

The Impact of Recurring Giving: How to Keep 80% of Your Donors

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Who's Talking Today?

- + With Qgiv for about two-and-a-half years
- + Digital Marketing is my expertise and optimizing the user journey
- + I enjoy volunteering at different nonprofits
- + I have 5 animals: 3 dogs and 2 cats



Justin Cook
Product Marketing Manager



2020: A World on Fire

- + Some segments sustained or raised more
 - Human Services
 - Pets & Animal Welfare
 - Health Services
 - Religious Organizations
- + Some segments had a tough year
 - Youth Development
 - Arts, Culture, and Humanities



2020 Average Gift Amount: \$133.31

Source: Qgiv 2020 data; Navigating the Unknown





Recurring Giving

2x

Recurring donors are more likely to support their favored nonprofit beyond one year

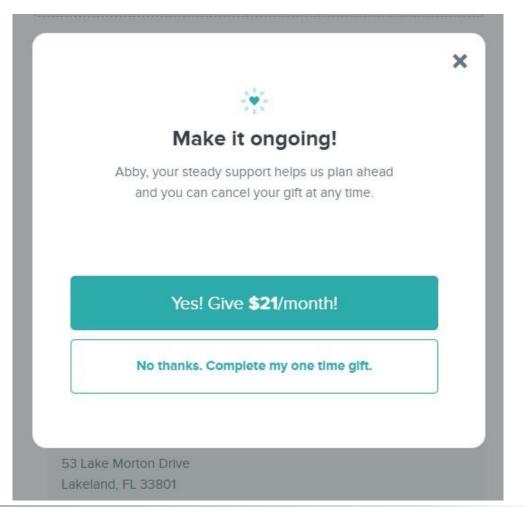
Donors are willing to set up recurring gifts!

80%+

Average retention rate for monthly donors after one year

Source: NextAfter, Network for Good

Reason #1: Recurring Donors Stay Longer





42%

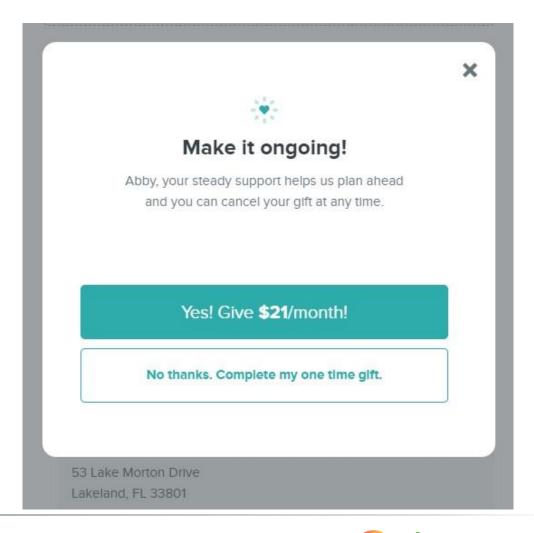
Over the course of a year, recurring donors give more than one-time donors

Recurring donors
have a higher lifetime
value compared to
one-time donors

5.4x

Recurring donors
give more than onetime donors over
their lifetime

Reason #2: Recurring Donors Give More



Source: NextAfter



Reason #2: Recurring Donors Give More

Donor "A" Gives a One-Time Gift: \$100

Donor "B" Sets up a Recurring Gift: ~\$12

For 12 months

For a total of \$144

Over 5 years:

One-time- \$500

Recurring- \$710

Over 10 years:

One-time- \$1,000

Recurring -\$1,420





What We'll Cover Today

We'll look at how other organizations are successfully using recurring giving and recurring giving prompts on their donation forms. With each example, we'll have a takeaway you can apply to your donation form and a tip for how to use Qgiv's tools.

- + Tips for Asking for Recurring Gifts
- + Tips for Donation Forms
- + Tips for Keeping Recurring Donors





Tips for Asking for Recurring Gifts

Tip #1: Send a dedicated appeal or ask

Let donors know you're looking for monthly or recurring donations!

- + Send through direct mail, email, or social posts.
- + Get specific about why donors should upgrade to a recurring gift
- + Special groups offer a sense of exclusivity and community







Dear Sarah,

As we start the new year, homelessness, addiction, and crippling poverty continue to overwhelm many neighbors here in Greater Baltimore.

