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The Art in Giving Days

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As one of the key architects of:





Board Research, 2011:

First Year Giving Day Success in Other Cities

City	Money Raised	Metro Population	Nonprofits
Minneapolis/ St. Paul	\$14 million	3.3 million	3,434
Denver	\$8.7 million	2.5 million	530
Dallas/Ft. Worth	\$4 million	6.3 million	353
Seattle	\$3.5 million	3.4 million	900
Pittsburg	\$3.3 million	2.3 million	434

Critical Success Factors

- Engaging, effective website: <u>www.amplifyatx.org</u>
- Incentive Funds & Gamification





- Nonprofit community engagement
- Strategic marketing plan



Engaging & Effective Website

What to look for in an internet service provider:

- Website traffic confirm that the website won't crash
- Donor data who owns it?
- Determine reasonable fees/percentages
- website is it fun and easy to navigate?



Incentive Funds & Gamification

- Lead Vocalist
 - \$100,000 gift by UFCU to amplify gifts made on Amplify Austin Day
- Incentive Pool
 - \$370,000 gift by the St. David's Foundation to amplify donations made to 30 nonprofit participants they support
- 4 Guitar Soloists
 - \$5000 Most gifts before Midnight 3/4
 - \$5000 Most gifts in 24 hours
 - \$5000 Most Volunteer "Fundraisers"
 - \$5000 Most \$ raised
- 48 Bass Boosters
 - \$1000/hour for most donors
 - \$1000/hour for most dollars



Nonprofit Community Engagement

- Nonprofit training
- Traditional donor outreach/cultivating relationships
- Simple, yet effective, splash pages
- Social media



Strategic Marketing Plan

- Create the brand
- Identify the best day/time of year
- Identify media sponsors
- Create a video / PSA
- Design a social media toolkit for sponsors, nonprofits & media
- Identify news peg/media event



Amplify Austin 2013

Goal: \$1 Million

Actual: \$2.8 Million

Nonprofits: 320



Amplify Austin 2014

Goal: \$4 Million

Actual: \$5.7 Million

Nonprofits: 498



Amplify Austin 2015

Goal: \$7 Million

Nonprofits: over 500



Giving Days Dedicated to:





Sacramento, California

- April 29, 2013
- Sacramento Arts Commission partnered with Sacramento Region Community Foundation and GiveLocalNow
- 78 arts nonprofits
- 24 hours

\$500,000 raised



Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- May 11, 2011
- Pittsburgh Arts Council partnered with The Pittsburgh Foundation
- 147 nonprofits
- 24-hour giving window

\$1.4 Million

- October 2, 2014
- Pittsburgh Arts Council partnered with The Pittsburgh Foundation
- 150 nonprofits
- 18-hour giving window

\$1.5 Million



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