

### Hurricanes, Headlines, Hoo-Has and Hashtags: What Nonprofits Can Learn From Storytelling Gone Wrong

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### Welcome



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### What we'll be covering

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- 2. Timing
- 3. Hashtags
- 4. Takeover
- 5. Engagement
- 6. Diversity
- 7. Stories
- 8. Copywriting





## Storytelling

- Basic format- unchanged
- Digital wrinkles







## Images

A picture is worth...

#### **BANNED BAGGAGE HALL SHENANIGANS**



Standard

Hugs

Inspection



**High Fives** 



Recreating

Famous Lift From



**Brotherly headlocks** and noogies





**Prom Photo** 

**Reverse Hugs** 





**Fist Bumps** 



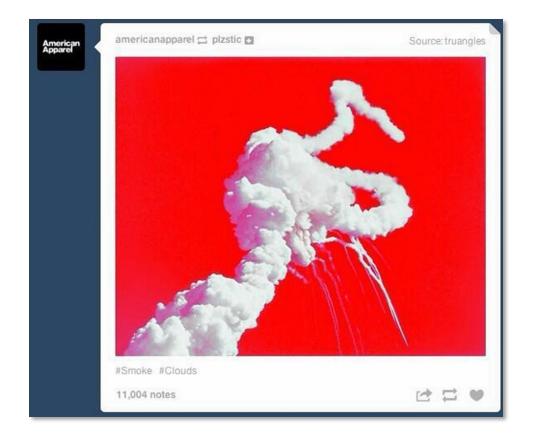
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**KEEP IT TO THE CURB AND COMBAT COVID-19** 

**Chest Bumps** 



#### Images: Know What You're Posting

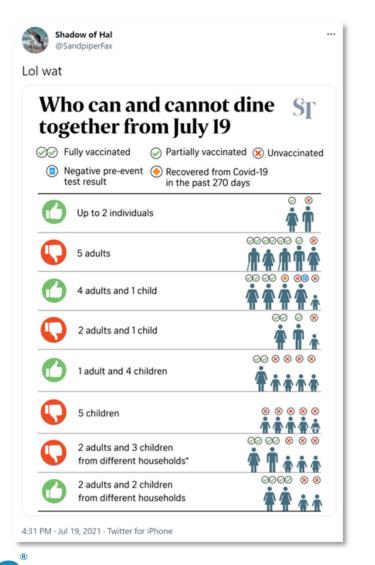


We deeply apologize for today's Tumblr post of the Space Shuttle Challenger. The image was re-blogged in error by one of our international social media employees who was born after the tragedy and was unaware of the event. We sincerely regret the insensitivity of that selection and the post has been deleted.

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### Images: Use Images To Educate



Single Homeless Project @SHPcharity

It's a **#scorcher** this **#weekend** with temperatures possibly going above 30°C!

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Here are some valuable tips on how YOU can help people you see **#roughsleeping**. And remember, if there is an immediate danger, ALWAYS call 999. **#heatwave #summer #Summer2021 #** 



### Images: Raise Awareness



#### **Boston Children's Hospital**

Yesterday at 11:30am · @

Poppy looks like your average 3-year-old who loves Curious George, swim class, playing dress-up and being a big sister. But when she was only 4 months old, she was diagnosed with retinoblastoma. Poppy's care team - including Boston Children's ophthalmologist Dr. Ankoor Shah, neurointerventional radiologist Dr. Darren Orbach and oncologists from Dana-Farber/Boston Children's treated her with intra-arterial chemotherapy to remove the tumor and save her eye. Learn about Poppy: http://on.bchil.org/100DuRR





Normal Fire Department (Normal, IL) May 3 · 🕄

Since we are under a Severe Thunderstorm Watch this evening, it's a good time to go over the difference between a watch and a warning.



Watch 📕 : We have the ingredients to make tacos.

Warning 📕 : We are having tacos. Right now.









## Timing

Read the room!