You understand the most vulnerable among us need real help ... real hope ... and a real hero.

That's why I'm inviting you to join Helping Up Heroes. This is a compassionate group of friends who commit to give monthly to give the hurting men and women at Helping Up Mission a fresh start on life.

When you become a Helping Up Hero, your generous monthly gifts will accomplish amazing things:



Tip #2: Offer incentives for recurring donors

Some incentives your organization can offer include:

- + Special newsletter
- + Downloadable content
- + Special invitations to donor appreciation events
- + Merchandise
- + The possibilities are endless!

GET INVOLVED

APCH Social Change Club

Want to support A Place Called Home and stay involved all year round? Then membership in our Social Change Club is for you! For making an ongoing minimum annual or monthly donation, you will receive special benefits, free tickets to APCH events, and exciting invitations throughout the year. Have fun while doing good! Sign up today!





Tip #3: Explain why someone should make a recurring gift

Explaining the impact of a recurring gift increases the likelihood of donors upgrading to a recurring gift!

- + How does a recurring gift make a greater impact?
- + How can you show this?
 - Will donors sponsor a child? Animal?
- + What can be accomplished?
- + Show the impact!



\$25 a month can provide 12 hot, nutritious meals.



\$50 a month can provide 5 nights of shelter.



\$100 a month can provide job training to help someone achieve living wage employment.



\$250 a month can help a devastated person break the grip of addiction and begin a new life in recovery.

I WANT TO BE A HERO

Sarah, the start of the new year is a perfect time to become a Helping Up Hero. That's because the cold winter weather often drives people from the streets to Helping Up Mission to join our Spiritual Recovery Program.

Becoming a hero is easy. It only takes a few minutes to set up monthly electronic gifts via your checking account or credit card, and you can change your monthly amount whenever you want. Of course, you can cancel at any time. And if monthly support isn't the right option for you today, you can also give a one-time gift now.

Thank you for your strong partnership and for considering this opportunity to <u>become a Helping Up Hero</u> for men and women longing to be free from homelessness and addiction!

Bob Gehman, CEO Helping Up Mission

P.S. Please know I would never ask you to stretch beyond your ability to give. But if you are able, becoming a <u>Helping Up Hero</u> is a wonderful way to provide a safety net of care for the hurting men and women in our Spiritual Recovery Program. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!





Recurring Donation Appeal Example

A great example of this is Rescue Ministries appeal during Giving Tuesday!

- + Added an impact statement at the top
- + A brief description of what a donation accomplishes and the benefit it provides
- + Added special text to their "donate monthly" section: "Greatest Impact"









Tips for Donation Forms

Tip #1: Don't default to recurring gifts

Defaulting to recurring gifts seems sneaky and will most likely turn away donors.

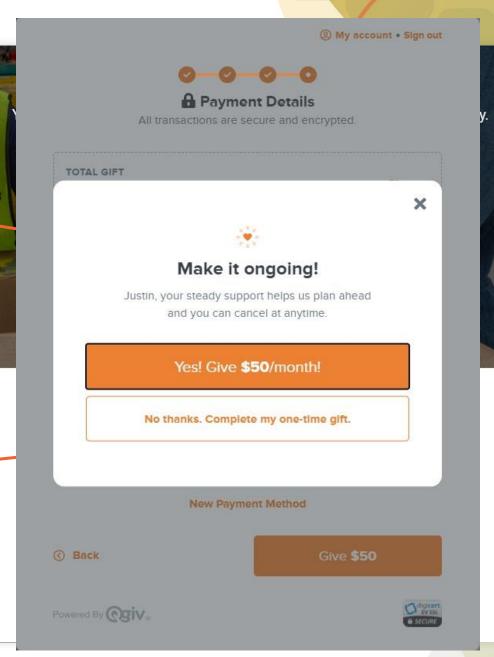
- + Build awareness of recurring gifts and only default to recurring from a dedicated appeal
- + Make it easy to upgrade on your donation form
- + Use subtle reminders to encourage donors to upgrade

(2) My account • Sign out Choose Your Gift One Time Ongoing \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Multiply your Impact. Make It Monthly! Add a little extra to help with fees (\$1.97) 3



