5 Steps to Recruit, Engage, and Effectively Manage Volunteers

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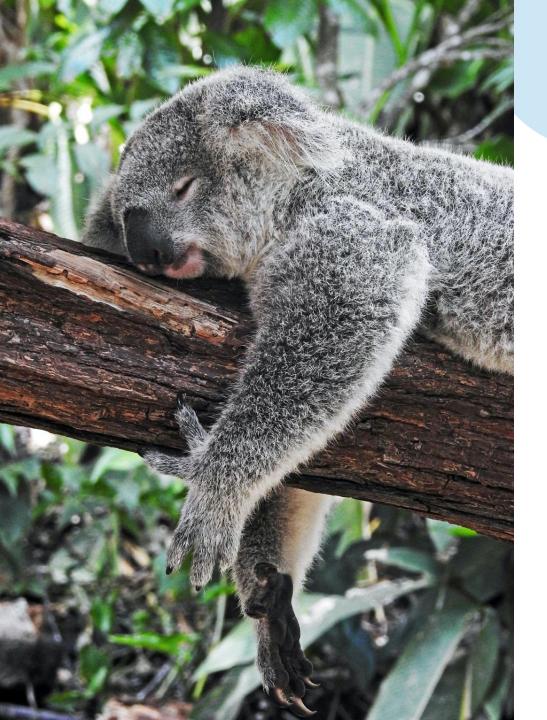


Simple, right? Not quite ...

The disconnect

Most nonprofits **struggle to close** the three (3) **mobilization gaps**





THE ACTIVATION GAP

Desire > Deployment

People want to get involved, yet **most**stay on the sidelines and less than 18%
move to action.



Latent Potential

In a society that is all about 'doing good', very few people move from talking about it to actually doing it.

⊘ Busy

Today's rhythms of life; overloaded; maxed out

⊘ Ignorance Barrier

Lack of awareness of needs

⊘ Complexity

Confusing, disjointed, archaic processes





THE EXPECTATION GAP

Expectations > Experience

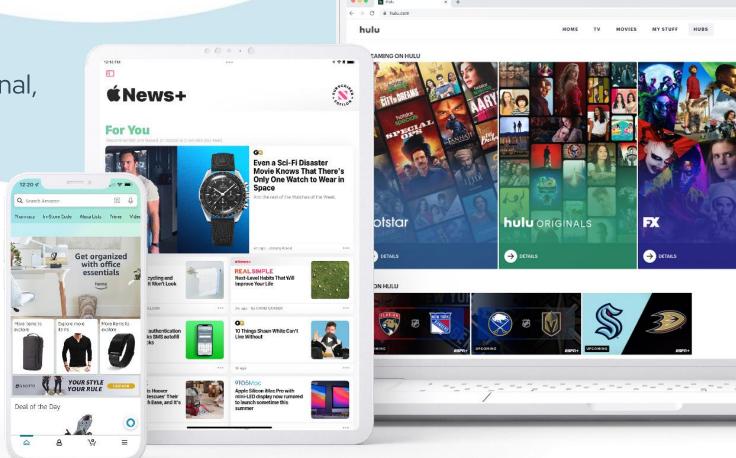
Supporters expect a **personalized experience**, yet most nonprofits are handcuffed to impersonal strategies

What changed?

Shift from mass **communications** to personal, responsive **experiences**.

- Personalized experiences

 Moving away from one-size-fits-all
- Two-way, behavior driven
 Triggered in response to data signals



























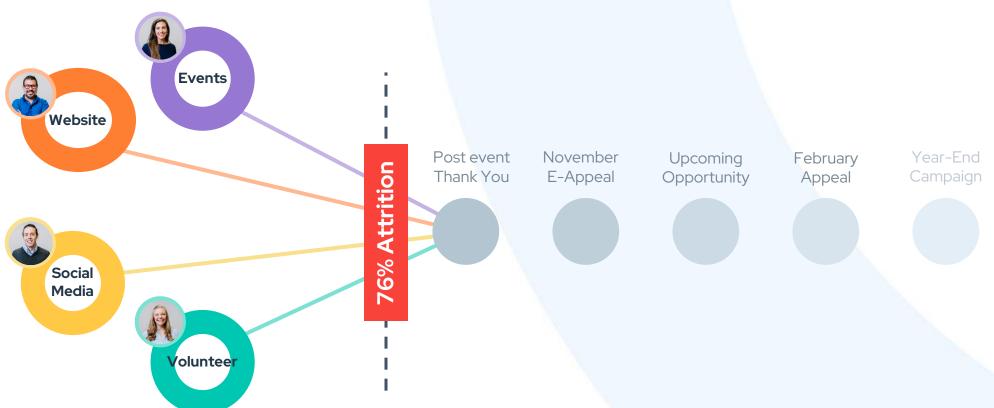
The legacy, impersonal model

New Volunteer/Giver Acquisition

- Personal and varied
- Based on supporter's intent

Retention & Cultivation

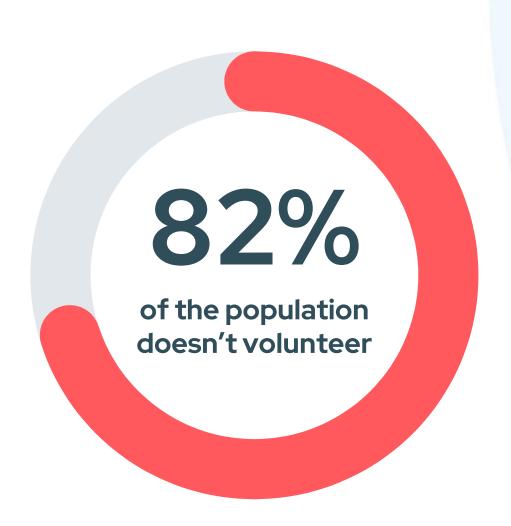
- One-to-many ("Spray and Pray")
- One-way based on nonprofit timing.
- Disconnected from intent





