Adapting On-Air Drives to Digital Fundraising

Section 2: Owned / Earned Campaign Promotions



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The Training Series

This training series is split into four 30-minute recordings:

- Section 1: Fundraising Basics (30 minute recording)
- Section 2: Owned/Earned Campaign Promotions (30 minute recording)
- Section 3: Paid Campaign Promotions (30 minute recording)
- Section 4: Reporting & putting it all together (30 minute recording)



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How do we adapt on-air strategies into digital strategies?



Fundamentals of persuading listeners to support

CASE

- Value
- Unity
- Need
- Ability

CLOSE

- Social proof
- Urgency
- Scarcity
- Reciprocity

None of this is inherently or necessarily attached to radio.



Digital pledge drives: Create a multi-channel marketing calendar.



ProPublica's Marketing Calendar - Winter

Day	Date	Promotional Channels				
		Email: Direct message	Email: Newsletter ads	Web: Pencil bar	Web: House Ads	Social Media
Tuesday	28-Nov	х3	х	х	х	x
Tuesday	12-Dec	X		х	х	
Thursday	14-Dec	x		х	х	
Monday	18-Dec	x	х	х	х	
Wednesday	20-Dec	х	х	х	X	
Wednesday	27-Dec	X	х	х	Х	
Friday	29-Dec	X	х	х	Х	х
Saturday	30-Dec	x		х	х	х
Sunday	31-Dec	x3		x	Х	х



Things to have in place

CRM

One centralized system...

- CRM = Customer Relationship Management
- An online system that centralizes many of the functions nonprofits need to communicate and interact with their supporters, such as:
 - Sending emails
 - Building landing pages (e.g. donation forms, sign-up forms, advocacy petitions)
 - Collecting supporter information



CRM

...or several systems

- The functions of a CRM may be split across several systems that each perform a more specific function
 - For example, an ESP = Email Service Provider is a tool focused on sending emails
- Functions of the CRM may also integrate into other tools
 - Data syncs from the CRM into reporting dashboard
 - A signup form embedded into the website
 - Ads tracking pixels embedded in donation page



Donation page





Track people who come through your webpages

Out-of-the box CRM functionality

Collect personal information

Data via syncs from other systems

Values people input directly into the form

Capture values in hidden form fields, including sourcing*

Add-on tracking

Via Google Analytics or using other Ads Pixels

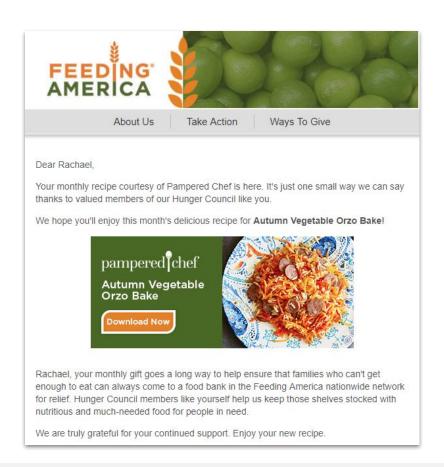
On the page itself

On the thank you page (for conversions)



Automations

Having **automations** in place can be key to keeping your audience engaged and keeping names (and donors) on your list.





What owned digital channels should I run on?

Website

- Creative should include your case and close in 1 sentence or less
- Consider user experience with frequency and placement on website
- Get your channels working together!





Making the case

- Promotions answer "why give now"
- Don't try to include too much
- Match branding and look / feel to overall campaign and website

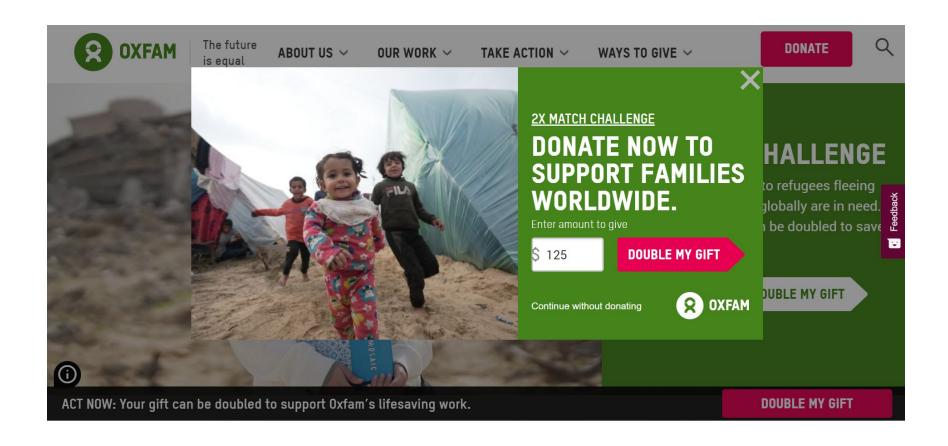
► Help 350.org build a powerful climate movement.