How to make it easy to upgrade

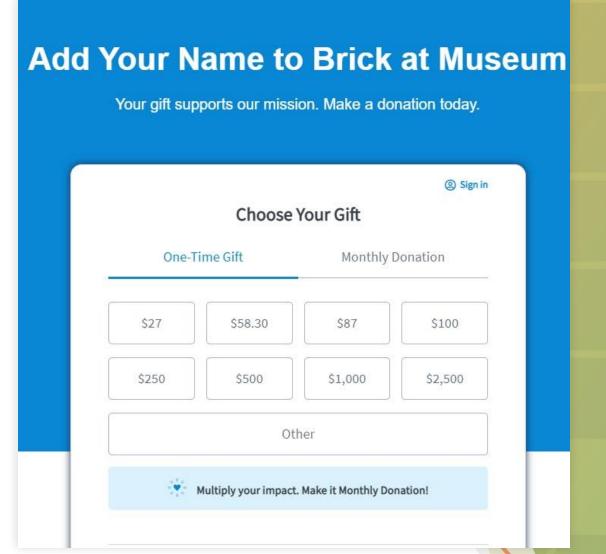
- + The tabbed layout on Qgiv forms makes it easy for donors to switch between "one time" and "ongoing"
- + Multiple reminders are included throughout the donation journey to encourage upgrading!
 - Ongoing tab is present throughout the process
 - Recurring Upgrade Nudge is a subtle reminder
 - Recurring Upgrade Prompt appears at the end!





Subtle Reminders

- + The recurring upgrade nudge is present throughout the donation journey!
- + Get creative like this organization did and create a customized nudge! This particular nudge is hand-written
 - You can also see the organization changed "ongoing" to "monthly donation"

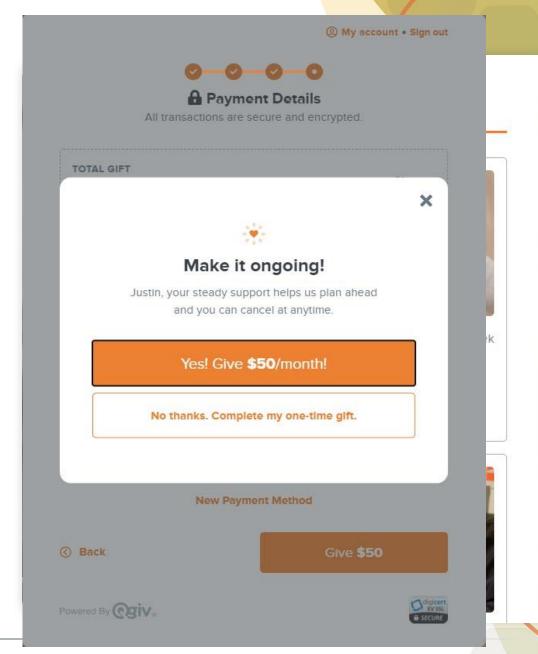




Tip #2: Use design elements to draw attention to recurring options

There are a multitude of design elements you can use on your donation form to suggest upgrading:

- + Create a banner image and add a sentence or two about the significance of a recurring gift
- + Use impactful images tied to donation amounts
- + Use recurring upgrade nudges and prompts



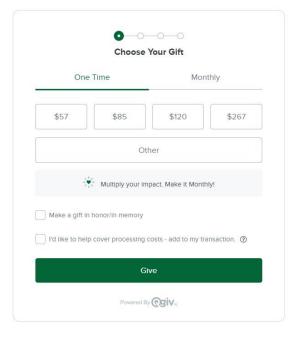


Banner Image

Green City Marketing made there options very clear in the banner:

- + Added an impact statement at the top of the banner
- + Added the dollar amount tied to each donation
- + A brief description of what each donation accomplishes



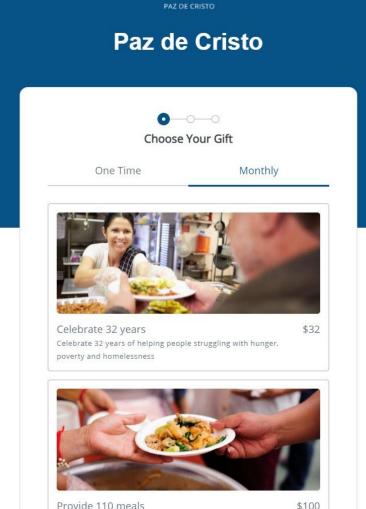






Images tied to donation amounts

- + Paz de Cristo added images to their form to show how a donors make an impact
 - Photos of people smiling
 - Added a brief description for the donation amount
 - Tied the donation amount back to something tangible for the donor