A Mobilization Crisis





Why more Americans don't move from intent to action

- + Inappropriate asks & impersonal messages
- + Complex processes & too many hurdles
- + Unaware of the needs & opportunities

Source: Corporation for National and Community Service





THE INTERNAL GAP

Collaboration > Silos

Data and departmental **silos** result in **disjointed** communications, supporter **confusion**, and internal **frustration**

The internal tug-o-war ...

Fundraising



Need more \$
Need to keep the \$
"Necessary evil"
Disconnected data
Siloed from Volunteer

Marketing/Comms



Multi-system chaos
Little collaboration
Lack of communication
from frontlines

Volunteer



Need more people
Need to keep the people
Disconnected data
Siloed from fundraising



The result...

Less people.

Less money.

Less mission.

More hassle.

Traditional Approach

- Supporters give <u>less</u> of their time, money, and passion
- Nonprofit staff experience more hassle and frustration
- Mission impact decreases

No one wins. Status quo prevails.



5 Steps to Recruit, Engage, & Effectively Manage Volunteers



Promotion

The first step in any volunteer journey is AWARENESS

- Ignorance Barrier
- The average person touches their phone more than 2,700 times per day
- Breaking through Noise. Distraction. Busy rhythms of life

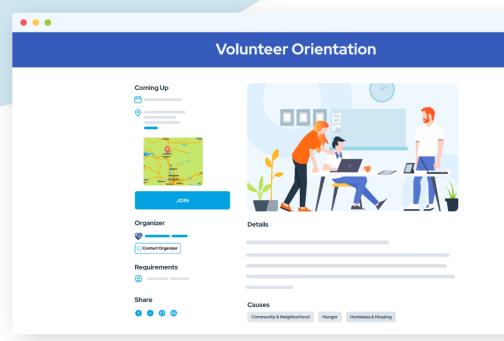




People Management

Volunteer user experience is absolutely ESSENTIAL

- Are your opportunities readily available in places that your people will naturally be looking?
- Visual? Accessible? Mobile-friendly?
- Confusion and friction in the explore and sign up process result in fall out
- Automation streamlines the experience Background checks, calendars, etc.

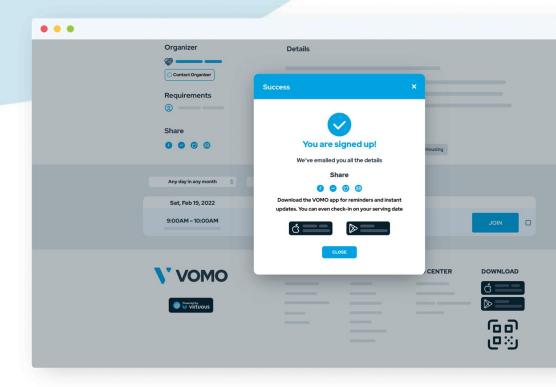




Multi-Channel Engagement

Communicate effectively with your volunteers in a way that actually makes SENSE

- Give your volunteers the experience they expect and deserve
- Personalized and organizationally branded communication is key
- Messaging, reminder automations, check-in's are essential functionalities

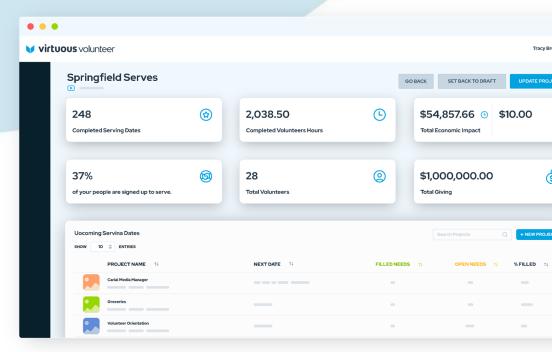




Real-Time Reporting

Mission critical analytics must be ACCESSIBLE

- Quantify the "good" in metrics your board and supporters understand that is motivating
- Quick access to impact reporting from your admin dashboard is a huge help
- Demographics and heat maps provide strategic knowledge that can increase your future volunteer efforts

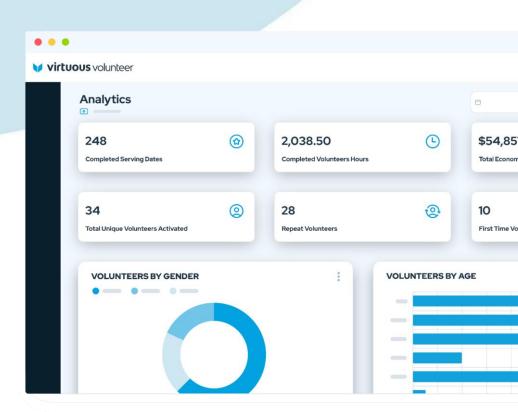




Integration

All supporter data must live in the SAME PLACE

- **76**% of your volunteers also donate financially we must look at this data holistically
- Volunteer and CRM platforms have to talk to one another to see data in one place to see an accurate view of your supporters
- The supporter engagement tech stack should run seamlessly in the background separate, clunky, or manual workarounds are unreliable and frustrating





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