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Giving Group

# **The Technology Marathon:** **Optimizing Your Nonprofit** **Fundraising for the Long Run**

# Meet Your Presenters



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StratusLIVE empowers organizations to  
drive change and increase impact.

DONOR PROFILES

20+  
MILLION

ANNUALIZED GIVING

\$1+  
BILLION

# *About Evolve*



*Women owned & led*



*Mission-driven*



*\$330+ million raised*



*5,000+ leaders trained*

# 2023 Philanthropy Trends

## What we know:



In 2022, Americans gave \$499.33 billion to charity, down 3.4% (adjusted 10.4% for inflation).



Individuals contributed \$319.04 billion, representing 64% of total giving.



63% of donors prefer to give online with a credit card, followed by direct mail (16%), PayPal (10%), wire transfer (5%), cash (4%), digital wallet (1%), and text-to-give (1%).



32% of donors are most likely inspired to give via social media, followed closely by email (30%), website (17%), print (15%), TV or radio ad (3%), phone call (2%), or text message (1%).



## What it means:



Donations are down for the first time in decades



Individuals are still a vital segment to your fundraising program



Individuals prefer to give online



Individuals are most inspired through digital channels

Source: Giving USA 2023

# What Comes First?

**STRATEGY**

**or**

**TECHNOLOGY**





# Key Components of a Fundraising Strategy

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Clear Goals and Objectives

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Target Audience Identification

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Fundraising Tactics and Channels

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Donor Acquisition and Retention Strategies

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Donor Cultivation and Engagement

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Resource Allocation and Budget Planning

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Timeline and Action Plan

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Measurement and Evaluation

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Integration with Organizational Strategy

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Continuous Improvement and Adaptation



1. Define the Strategy.
2. Select the Technology to Support It.





# Running Shoe Analogy

# Digital Maturity

- Degree to which a nonprofit has integrated digital *technologies* and *strategies* into operations, programs, & culture





# Capabilities of Digitally Mature Organizations

- 1 Optimize Decision Making
- 2 Expand Reach
- 3 Personalize Communications
- 4 Forecast Fundraising Income
- 5 Enhance Operations

# Outcomes of Digitally Mature Organizations

**1** BETTER  
FUNDRAISING  
OUTCOMES

**2** EXCEED MISSION  
GOALS

**3** IMPROVE  
STAKEHOLDER  
RELATIONS

**4** IMPROVE  
ORGANIZATIONAL  
EFFICIENCIES

**5** IMPROVE EMPLOYEE  
SATISFACTION

# The Digital Maturity Scale

## Digital Rookies



## Digital Adopters



## Digital Innovators



### Systems

- Disparate Systems
- Legacy CRMs
- Basic data management
- Online donation platform

- Cloud-Based CRM
- Data Analytics
- Email marketing with automation & segmentation
- Online fundraising tools
- Disparate systems

- Data Lakes
- Machine Learning
- Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced Analytics

### Characteristics

- Limited experience in digital transformation
- Early stages of embracing digital technologies and forming strategy

- Progressing beyond initial stages of digital transformation
- Adopted digital tech to a significant extent
- Enhanced stakeholder engagement

- Embracing forward-thinking strategies/emerging technology
- At the forefront of digital transformation
- Strategic data use
- Efficiency, impact, and scale



# How would you rank your organization on the digital maturity scale?

- Digital Rookie
- Digital Adopter
- Digital Innovator



## What are your roadblocks to digital transformation?

- Lack of budget
- People or culture issue
- Lack of internal IT resources
- Competing priorities



# Tips for Choosing Nonprofit Technology

- 1 WEIGH BENEFITS OF FULLY INTEGRATED SOLUTION VS POINT SOLUTIONS**
- 2 CONSIDER THE TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP**
- 3 EVALUATE SECURITY**
- 4 DETERMINE SUPPORT BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION**
- 5 UTILIZE CHANGE MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

# Scale & Adapt: Using Technology

1

Donor  
Acquisition

2

Donor  
Engagement

3

Donor  
Retention

# Use Technology to Level Up Your Fundraising Program, Boost Engagement, and Inspire Donors

1

**Upgrade donors**

**Ask Strings**

2

**Work smarter**

**Automation Tools**

3

**Track and measure donor interactions**

**Engagement Scoring**

4

**Gain insights into donor behavior**

**Intelligent Data Analysis**

5

**Create their own space**

**Personalized online donor experiences**

6

**Grow ambassadors**

**P2P fundraising platforms**

# How to use donor data to support fundraising goals?

- Advanced CRM Data Segmentation
- Develop nurture campaigns
- Leverage predictive and insightful analytics and visualizations



# Key Takeaways

- Use your strategy and key objectives as a guiding framework
- Ensure you're reaching the intended audiences through the right channels
- Consider team impacts and resource allocation
- Pilot, test, evaluate and iterate



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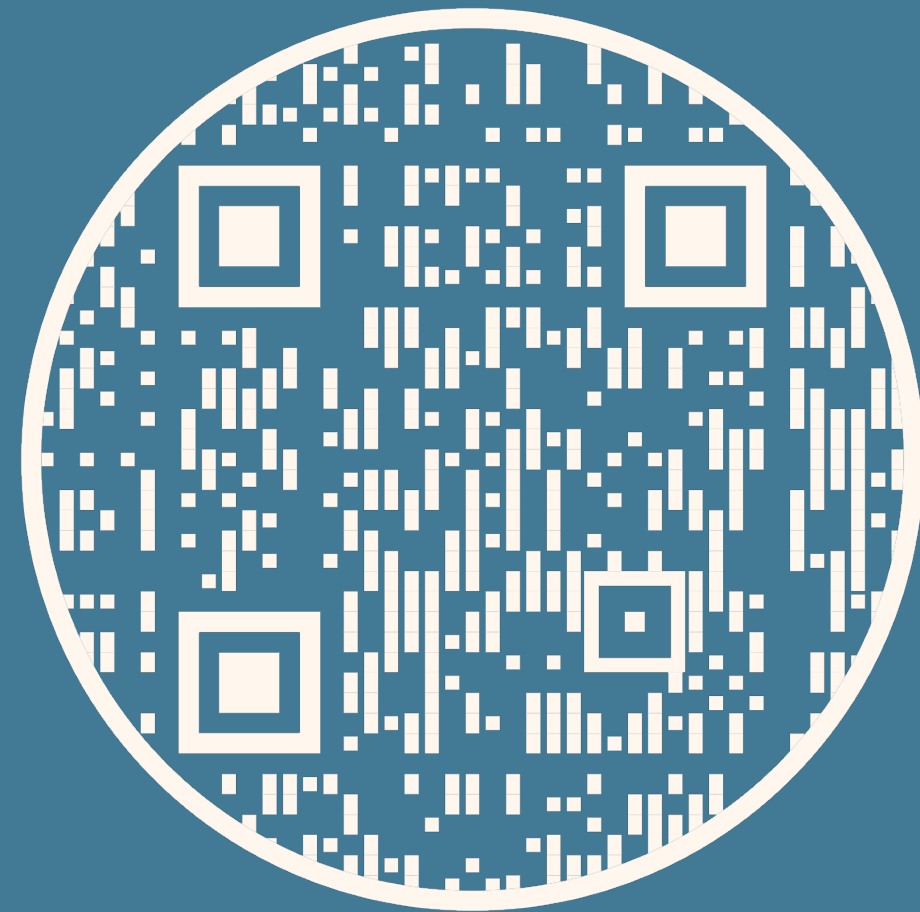
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