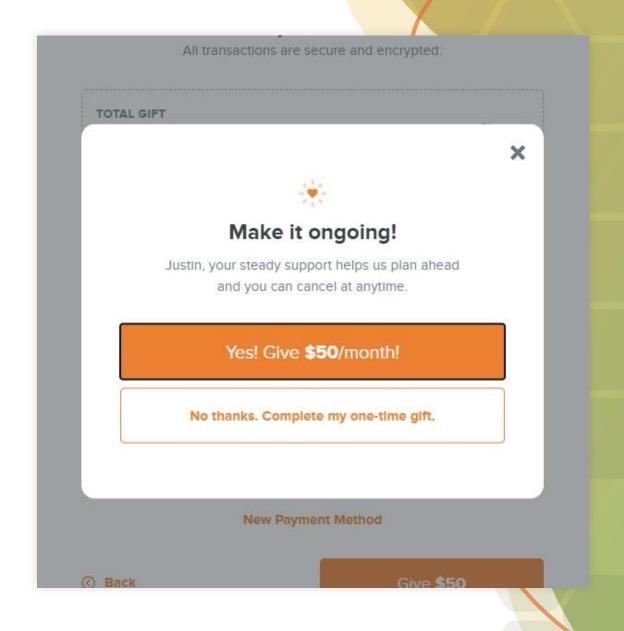




Recurring Upgrade Prompt

Recurring upgrade prompts are an excellent way to make on final ask before a donor completes a gift:

- + Text is customizable, so you can use this area to reiterate your recurring donation message
- + The text on the button updates to reflect the monthly donation amount
- + If donors decide they don't want to upgrade, it's easy for them to select no thanks

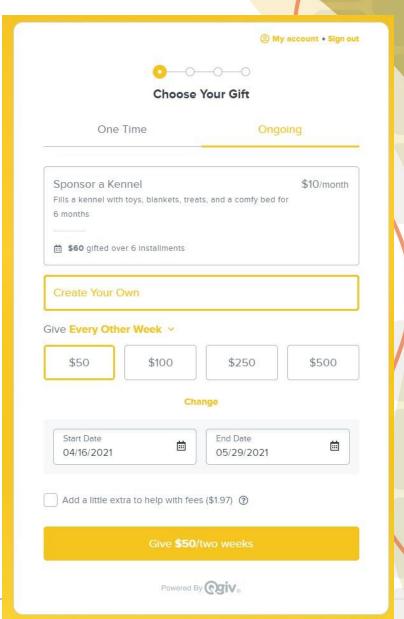




Tip #3: Offer giving plans

With giving plans, donors can choose how and when they want to donate! A larger donation is broken down into installments.

- + Create giving plans for campaigns
- + Offer a "create your own" plan option
 - Enable multiple billing options so donors
 can choose the frequency of recurring gifts
 - Give donors a way to set their own start and end dates





Create Giving Plans

Creating a giving plan makes it easy for donors to select a pre-defined plan by your organization:

- + Donors can select how often to give
- + Add images to help donors understand their impact
- + Include text about the giving plan

SELECT A GIVING LEVEL

Increase the Impact! - Your gift will be matched through February.

One Time

Ongoing

Give Monthly >



Sponsoring a display panel helps raise awareness. \$600

Become a Panel Sponsor for Art Revealing the Gunfire

Epidemic exhibits on the D.C. National Mall and beyond.

At checkout you can dedicate a panel to someone special to be honored or remembered on our website.



Holding space for lost lives takes A LOT of space!

