

### Tools and Ideas for End-of-Year Virtual & Hybrid Fundraising Events

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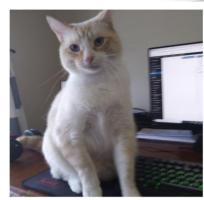


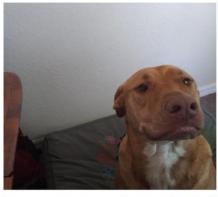
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### Who's Talking Today?

- + With Qgiv for three years
- + Digital marketing and optimizing the user journey are my areas of expertise
- + I enjoy volunteering
- + I have 5 animals: 3 dogs and 2 cats













### Are virtual events still the norm?

Virtual, in-person, hybrid – oh my!

Both styles rely heavily on online activity and support

Virtual events take place entirely online

Hybrid events combine online and in-person elements

# Virtual Events vs. Hybrid Events



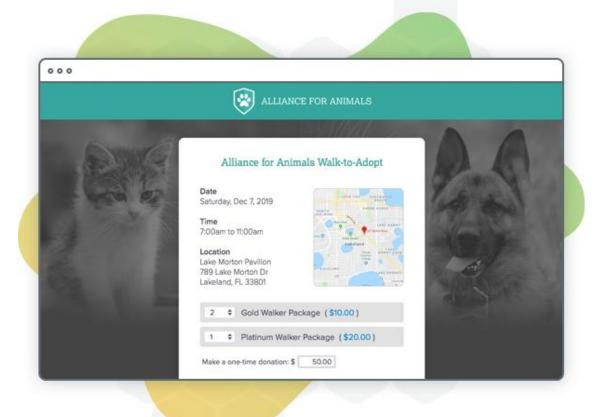


Donors have proven that they're willing to participate in virtual events.

COVID-19 is still around, and nonprofits need to balance fundraising with staying safe and healthy.

A virtual component helps extend your reach.

### Why should we include virtual?





### What we're going to cover today

We're going to look at how other organizations are successfully raising money with virtual or hybrid events. With each example, we'll have a takeaway you can apply to your own events and a tip for how to use Qgiv's tools to keep your supporters engaged and excited about your event.

We're going to take a look at:

- + Standard fundraising events
- + Peer-to-peer events
- + Silent auction events





## Up First: Basic Best Practices

You'll want to take these steps regardless of your audience or event type!

### Tips & Strategies for General Events

Communicate! Send personal communications to supporters that:



Explains how supporters can participate



Invite supporters to get involved



Reiterate how they'll make a difference



### You Should Also:



Be clear about how participation will work and what supporters can expect

Communicate
regularly on social
channels and
through emails

Be ready to help supporters and troubleshoot issues





# Standard Events

These are events that don't include peer-to-peer fundraising or auction elements

### Standard Event Ideas



+ Stream a holiday themed movie with purchasable snacks



+ Telethon-style fundraisers



+ Holiday gifts

+ Holiday letters/greeting cards



+ Supply or food drives



+ Experiences or classes



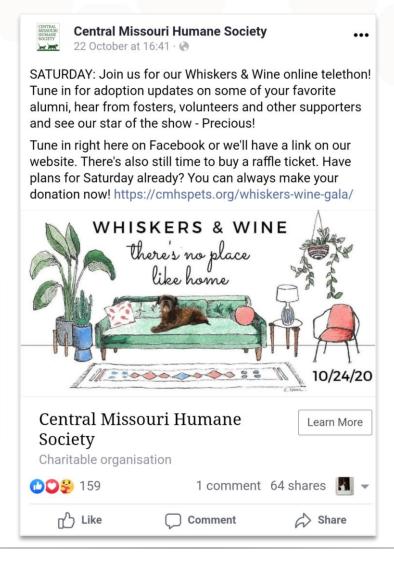
+ Simple activity + fundraising challenges



### **Example: Virtual Activities**



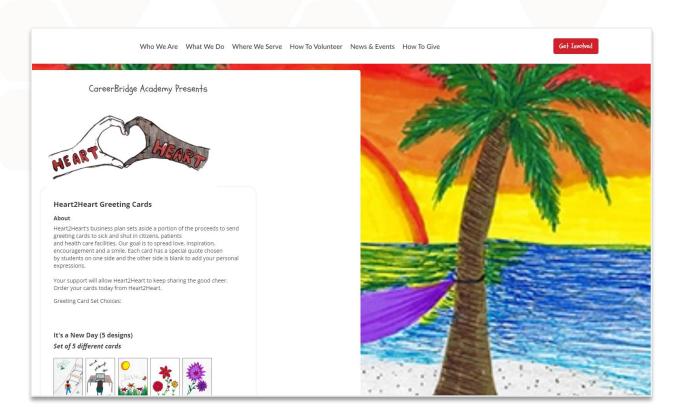








### Example: Holiday Theme



#### **Letter From Santa**

#### About

We have all had to try to adjust this past year. We are all trying to get used to our new normal. Let's try to focus on a little joy this holiday season. Imagine the smile you will create if you have Santa send the little ones in your life a personalized letter!

