship visits or bringing them to your organization
- Volunteer
 Opportunities

• LUST

- Engagement Tours
- Insider Updates
- Leadership Phone Calls
- Guest speaker initiations
- Represent organization at ceremonies

Thank You! Questions?

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