\$300

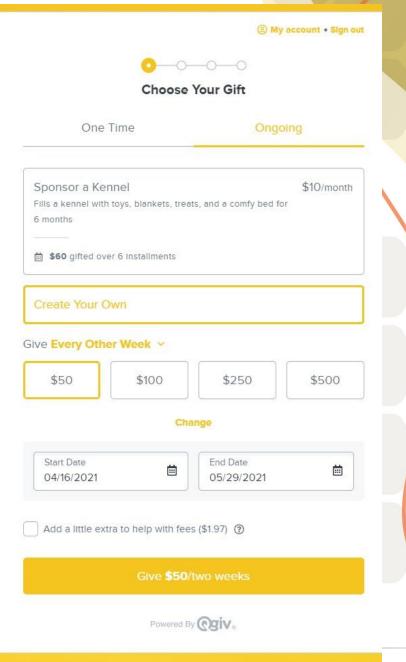
This level could cover 20 days of storage space for 200,000 Soul Boxes representing those killed or injured by gunfire.

OR it could cover the cost of our workshop at the Multnomah Arts Center for 10 days.

Allow Donors to Create Custom Plans

If donors decide they would like to create their own plan, it's super easy for donors get setup.

- + Can choose the frequency they wish to give
- + Start and end dates
- + The donation button updates based on what the donor selects







Tips for Keeping Recurring Donors

Tip #1: Include special recurring language in receipts

The first step toward retention is building a receipt specific to recurring donors:

- + In your receipt, include a personalized salutation, sincere thank-you message, and an impact statement
- + Follow up with another thank-you message through email, social, or phone call

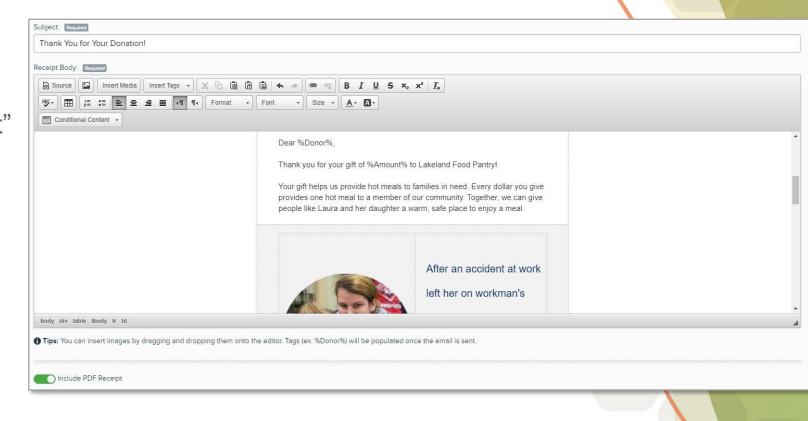




Building receipts in Qgiv

Building receipts in Qgiv is super easy!

+ Our "what you see is what you get" or WYSIWYG, editor makes it simple to customize reports and add conditional content based on your organizations needs!





Tip #2: Segment communications and periodically update sustaining donors on what they're achieving

Donors want to hear how their donation is making an impact.

- + Segment communications to recurring donors
- + Send sustaining donors periodic emails telling them what they're achieving
- + Post updates on your organization through social media
- + Periodically ask sustaining donors to upgrade their gift amount





Tip #3: Build an outreach plan for lapsed donors or canceled credit cards

It's a big mistake to not reach out to lapsed donors! There are a multitude of reasons why a recurring gift was cancelled, but it never hurts to ask.

- + Set up automated receipts when donors are nearing the end of their recurring gift
- + Call recurring donors with lapsing gifts to personally ask to renew their gift