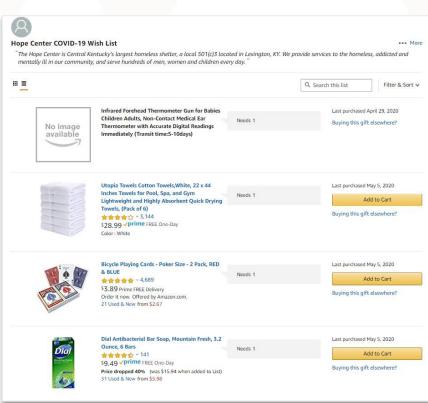


Cut off date for letter requests is Dec 03, 2021, in hopes that the letters will be received by December 25th. We can not in any way guarantee that the letters will be delivered by that time. The letters will be delivered through the US Postal Service and we have no control over their processing times.



### Example: Food and Supply Drives









### Important Best Practices

- + We've said it before, and we'll say it again: communication is key to a successful event!
- + Spend some time on your automated receipt!

  It's a valuable place to communicate participation details and other important information
- + Boost event participation by intentionally recruiting people you know will spread the word about your event, especially on social media!



#### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Minnesota

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Tomorrow's Evening for Kids' Sake has been shifted to an online auction! It is with heavy hearts that we have decided to make this change to our biggest fundraiser in an attempt to protect the safety, health and wellbeing of our guests, staff, and community. We now have the capability to invite anyone who is interested in participating! Please spread the word and share this post with friends and family. We depend on this fundraiser to match local youth with positive role models that ignite, empower and defend their potential.

To participate and bid on the wonderful silent and live auction items, you will need to register by clicking on this link

https://secure.qgiv.com/event/bbbssmn/ and follow the instructions in the email you will receive to download the app. The silent auction will be open March 14 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. The live auction will be open from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

Follow the link below to preview auction items.

http://www.bbbsofsouthernmn.org/.../Silent-Auction-powerpoint...

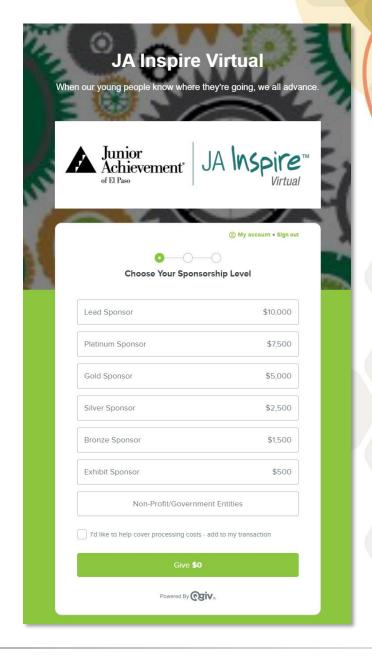
Have fun bidding from the safety and comfort of your home! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Together, we are defenders of potential.



### **Qgiv Tools & Tips**

- + Use our event registration system to register your participants—it's available to all Qgiv users. Build packages, set up private packages, and add promo codes.
- + Update your receipt! Use the conditional content feature to include specifics about your participants' registration details.
- + Use the reporting system to pull a list of your registrants from the Qgiv system so you can send them important updates, Zoom links, and anything else you need them to know.







# Peer-to-Peer Events

We wish we could show you every amazing peer-to-peer event our clients have put together. Seriously.

### Peer-to-Peer Event Ideas



+ Personal fundraising pages for boards members, leadership team, etc.



+ DIY Fundraising



+ Walks, runs, bike rides, or other fun activities



+ "Luncheons" or other tablebased events—raise money instead of selling tickets



+ Contests or challenges!



+ Get creative! What makes your nonprofit unique?



