Your 2023 Events in Review: Tactical Tips to Increase Your Event Fundraising in 2024

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A little housekeeping...



We're recording this webinar!

All registrants will receive an email containing a link to the recorded webinar AND a ton of other resources!



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Donation Forms | Event Registration

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Auctions | Integrations & Data

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Today's Speaker



Leila Adnani Founder - Philanthropy United



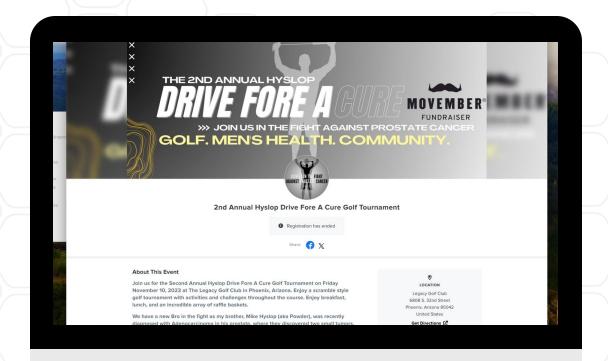
How to develop a comprehensive plan that aligns with your event goals, engages donors, and maximizes fundraising potential

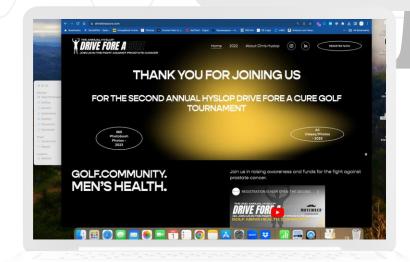
Selection + Utilization of Event Tech

- Creation of event specific landing page
- Qgiv Registration page
- Email sequencing
- Text messaging

Personal Touch

- Phone invitations
- Personal emails
- Lunches, Friendraising events







Social Media Strategy

- Event announcements, event highlight from year before, mission driven video content (combo of static + video)
- Key partnership highlights
- Promotion of sponsors, raffle and auction items
- Mission highlights "money raised at X event will benefit Y"
- Event Countdown



Identifying areas that can be improved for a better donor experience

PRE-

- Text messages with pertinent event information (parking, point-of-contact to call with questions, event start time, silent auction updates, etc.)
- Run of show document provided to all event team with very clear timestamps
- Determining main point-of-contact + comms strategy (walkie talkies are very helpful here)
- Clear badges for event team (they need to stand out)



PRE-

- FAQ for all staff to have answers to most frequently asked questions
 - How do I bid on an item?
 - What is the app and how do I find it?
 - What table am I at?
 - Where's the bathroom?
 - What time is X happening?
 - Is valet included?



DURING-

- Seamless check-in process
- Volunteers stationed near raffle and auction items to assist with bidding
- Social strategy live posting of event: you need at least one person capturing it throughout and posting in real time on social media
- Volunteer / Guest engagement strategy: to hype and excite guests throughout the flow of the event



POST -

- Auction/raffle checkout (items need to be prepped and ready for a smooth departure)
- Text sequence thank you for attending, get home safe
- 3-day post-event email sequence (scripts are free on our website will link at the end)
- Keep your event fundraising page open for 3 days post event to capture additional donations + funds from those who could not attend



POST -

- Closing down site, final audit of financials
- Personal Thank you cards handwritten and mailed (to all attendees, vendors, volunteers)
- Personalized email thank yous to large donors
- Social media posts + email to recap event + announce event date for next year

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SCHEDULE OF EMAILS

EMAIL #1: Send the morning after the event

EMAIL #2: Send the morning after the event fundraising portal/page has closed

EMAIL #3: Send as soon as you've received your event photos and videos

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EMAIL 1/3 OF DONOR THANK YOU EMAIL SEQUENCE

Dear (DONOR NAME),

Thank you so much for supporting (INSERT NAME OF EVENT) with me at the (INSERT LOCATION).

Before our event fundraising closes, we want to give one more opportunity for you to help us reach our goal of (INSERT AMOUNT HERE).

Every little bit counts to help us achieve (INSERT CAUSE/MISSION STATEMENT/REASON FOR FUNDRAISER HERE).

I am blown away by all of the support we have received.
I know together we can hit our fundraising goal of
(INSERT GOAL AMOUNT HERE).

(ADD LINK TO DONATION PAGE HERE)

With gratitude and love, (EXEC. DIRECTOR, FOUNDER, CEO SIGNATURE)

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EMAIL 2/3 OF DONOR THANK YOU EMAIL SEQUENCE

Dear (DONOR NAME),

I cannot thank you enough for spending your (INSERT DAY) with me at the (INSERT NAME OF EVENT).

Because of generous donors like you, we hit our fundraising goal of (INSERT AMOUNT RAISED)! These funds will go directly to (IMPACT STATEMENT GOES HERE).

To our sponsors, (LIST YOUR SPONSORS + HYPERLINKS TO THEIR WEBSITES) we couldn't have done this without you.

To our volunteers, auction and raffle donors, THANK YOU for donating your time, talent and goods to further our mission.

Lastly, to everyone who supported in person, and online, thank you. Because of you, (IMPACT STATEMENT GOES HERE).

With gratitude and love, (EXEC. DIRECTOR, FOUNDER, CEO SIGNATURE)

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EMAIL 3/3 OF DONOR THANK YOU EMAIL SEQUENCE

Dear (DONOR NAME),

WOW! It is amazing what you can accomplish when you come together as a community!

Together we raised (INSERT AMOUNT) which will go directly to (INSERT CAUSE).

Here is a link to the full photo album from (INSERT EVENT NAME) and don't miss the incredible recap video (INSERT LINK HERE).

(OPTIONAL: INVITE TO NEXT LARGE EVENT + PROMO ON TICKETS)

Thank you again, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

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POST -

 DO NOT FORGET TO SAY 10X OVER HOW THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED. SO MANY ORGS FORGET TO KEEP THEIR FUNDRAISING MISSION DRIVEN

EXAMPLE: With your generosity, we raised \$100,000 which saves 10,000 cats & dogs from euthanasia.

Be very clear in where the funds benefit

Quantifying the quality of your events: how to add data to your event planning to identify opportunities

Our 800-Point Event Audit

- c. Check-In Ticketing (Good = 10/ Poor = 0)
 - i. Criteria: ability to purchase ticket at the door
- d. Check-In Donations (Good = 10/Poor = 0)
 - i. Criteria: ability to make a cash donation at the door
- e. Check-In Hand-Outs (Good = 10/ Poor = 0)
 - i. Criteria: knowledgeable staff; provided all included items/tickets
- f. Use of Hand-outs/ Programs (Yes = 10/ No= 0)
 - Criteria: program explanation of non-proft, programming for the event etc.
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 - Criteria: appropriate flow of guests to filter through all stations of event; not too

Thank you for joining!

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