# **Essentials Only—Basic Segmenting of Donor Communications**

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### Introduction

- Laura Kruisenga, President & CEO with Kennari Consulting
- Services in Campaign consulting, Grant writing, Project/Program Development, and Annual Giving consulting
- Instructor in Fundkit online learning platform for fundraising professionals







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### Why Segment?

- Increased donor engagement
- Better understanding of your work, impact, and needs
- ► Leads to higher fundraising results
- ▶ Renews donors and helps fight lapsing



### What prevents you from segmenting?

Type your answer in the chat!





## Common Barriers to Donor Segmentation

- Systems
- Messy data
- Time





### Start with these steps:

- Prioritize
- Make a plan
- ► Engage other people





### Groups to Segment In order of priority

- Major Donors
- Monthly/Recurring Donors
- Event Donors
- Lapsed Donors
- ▶ Other specific groups!



### Major Donors

- ▶ Donor/Household giving is \$1,000 or more in a year
- Individualized cultivation and solicitation plan
- ► Appeals should work into that plan and the timing the donor typically gives in
- Live signature, hand addressed enveloped, and personal note





## Monthly/Recurring Donors

- ► Ask so recurring donors are ongoing until they say otherwise
- ► ALWAYS acknowledge their current giving before asking again
- ► Remind them of their impact
- ► After 12-18 months, ask for an increase
- Consider a "branded" monthly giving club/program





### **Event Donors**

- ► Typically renew the way they come in
- ▶ Plant the seed ahead of the event
- ► Make sure they will attend
- ▶ If not attending, make a plan
- ▶ Do mission-centered events and share updates throughout the year on what was shared at the event





### Lapsed Donors

- ► First, prevent them from lapsing!
- ▶ Quickly try to recapture
- ▶ Definition: Gave in a time period and hasn't given at all in the following 12 months
- ► Be clear "we miss you and hope you'll give again"
- ▶ Overall average donor retention in 2020 was 35%



### Other Segments

- ▶ Break down existing segments into two groups based on gift size
- ► Additional Groups:
  - ▶ Volunteers
  - ▶ Members
  - ► First-Time Donors
  - ▶ Memorial Givers
  - ► Crowdfunding Donors
  - ▶ Direct Mail Donors
  - ► Specific program/interest area supporters
- ► Track outcomes







Segmenting takes extra time, increases data collection/tracking, and generally costs more.





### Learn More:

Free 30 minute follow up phone conversation if you have additional questions about Donor Communications.

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