### Peer-to-Peer Examples







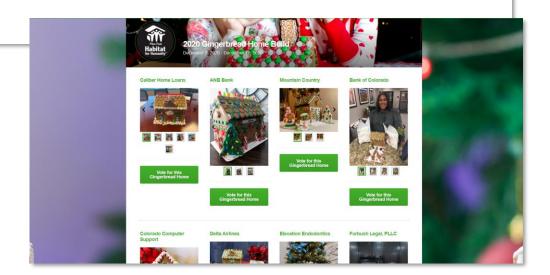










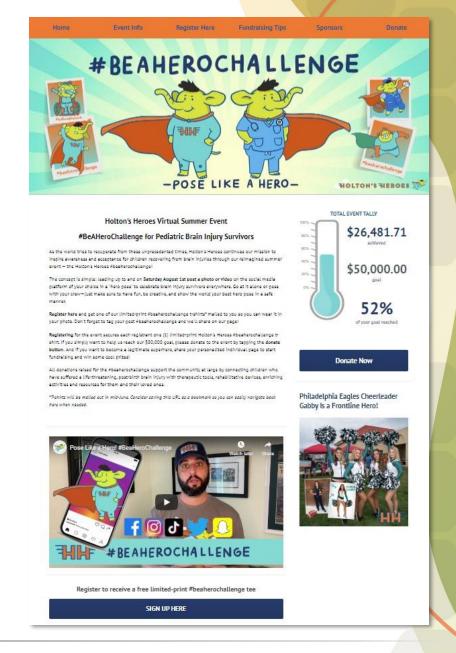






### **Qgiv Tools & Tips**

- + Give your participants the tools they need! Add fundraising tips, logos, and other tools to the resources section of their dashboards.
- + Set up some fundraising badges. Our data shows that badges help inspire people to participate.
- + Use our email campaigns tool to connect with different segments of supporters. Nudge those who aren't active, encourage those who are close, and congratulate those who are killing the game.
- + Add email and social post templates to your participants' dashboards. Fundraising is hard—help them out!







# Silent Auction Events

Clustering around bid sheets isn't a great way to keep your distance. Luckily, virtual silent auctions are easier than ever.

### Make Your Silent Auction Memorable



 Use streaming video to provide entertainment during your event



+ Highlight big-ticket items or unique packages on your social media channels



Include participation information on the registration page and receipt



+ Do an online raffle! Let participants buy raffle tickets, then stream the drawing



+ Let your participants look over your auction items a day or two ahead of time



+ Include some fund-a-need items in your event so non-bidders can support you, too



### Silent Auction Examples

#### Virtual





### Hybrid

Maestro Cares Foundation's

Eighth Annual Changing Lives,

Building Dreams Gala

Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 Cipriani Wall Street

55 Wall Street, New York City

Cocktails at 7PM | Dinner at 8PM Hosted by Lele Pons & Jasmine Camac Special performance by Marc Antl Black Tie Event HONORING

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### Important Best Practices

- + Can you guess my first bullet point? You probably can! It's communication!
- + Early on, establish a point person at your organization who will handle questions and help people participate.
- + Make your fund-a-need items memorable. Get creative so they're appealing to donors!
- + Try a raffle! Regular raffles, wall-of-wine raffles, 50/50 raffles, and other versions are fun for everyone, even if they can't bid on big items.

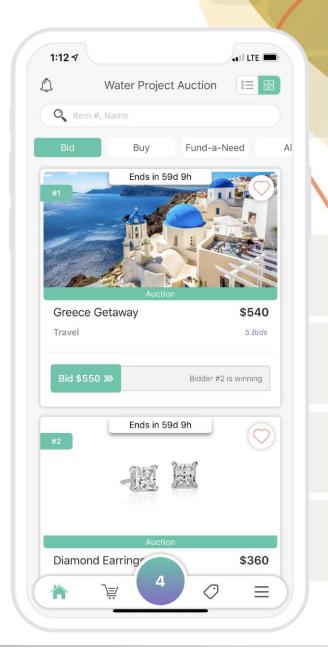




### **Qgiv Tools & Tips**

- + Start early! You need at least 30 days of lead time for auctions, especially if you need training.
- + Enable push notifications. Letting donors know when they're out-bid is an important way to encourage more bids and raise more money.
- + If you have tons of items, separate items into groups.

  Then, schedule each group of items to go up at different times so items don't get lost in the shuffle. (Ex: first 50 items are open from 6:00-8:00 p.m., the next from 8:00-10:00 p.m., etc.)
- + Take advantage of our training and support!







# While You're Planning, Remember:

Your supporters love you and want to support you. People are used to virtual campaigns by now! You can do this.

### Today's Big Takeaways



+ Standard events are a great way to connect with your supporters without doing a ton of planning

+ Every Qgiv user has access to the event registration system!



+ Include a virtual component into your silent auctions.

+ Tons of peer-to-peer events can easily include virtual components.



+ Good communication is your #1 fundraising asset.

+ Your supporters want to help! Tell what you need and show them how to get involved.

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