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#### Timing: Sometimes It's Better Not To Post





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Take a moment to remember **#PearlHarbor** with us. pic.twitter.com/B8E1cFKgEo

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## Hashtags

Hashtags alone tell a story



Cincinnati Police Department @CincyPD

#Crash single car into a pole at 2600 Riverside Drive. Caused by a cicada that flew in through an open window striking the driver in the face. #nothinggoodhappenswithcicadas #cicadas2021



1:53 AM · Jun 8, 2021 from St. Andrews Street Steps · Twitter for Android

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### Hashtag Hopeless



Pregnant Spanish influencer takes picture at Berlin Holocaust Memorial (already a bad idea). Posts on Instagram with hashtag #babyintheoven ... There are no words...





#### #WhyIStayed You had pizza.

9/8/14, 11:11 PM



Keosha Varela @K\_J\_Writes 1h So many courageous ppl sharing their stories re: **#whyistayed** and **#**whyileft. Domestic violence is often a hidden issue, bring it to light!



Adrienne Airhart @craydrienne 1h I couldn't face the fact that I was a textbook statistic: if (step)daddy hurts you, so will hubby. **#whyistayed** 



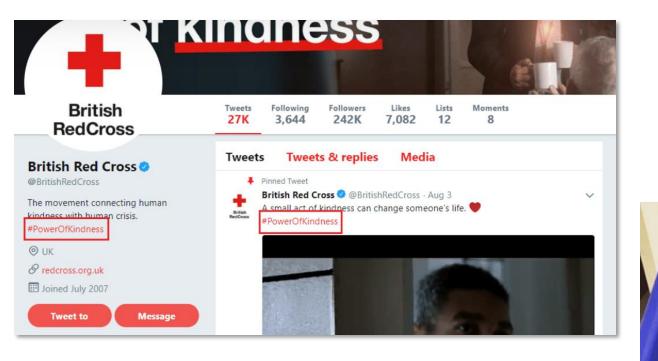
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Example of a brand using a trending topic without understanding the context #Advertising #SocialMedia #WhyIStayed  $\bigcirc$  226 5:23 AM - Sep 9, 2014



#### Hashtags: Across **Multiple Channels**





#### britishredcross 💝 • Follow

britishredcross Thank you to @rustybear2012 and all those knitting 'trauma teddies' for the @RedCrossAU to help comfort children in hospitals. 🐯 💮 #PowerOfKindness britishredcross #britishredcross #redcross #traumateddies #teddy #teddies #donate #australia #australianredcross #redcrossau #bear #teddybear #cuddlybear #bears hit018 Thank you and more 🦃

fairy.shopping1 🤎 🤎 💜

juju\_mc Hi @britishredcross do you need more knitted toys? Or hats?

paolapuerto9623 Qué bonita iniciativa desde Colombia Saludos

jobortunity\_hi5 Follow our profile to learn about our training and education center for disadvantaged youth in Tanzania 🕅 💙





## Takeover

The story of your organization through a different lens



US Strategic Command 🤣 @... · 31m 🚦 ;l;;gmlxzssaw ♀ 1,557 1 6,664 ♡ 8,549 ≪ US Strategic Command 🤣 @U... · 1m 🚦 Apologizes for any confusion. Please disregard this post.

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### Takeover Done Right





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### **Takeover Done Right**

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#### visitphilly 🗇 • Follow Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

visitphilly 🕏 See Philadelphia through the lens of a local photographer! Tune in with @travel\_pel this weekend, March 8-10. #visitphilly #philly #philadelphia

#instatravel #instapassport #travelgram #travel #tourism #explore

13w 1 like Reply





visitphilly 🕏 Rush hour never looked so good...

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Photo by guest Instagrammer @travel pel

Have you ever just walked across the Ben Franklin Bridge for sunset? This free activity is easy to get to, offers amazing views, and is something unique to do. I lived in the city a long time before I ever tried it. Now this is one of my favorite locations for cityscape photos and portrait/engagement shoots. My friend @roshan\_paul\_89 is always down to join me for these adventures. #visitphilly Tag a friend that you would walk across the bridge with

♡Q⊥ 4,323 likes MARCH 8



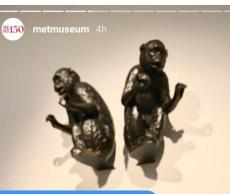
### Takeover: Creative, Fun, Engaging, Educational



IN HONOR OF **#WORLDHIPPODAY**, I'M TAKING OVER THE MET'S INSTAGRAM TO VISIT SOME OF MY FAVORITE ANIMAL FRIENDS IN THE MUSEUM.

