Donor Relationship Myths & Strategies for Success

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My Advice: Get on Twitter!



"No, I'm not talking about Twitter. I literally want you to follow me" = Jesus

Jennifer's Story

"If I look at the mass, I will never act. If I look at one, I will." – Mother Teresa

Do We Really Know our Stakeholders?

Developing Relationships with our best is key to sustainability.

Who is lan Adair?

- 10 years in Nonprofit
- 5 Years in Education
- College Professor
- Social media: Twitter, LinkedIn, & Google + (Facebook is for remembering birthdays and stalking old high school flames)
- Interesting about me: Former 2 sport college athlete, night club bouncer, avid hiker, musician, and pro tennis player (retired)

Who is He Really?

- Father was a drug addict & physically abusive
- Father left when he was 10 years old
- Mother was ill her entire life
- Severe learning disabilities
- Grew up on welfare system
- Brother is mentally ill (two suicide attempts)
- Spent 5 years in high school
- DHS tried to remove him from the home

Proud Papa & Child Advocate



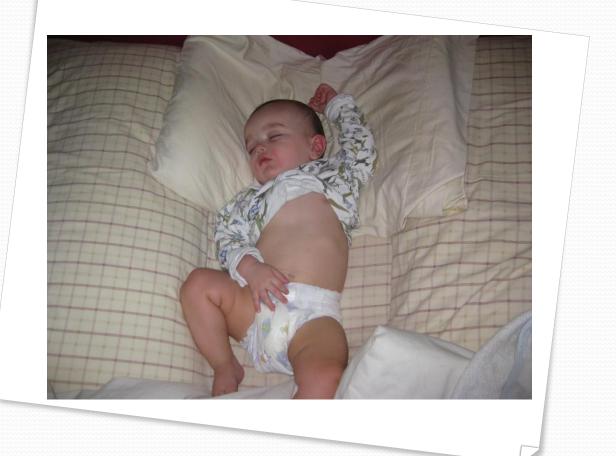
My son Noah

Relationships start with getting to know someone- not researching them!



After hitting the bottle a little too hard!

Relationships have a lot to do with finding common ground, which leads to trust.



In Fundraising there is a Major Problem

I'm Positive We Have A Problem

Don't be a Sly Dog, People will see it a mile away



What is causing us to overlook our current donors & supporters?

Answer: TTWWADI

Defining TTWWADI

"That's The Way We've Always Done It"

Example of TTWWADI: Spacing between Rails= 4 feet 8.5inces- Why?



English Railroad Cars vs. Horse Drawn Wagons 4 feet 8.5inces between the axles



Roman Chariots 2300 years ago 4 feet 8.5 inces between the axles



Tendency to do the same

Policies Procedures Work Instructions Traditions Institutions Systems

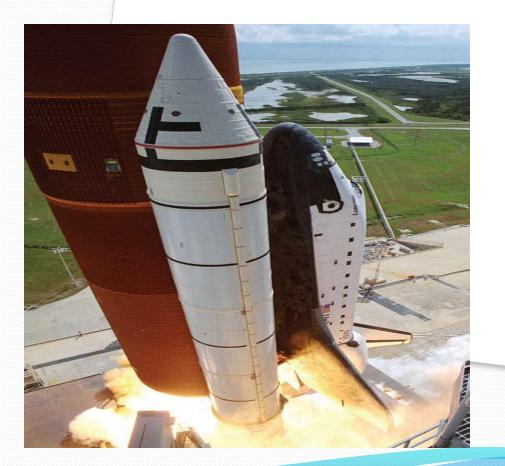
All roads can lead to TTWWADI

Just wide enough for Two Horses Asses!



TTWWADI in Utah?

Thiokol Propulsion now ATK Aerospace Systems



From Utah to Florida

Transporting a portion of the Solid Rocket Booster by train





Two Horses Asses!



Technology Evolution





Small Things = Big Impact



7 Donor Relationship Myths

Search Less, Engage More!