DONATE NOW ONCE MONTHLY USD \$\$

\$10 ② \$35 ② \$150 →



Website placement





Website placement

Readers power ProPublica

Make your year-end gift to ProPublica by 12/31!

Donate











Email: The standard format

Guided by structural constraints:

- **Time.** We need to get through quickly.
- Space. The size of a preview pane or mobile screen.
- **Competition.** We are in the inbox next to personal, relevant messages (and 4,000 other offers and alerts).



BEATING CANCER IS IN OUR BLOOD.

SPEAK UP

Your senators and representative need to hear from you – tell them to protect and support cancer patients in the next COVID-19 legislative package!

Dear Zia.

As we all adjust to a new normal, it's becoming clear that those who are the most vulnerable to coronavirus, like cancer patients, still need more protections to stay safe and healthy during the pandemic.

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We cannot allow fear of financial repercussions to keep patients from seeking treatment for cancer care or any other illness during this critical time. It is crucial that Congress include these measures to protect cancer patients and others in upcoming legislation. Take a moment to send an urgent message to your elected officials now.

Thank you for all that you do to support blood cancer patients

Danielle Bubnis Senior Director, Advocacy The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

P.S. Want to get these alerts even faster? Join our Mobile Action Network by texting SPEAK to 698-66 (message & data rates may apply).



Start with your "envelope"

With these elements you can grab the reader's attention and convey elements of effective creative before they even open your email.

- Subject line: Good subject lines grab attention and make the reader want to open
- Sender name: A place to convey authenticity and/or urgency
- Preheader: Where you can preview your message and entice someone to read more

FamiliesNeedSupport@feedingamerica.org Food prices have increased by more than 10% in the last 12 months We need your help to get food to families facing hunger.			
Sophie Reeds, Feeding America			
Rising costs & slowing donations - your help needed Help get meals to families today.	6/29/2022		
Elizabeth Nielsen, Feeding America			
Families in crisis with soaring food prices	6/27/2022		
Food banks and families are facing rising costs of eggs, milk, bread, and other			
Laura Choate, Food Pantry Director			
From homeless at 11 to fighting hunger	6/26/2022		
Read how Laura's experience led her to fighting hunger and supporting LGBTQ			
Amirio Freeman, Feeding America			
[URGENT] Call your senators to vote YES on The Keep Kids Fed Bill right now=! 🕻	6/23/2022		
Kids and families need relief before the June 30 deadline — call now!			
Sophie Reeds, Feeding America			
Fighting food waste starts at 🏚 Hunger's Hope	6/17/2022		
Chef Andrew Zimmern shares some helpful tips for how to fight food waste.			
Amirio Freeman, Feeding America			
Margaret, add your name: Tell Congress to help kids facing hunger this summer!	6/2/2022		
Congress CAN HELP kids missing out on school meals this summer – urge them			
Amirio Freeman, Feeding America			
[Alert] School's almost out for the summerbut so are school meals. Kids need	5/27/2022		



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Call-out box or header summarizes message and includes an ask.

Short sentences, short paragraphs. Remember that mobile screen.

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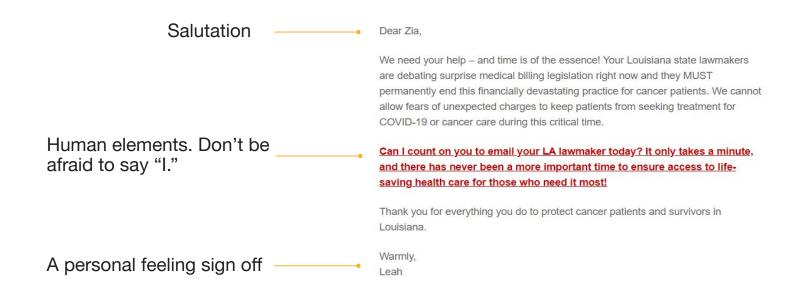
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Use formatting (bold, underline, color, highlight, bullets, etc.) to guide reader



Personal touches amplify relevance and authenticity





Ask early



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Ask repeatedly (for ONE thing)



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Email Congress

Fmail Congress

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Congress

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Typically, each link or button concludes a Problem/Solution/Action cycle.