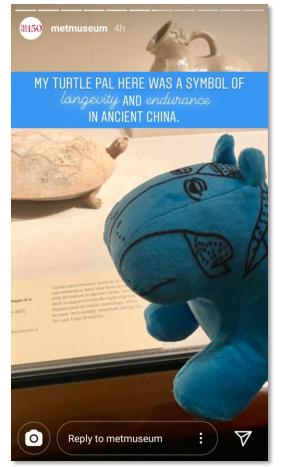


Raise



NO MONKEYING AROUND — MY LIFE-SIZE MONKEY PALS HERE WERE MODELED AFTER LIVING MACAQUE MONKEYS!







## Let's Take A Poll!

Question: How do you find stories to share in your fundraising and marketing materials? - Dive into our story bank (in one central place)

- Constant feed from staff- check emails/messages and find a story
- Email/phone and plead with staff to tell you a story
- We make them up





## Engagement

Like fundraising, it's all about building relationships



Reasons we'd make a good spouse:

- We give you space when you need it
- We bring you snacks
- We let you pick which channel

🤣 Marissa @mlmyers24 · Jan 29

I want to fly @JetBlue every time I fly for the rest of my life. The seats are so BIG, the snacks are so YUMMY, the people are so NICE, they gave me a whole can of GINGER ALE, the WiFi is FREE.

I love you @JetBlue will you marry me?!!

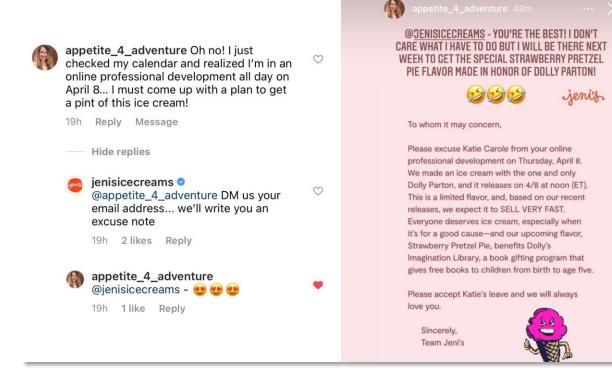
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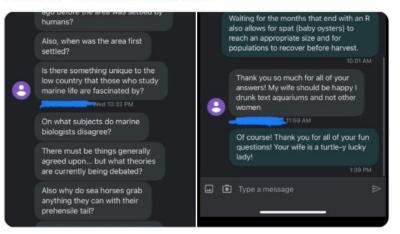
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#### Engagement: Fans For Life





When someone drunk texts the "Ask an Aquarium Educator" number... #chsnews



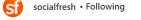
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#### Engagement: Follower Fun

#### 132 DAYS UNTIL SOCIAL FRESH 2021



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socialfresh 🙇 TICKET GIVEAWAY 🙇 There are 132 oranges in this post. One р is not like the other.

DM us the number bthat is slightly different for a chance to win a free Conference Ticket for Social Fresh 2021 (virtual).

After you DM us, please comment below to tell us you found it. But don't spoil the puzzle for anyone else!

DM us and comment before 12pm ET on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021.

Save the date for Social Fresh 2021 (June 16-18).

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FÄLLEN \*Not recommended for viral challenges.









## Diversity

Stories to engage everyone in your target audience





@jentrification

@twitter, the kinara has 7 candles, not 5. #Kwanzaa

5:10 PM · Dec 26, 2019 · Twitter Web App



#### Diversity: Have Someone Review Before Posting





2:38 PM · Sep 18, 2020 · Twitter Web App



### Diversity: Your Image May Be Saying The Wrong Thing



The new COVID-19 variant is spreading fast. Every action counts.