Myth #1: Give Once, Always Give



Myth #2: Copying Others Works



Myth #3: Everyone will Participate



Myth #4: It has to be Fancy & Dressed Up



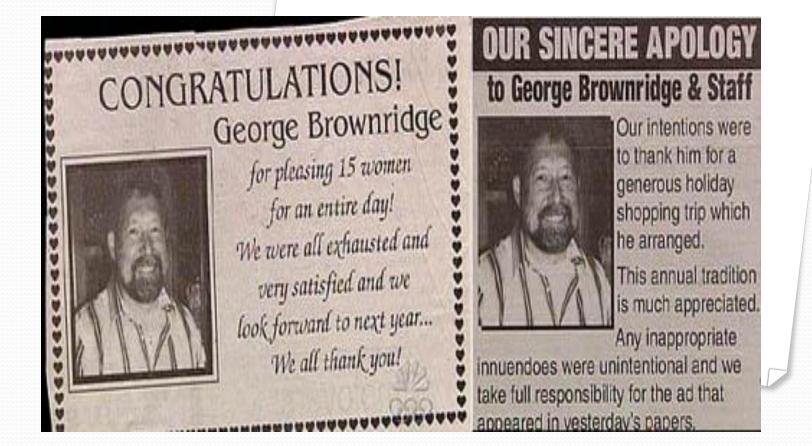
COOLNESS

You may be cool...but you'll never be 4 popped-collars cool.

Myth #5: Make the Competition Look Bad



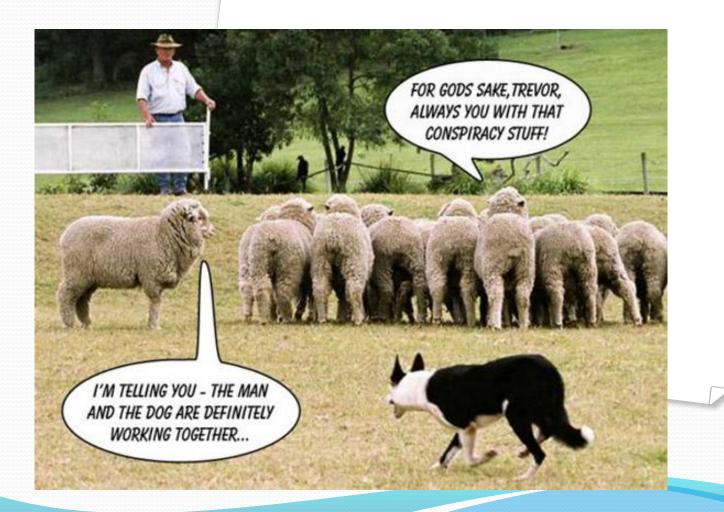
Myth #6: Stewardship is Easy



Myth #6: Social Media Cures All



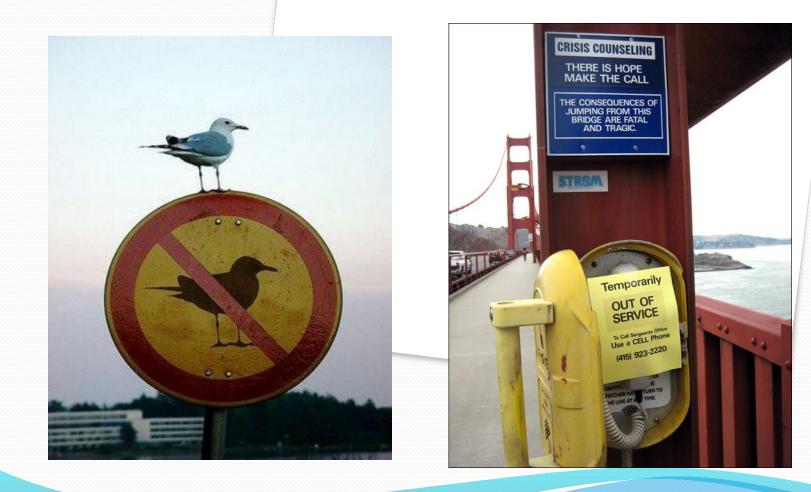
Myth #7: Strategy Wins Donors



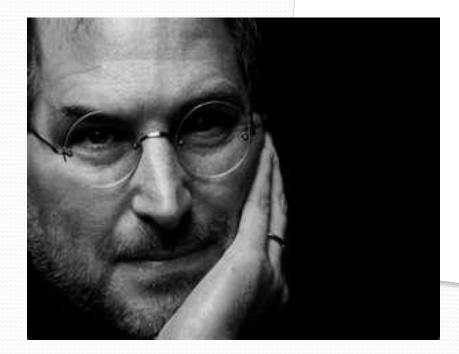
"Jargon Jars, numbers numb, and no one ever gave money because of a pie chart." –Andy Goodman



Are we getting our messages mixed up?



Eliminate what does not work



"I'm just as proud of what Apple chose not to do." - Steve Jobs

Where do we go from here?



Thank You USFR!

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