

Navigating End of the Year



Giving

MEET YOUR PRESENTER

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Session goals

- Encouragement
- Best practices
- Group sharing
- Tools to plan



• Immediate action items

Welcome

Share with us in the chat ...

1. Where you're joining from

2. Your organization

3. The size of your fundraising staff



A quick reminder...

- ✓ Be authentic
- ✓ Be vulnerable
- ✓ Be flexible
- ✓ Trust your gut
- ✓ We are all human
- \checkmark These are wild times
- ✓ Give yourself grace
- ✓ Mindset matters



Poll: What is your biggest challenge or obstacle when you think about EOY giving?



Best Practices

- ✓ Focus on donor retention and stewardship
- ✓ Show gratitude
- ✓ Simplify your message
- ✓ Be transparent
- ✓ Don't make assumptions
- Cross-promote ways to give
- ✓ Make a plan!



Share with us

Poll: Do you have an EOY giving plan?



Share with us

Would anyone like to share any best practices we missed?



Make a plan NOW!

- Do you have a plan for November & December?
- Recruit staff, board and volunteers to help
- Update your messaging and imagery
- Prep for Giving Tuesday and other local giving days
- ✓ Plan your year-end appeal
- Make a contingency plan/be flexible



New opportunities

- Millennials are being more generous than ever!
- ✓ DAFs
- Zoom tours/coffee chats/appreciation events
- ✓ New "crisis" donors
- Donor or volunteer-led fundraisers
- ✓ Reconsider your "major donor"
- ✓ CARES ACT



New Deduction Available: Up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) in annual charitable contributions. This is available only to people who take the standard deduction (for taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions).

New Charitable Deduction Limits: As part of the bill, individuals and corporations that itemize can deduct much greater amounts of their contributions. Individuals can elect to deduct donations up to 100% of their 2020 AGI (up from 60% previously).

Required Min. Distributions Waived in 2020 for Most Donors: Required minimum distributions (RMD) that would have had to start in 2020 do not have to start until 2021, including distributions from defined benefit pension plans and 457 plans.

> Source: Make A Wish Foundation of America https://wish.org/stimulus

Sample Year-End plan

NOW:

- Update/scrub/segment your mailing list/database
- Create scripts or toolkits for donor stewardship calls & Giving Tuesday
- Recruit volunteers, communicate with colleagues about plans and upcoming engagement
- Identify a matching opportunity for Giving Tuesday/final December push

NOVEMBER:

- Donor stewardship calls
- Mail annual appeal (week of Nov. 15 recommended)
- Thank you email/note (week of Nov. 23)
- Ramp up email and social media efforts for Giving Tuesday

DECEMBER:

- Giving Tuesday! (and follow-up)
- Annual appeal follow-up
- Lapsed donor follow-up
- Consider matching gift opportunity for December 29 31

Take action TODAY!

- ✓ Finalize your EOY plan
- ✓ Recruit volunteers
- Update messaging & imagery
- ✓ Plan follow-up/stewardship
- ✓ Plan time to REST!

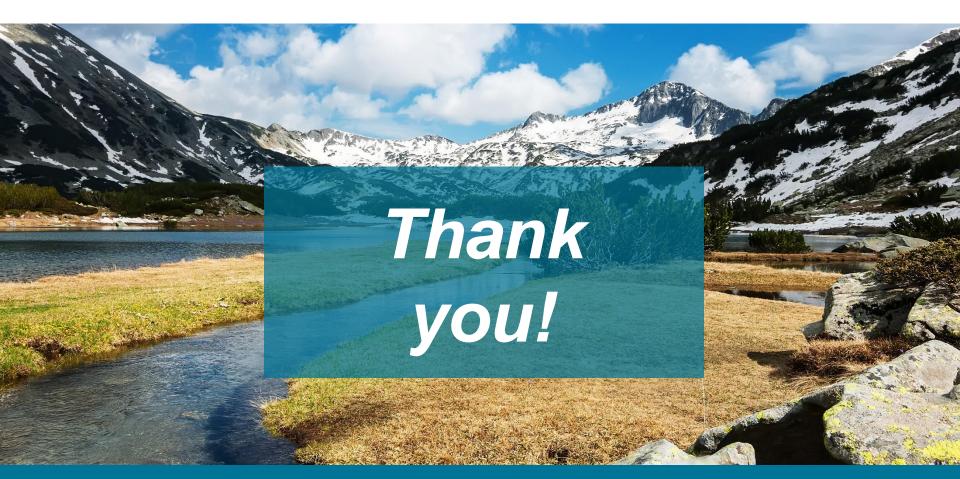


HOW'D WE DO?

- 1. Do you feel encouraged?
- 2. Do you have best practices?
- 3. Do you have tools to plan?
- 4. Do you have immediate action items?







Presentation will be available online