STAY HOME PROTECT THE NHS SAVE LIVES



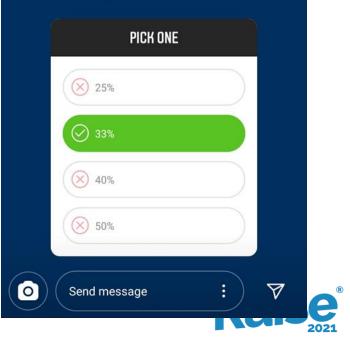


### Stories

Half a billion people can't be wrong

🏂 wwp 18h

According to the 2019 Annual Warrior Survey, how many Wounded Warriors reported having thoughts related to suicide in the past two weeks?



#### Stories: User Generated Content



Raise



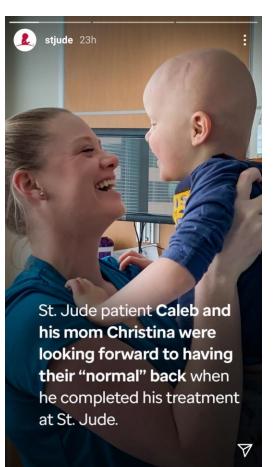




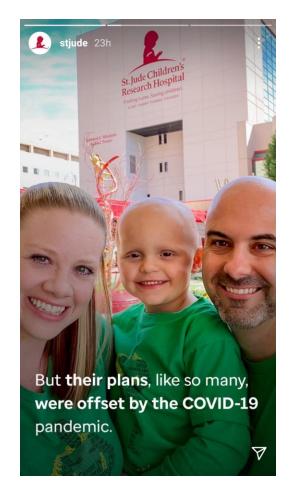


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### Stories: Tell The Story Of One



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#### Stories: Explain Your Mission

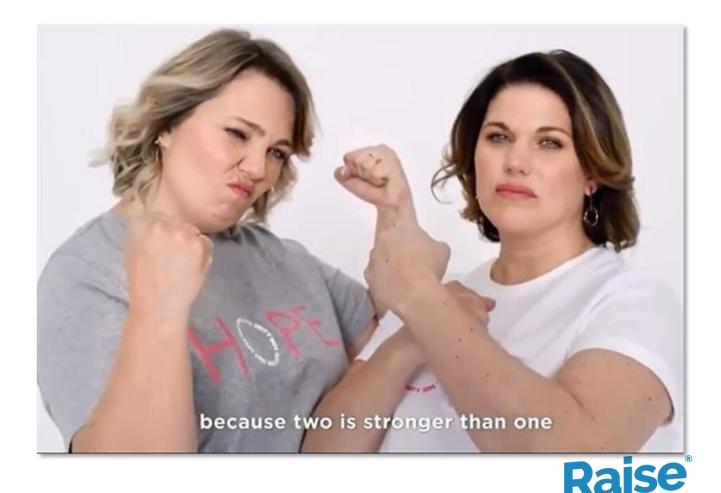






## Copywriting

A second pair of eyes will keep you out of presentations like this ③



#### Copywriting: Second Pair Of Eyeballs Please







#### Copywriting: There's More Than One Way





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#### seems a little extreme



7:12 AM  $\cdot$  Oct 18, 2020 from Toronto, Ontario  $\cdot$  Twitter for iPhone



#### Copywriting: Be Clever, Creative And Fun



Atlantic Beach Police Department February 28 at 11:48 PM · 🕥 ...

Public Service Announcement: WARNING: if you have recently purchased cocaine, meth, heroin, or any other street drugs locally, it may be contaminated with the Corona Virus. Please bring the drugs to the police department and we will test them for free. If you're not comfortable coming to the police department, we will send an officer to your house and they'll test your illegal drugs in the privacy of your home! Please spread the word!





### Copywriting

#### Julia Roberts Finds Life And Her Holes Get Better With Age

NEW YORK (AP) - Julia Roberts is sitting on a couch in a Soho hotel when Lucas Hedges bursts in and begins frantically searching for his phone, sending pillows flying.

"This is what I say to Finn," Roberts says, referencing one of her three children as she instructs her 21-year-old co-star. "Where did you go from here, honey?"