Make your email "Clickable"



Can't view this? Read it online.

DONATE



Donation button in stationery

Riley

Thanksgiving is just a few short days away and I can't stop thinking about all the empty plates in homes across the country. With the cost of food rising and people still reeling from the pandemic, many families may find themselves at a food bank this week in search of their holiday meal.

That's why today, I'm asking you to donate to our Thanksgiving Drive to help provide as many meals as possible while your gift can be matched up to \$300,000, shanks to a match challenge from Pampered Chef.

GIVE NOW

As you're preparing for your holiday dinner this year, I hope you consider helping to provide a meal for a family facing hunger.

Through our Thanksgiving Drive, you can be there for your neighbors, so that everyone can crijey a Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to a match challenge from Pampered Chef, a 30-year partner of Feeding America, your impact can be doubled this Thanksgiving. Donate now before Thanksgiving Day >>

All my thanks,

Elizabeth Nielsen Senior Vice President Feeding America Clickable image with call to action and button

Linked text in bolded and underlined in a noticeable color

Another button in the text



Email

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Hi Reader.

Today begins ProPublica's summer weeks, I'll be checking in with you, e newsroom, highlighting some of ou convincing you to renew your suppo

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As someone who keeps up with our this journalism, and that you cheer: **Spring Member Drive** Stand up for the power of an informed p

Hi Reader,

A bit over a month ago, we published a stor exploring how the health insurance industr patients. Cigna, one of the country's largest system that allows its doctors to instantly re grounds without so much as opening the pa insured with unexpected bills. This system doctors to reject tens of thousands of claims many state laws that call for insurance com patient files and use their expertise to decid or deny claims. As our series shows, however denials of claims have meant suffering and many patients.

Journalism like this is time-consuming and worth it. We invest the time and resources r stories because we know that when we shin can lead to change. In fact, our work has an record of spurring impact: Laws get passed, innocent people are freed and more. Alread committee and state and federal regulators scrutinize the legality of Cigna's system after published.

But ProPublica only has the resources to in because of folks like you. As a nonprofit nev

impact. Today, I'm asking you to continue your investment in ProPublica by making a renewal gift and supporting the investigations we're working on right now. We've got ongoing series about Supreme Court ethics, how health insurers are

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Summer Member Drive Deadline: Friday

Hi Reader.

Our summer member drive ends tomorrow, and I'm the response we've seen so far from our readers. I ho them by making a donation of any amount to sur dive journalism that holds the powerful to account t light on corruption and injustice.

We shine that light with a purpose: Our mission is to force of investigative journalism to spur change. Our to laws being passed, people resigning from powerfu victims receiving compensation and much more. We track the impact of our work, and here are a few rece of stories that led to action:

- Texas Legislature Closes Gun Background Che State lawmakers passed a bill requiring courts t involuntary mental health hospitalizations of j inclusion in the federal gun background check law closes a gap revealed by ProPublica and Th Tribune in 2022.
- Regulators Overhaul Inspections of Hospice Pr A ProPublica story last year exposed fraud and within the \$22 billion hospice industry. This ye__, ___

for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced reforms that went into effect immediately.

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Summer Member Drive **Deadline: MIDNIGHT**

Hi Reader.

We are in the final moments of our summer member drive, and I'm asking you to join us before the midnight deadline by making a donation right now.

Over the past two weeks, more than 2,000 readers have stepped up with their support. They've donated \$5 a month, \$10, \$100, a few have even given \$1,000 and more. There is no minimum donation amount to become a member of ProPublica - it's about participation and making the decision to support independent journalism that produces real impact.

This model works: When you give, your donation is combined with gifts from tens of thousands of your fellow ProPublicans, and together you help power the largest team of investigative journalists in the country. We've got investigations going right now on the Supreme Court, health insurance denials, wealth inequality and so much more.

With each new member, we grow stronger, and your gift today will make a difference. Donate right now and join our community of like-minded people who believe in the power of ProPublica to shine a light on injustice and hold people in power accountable.

