

# Top 5 Event Fundraising Trends

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#### Welcome!



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### Agenda

- 1. Rethink Sponsorship Opportunities
- 2. Donor Mindset
- 3. Event Format
- 4. Attendance Optionality
- 5. Leverage Past Attendees





# Rethink Sponsorship Opportunities



## Sponsors can be your biggest asset

Passion for your mission

Sponsors are your ambassadors.



## Creative Sponsor Opportunities

Connection with your people

Getting sponsors in front of supporters to highlight the relationship.







#### Donor Mindset

#### VIP Experiences

Make your event memorable

- Creating experiences that your supporters want
- Giving VIPs plenty of time to network
- Inviting a local celebrity







#### CARE TO SHARE

# What VIP experiences have you provided your guests?



#### Ticket Sales

A waiting game

- Supporters are waiting to buy tickets
- Converting Tickets to a Donation if they cannot attend
- Promo codes and bundling options
- Gamification builds excitement



#### Communication

Share your event

Videos are moving and inspiring people more than just text alone.





Speedier Check-in

Quicker Access & Fewer Touchpoints

Offering a separate Express check-in table for those who filled out profiles. Without sacrificing the mission impact, we are seeing shorter programs, more mingling and bidding.







#### **Event Format**

#### Shorter Program

Leave more time to mingle [and bid!]

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#### Fixed Price Option

Filling the potential proceeds gap

More Fixed Price options to be inclusive and allow everyone who wants, to participate.



#### Silent Auction

#### Keeping it simple

- Smaller auctions
- Pre-Bidding
- Higher starting bids or higher min raise
- Less Buy Now options -keep the bidding going!







#### Item Pick Up

Quicker, smoother

- Utilizing mobile bidding software
- Organizing numerically
- Holding item pick up in a separate room
- Creating the option for home delivery or curbside pick up





## Attendance Optionality



#### Virtual Option

Be inclusive

- Broadcasting the Ballroom
- Offering online bidding and donating
- Communicating curbside pick-up or home delivery





"Typically, we have 150 to 175 people in person, so for us to reach more than 700 people was such an eye opener. That's why we will still have opportunities for virtual guests next year. It was history making for our organization."

Glenda Bell, Dental Health Arlington, Event Chair





### Leverage Past Attendees



#### Getting Creative!

Using surveys and data to break the mold

- Sending surveys to past attendees
- Pulling previous data
- Engaging Table Captains



C A R E T O S H A R E

# What do you plan to implement at your next fundraising event?



QUESTIONS?

Your turn.
What questions do you have?



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