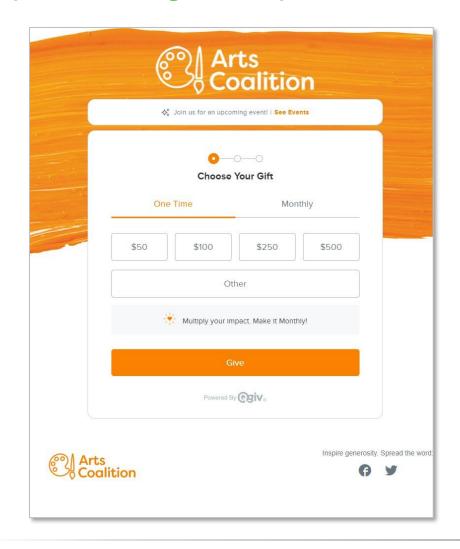


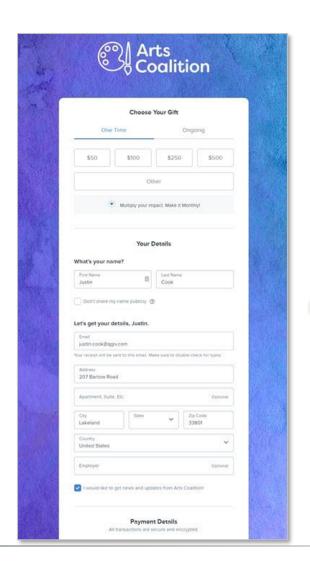




How to do this with Qgiv

Recurring Options available on Multi-Step and Single-Step forms







Recurring Gift Receipts

Use the receipting tool to create receipts that will knock their socks off

- + Create special receipts for recurring donors
- + Add conditional content that makes donors feel special
- + Add photos and links that show donors their impact
- + Update these periodically so they don't get stale

Your generosity feeds families

Thank you for providing meals to our community's hungry families.

Dear %Donor%,

Thank you for your gift of %Amount% to Lakeland Food Pantry!

Your gift helps us provide hot meals to families in need. Every dollar you give provides one hot meal to a member of our community. Together, we can give people like Laura and her daughter a warm, safe place to enjoy a meal.



After an accident at work
left her on workman's
comp, Laura walked in
our door on crutches and
left with a box of groceries
to keep her family fed.



Retain, Cultivate, and Wow Recurring Donors

Create specialized content that goes exclusively to sustaining donors

- + Pull lists of recurring donors
- + Use a CRM integration or email integration to target loyal donors
- + Mention their ongoing support in future appeals
- + Thank them and send them regular updates





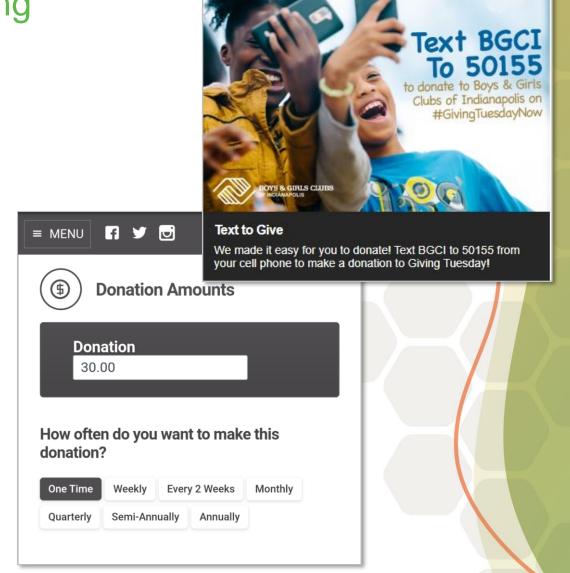


How to raise even more!

Use Recurring Giving in Text Fundraising

It's easy for donors to set up a recurring gift via text!

- + Set your keyword for your donation form
- + Donors text the short code and indicate how much they want to give
- + They land on a shortened version of your donation form that includes your recurring options!

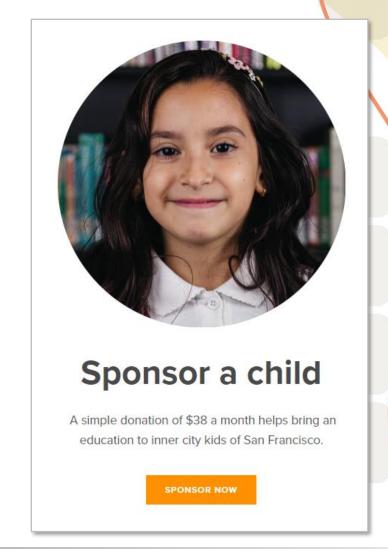




Enable Recurring Gifts on Your Peer-to-Peer Form

Donors can make recurring gifts during a peer-to-peer event, too! This is a great option for:

- + Racing Events
- + Board campaigns
- + DIY Fundraising events
- + Anything really ©







That Was So Much Info

Yeah, we know. Here are some takeaways!

Today's Big Takeaways



- + Recurring donors are 80% more likely to stick around
- + They also give more 5.4x more than one-time donors



- + When building your forms, be sure you enable recurring options (and prompts!)
- + Don't default to recurring!



- + Create specific asks for recurring gifts and reinforce them on your form
- + Then, use reports and integrations to cultivate and retain those donors

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