Thanks so much. Jill Shepherd Proud ProPublican

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Case & Close in an email

Hi Reader,

I know you read ProPublica every week because you want to know what the real story is behind the headlines. You value well-researched, investigative journalism that spurs real-world change. I'm asking you today to join us with a donation in any amount to help pay for the investigations we've got brewing all over the country right now. As a nonprofit, independent newsroom, your donation will help us publish more stories and spur more change. Join us before midnight tonight, and you'll be helping us reach our member goal during this last day of our summer member drive.

Thank you!

Jill Shepherd

Proud ProPublican



Text messaging

Tightened deliverability standards, an evolving digital landscape, and generational trends mean reaching beyond email — specifically to SMS/MMS.

Mobile also sees strong engagement across the board (**open** rates as high as 90+%!) for fundraising, advocacy, cultivation, and voter turnout.

Both broadcast and peer-to-peer mobile messaging (SMS/MMS) can be effective at engaging your donors. You can choose to run your program in numerous platforms, including Upland/Mobile Commons, Hustle, Twilio, Strive, and ThruText.

As many as 75% of your digital donors could be unsubscribed, inactive or otherwise unreachable by email.



Starting small

Will fundraising text messages cause advocates and other supporters to unsubscribe from this messaging stream?

Starting small. Planned Parenthood launched their text messaging program prior to the 2016 election. The explosion of Trump-era activism helped to grow their subscriber list after a few SMS-based actions were widely shared on social media. But how would this list respond to fundraising asks?

We started with a light touch, only sending fundraising text messages during true crisis or rapid-response moments. After seeing initial success with this tactic, we started to layer on additional fundraising as part of the overall messaging stream.



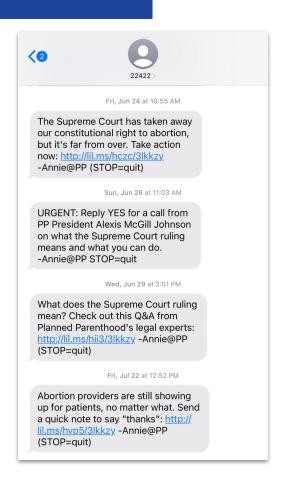
Growing a program

Integrated message planning

How do we determine what content to share with our subscribers — and when? Planned Parenthood produces an integrated email and SMS messaging plan, including fundraising, advocacy, and other types of cultivation messaging.

We use that plan to draft messages that are usually in sync across channels but with a language and style purpose-written for the channel.

And, we're almost always running a test in this mobile channel, the setup of which requires less effort than email or other channels.





Creative Examples



Hi again, Rachael! As a sustaining KQED member, you're one of our most reliable supporters. Would you consider switching your mothly gift from a credit card payment to an EFT payment (an automated contribution from your bank account)? If you switch before midnight tonight, you'll unlock an extra \$20 for KQED *!

You can update your payment method securely at donate.kqed.org/
Update24. If you've recently switched to EFT payments, thank you!



Winning the environmental fights that matter most takes time & steady resources. Can you help? Give monthly to NRDC: https://on.nrdc.org/3sptLRN Stop2Quit

603 more membership gifts needed by Monday. Act now for science: Renew your LAPSED UCS membership today! http://lil.ms/3e3f/4ekca5 --Chase, Union of Concerned Scientists

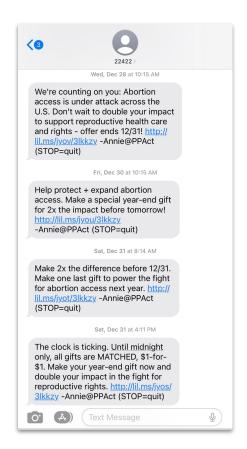


One organization's results

A powerful tool for fundraising and more

The text messaging program is now a vital component of Planned Parenthood's communication stream to supporters, allowing for advocacy, engagement, in-person event recruitment, and, of course, fundraising. Nearly every campaign includes a text messaging fundraising component — to forgo it would be "leaving money on the table."

Planned Parenthood now sees as much or more revenue raised with a single successful text message send as compared to an email appeal. They also can contact **2x more active subscribers** through this channel as compared to email.





Segmentation

Getting started with segmentation

First, consider:

- **Size** is this audience large enough to warrant a dedicated segment?
- Value does the value of this segment justify the effort to create and use it?
- Accessibility do you have the data needed to create and maintain this segment?
- Usability do you have a plan for how you'll use this segment for personalization or reporting?



Different types and uses

- Tracking/Reporting creating groups based on donation history, or other variables, can allow you to evaluate performance for specifics groups of constituents.
- Audience Selections & Suppressions Have groups set up in your CRM based on the messages they should or shouldn't receive and use these to build audiences.
- Conditional content/specific messages Use segments to customize the user experience. This could mean ask amounts, donor status call outs, and more.



Lapsed donors

- Acknowledge and thank for past support, as well as current status
- Utilize social proof / peer pressure
- Consider a special offer

Can we count on you to help reach our goal of 1,000 gifts this month by renewing your support with a gift of just \$20 or more to strengthen our democracy and take on other challenges with science-based advocacy?

However you choose to give will help, but just so you know, for a limited time only all new annual gifts will qualify for a special match!

DONATE NOW



Mid-level donors

- Acknowledge and thank for past support
- Make a specific ask appropriate for their previous giving
- Consider a personal connection

Hi Rachael,

My name is Victoria, and I've worked at Oxfam for the past five years. Helping the world's most vulnerable communities has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I'm so glad you're in the fight with us.

I wanted to write you to say hello and tell you a little more about what we're trying to achieve – and what makes us different.

I think it's hard to fathom, but *you're part of a truly powerful community who believes in the difference a gift can make* for families living in poverty and those affected by humanitarian emergencies. It's because of people like you that we're able to help in the places where we're needed most – places like Yemen, Bangladesh, and Indonesia.

<u>Please, don't miss this chance to help us raise \$500,000. Make your gift now to get critical</u> support to those who need it most.

At this crucial moment, I hope you will consider making an especially generous one-time gift of \$1,000, or starting a monthly gift of \$85 or more, which will qualify you for our Oxfam Impact Circle. This committed group of supporters broadens the impact of our most effective, life-saving advancements in impoverished communities around the world. But truly, any gift you can donate now will make a big difference!

Thank you for stepping up today, on this day dedicated to giving back.



Existing monthly donors

- Acknowledge and thank for current support
- Make an additional ask upping monthly gift or making an additional one-time gift
- Consider cadence

Abortion bans and severe restrictions on access have created cruel and heartbreaking circumstances for patients, particularly people who already face barriers to health care due to this country's legacy of systemic racism and discrimination.

This is where your generosity comes in, Rachael.

You are currently giving \$10.00 per month, and it is making a huge difference in Planned Parenthood's ability to protect reproductive health care from the latest attacks while continuing to help people access lifesaving care.

Will you add just \$5 or more per month today?



Earned media

What is earned media?

- Building relationships with other media outlets, journalists, bloggers, and influencers to "earn" media coverage
- Providing information subsidies, such as press releases, advertisements, and videos of related news events
- Ideally translates to a bump in "organic" fundraising



Supporting fundraising

- Increased brand awareness
- Validation of your organization as a worthy cause of donor \$\$
- Highlight specific fundraising initiatives (matches, Giving Days)





Children's Hospital Los Angeles



Chances are you or someone you know has been helped by this great hospital. | No images? View on Web.





MATCH YOUR GIFT 3X
GIVE NOW



TRIPLE MY GIFT

paige,

I might be a TV-show host known for jokes and pranks, but a few years ago I did something that's usually not a *great* sign for a comedian: I made America cry.

Yes, you read that right. I shared the emotional experience of watching my newborn son being diagnosed with a life-threatening heart defect—and ultimately being saved by the world-enowned surgeons and caregivers at Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

It's not just my son Billy's life these heroes have saved. Children's Hospital Los Angeles provides care for 1 out of every 5 children in Los Angeles, so chances are you or someone you know has been helped by this great hospital.

That's why I'm teaming up with Children's Hospital Los Angeles to raise \$300,000 by midnight Dec. 31. Right now, every gift to the Children's Fund will be matched and will go THREE times as far for sick kids. Please, pa



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Alameda County Community Food Bank



"One of the great foundations of our region, Stephen and Ayesha Curry's Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation, has decided they will match dollar-for-dollar -- up to \$250,000 -- any donations that come to our food bank, up until December 31st. This is huge news for us," he said.

Young says they have a goal to raise \$4 million between now and Dec. 31.



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