Roberts' motherly instincts play a big part of her latest film, "Ben Is Back." Written and directed by Peter Hedges ("Dan in Real Life," and the father of Lucas), "Ben Is Back" is about a son (Lucas) home from rehab for Christmas. The short visit resurrects past demons and present temptations for Ben, testing his mother's anxious balance of trust and suspicion. It's the second standout performance

this fall for Roberts, who also stars in Amazon's acclaimed conspiracy thriller "Homecoming" as a government-sponsored caseworker coaxing soldiers back into civilian life. It's a more dramatic chapter for Roberts, the most quintessential of movie stars, who at 51 is stretching in new directions that are increasingly further afield from the frothier romantic comedies she built her career on.

"With age comes more complexity of possible parts," Roberts said in a recent interview. "You know, I'm happy and I have fun at home, so it would take a lot for someone to say: 'Look, you can play this part where you're happy and have fun.' Well, I just do that at home!"

It can take a lot to get Roberts away from home. Hedges at one point jokingly suggested shooting "Ben Is Back" in her backyard. She's notoriously picky, general-ly acting in one film a year, and that's become iffier considering, as she says, there's "a whole lot of math" that needs to factor her kids' school schedule and that of her husband, cinematographer Danny Moder. Roberts has, quite contentedly, largely withdrawn from the limelight. She knits. She plays Mahjong with girlfriends once a week. She will watch "Point Break" e it's on TV



#### JULIA ROBERTS

time can do. "I mean, I'm not interested in around a corner and then how is it not sorttrying to seem cooler than I am or some- ed suddenly? How is it not fair?" she says, thing," she says.

Still, Roberts, a four-time Oscar nomi- for her and her family: equal pay for nee and one-time winner ("Erin Brock- women surfers and Manchester United ovich"), is also indelibly linked to the '90s launching a women's team. "Things like and '00s pre-digital movie era when stars, this give me hope that our business can er," says Roberts. "It's like spending not superheroes, still ruled the box office. keep making strides, because every year Times have changed; her breakthrough that it's 'the year of the woman,' you kind film, 1990's "Pretty Woman," is now a of go: Again? Let's just have it always be Broadway musical. Roberts recently had the year of the artists. If we have to keep

the out-of-body experience attending it spotlighting the gender of this and the gen-alongside Barbara Marshall, wife of the der of that, we're kind of blowing it." film's late director Garry Marshall. Lately, Roberts has been trying some "I wasn't prepared for how profoundly it new things. She joined Instagram in June.

noting a few advancements that hit home

Lucas wasn't on that list," Peter Hedges said by phone. "Before I could even share that list with her she said. Lucas needs to play this part.' I said, 'One, I don't think he's available, and, two, I don't think he would ever want to do a film with me." Once she signed on, she began a very persuasive and I think classy campaign. She made effort to let him know that she thought he should do the film with her."

It is, alas, hard to say no to Julia Roberts. The actress later invited Lucas to her Malibu home where she says he became part of the family, hanging out and taking her kids to the beach. Making "Ben-Is Back" was for her less about channeling her own parental nightmares than fostering a relationship with her fictional son.

"Spending time with Lucas meant that I had heart-space with him, and that is what I called upon and relied upon for the movie," says Roberts. "Separation is important Especially in the middle of the night when you're playing a scene over and over again, you just have to have so much clarity about that jumping off point. I think that helps it be super clear and fair. I don't want to drag my kids through this crap."

Like much of Roberts' best recent work. including "Wonder" and "August: Osage County" (for which she received an Oscar nomination), "Ben Is Back" revolves around family, both on and off screen. While her next film, "Little Bee," is a drama, too, Roberts hasn't turned away from romantic comedies for good.

"It's just two delicious things put togethmonths wrapping a present for people. They're really hard to make well, so I don't begrudge their absence because I'd rather not see a bunch of really bad ones."

But "Ben is Back" and "Homecoming" have allowed Roberts to expand on the dramatic work she did with Steven Soderbergh ("Erin Brockovich") and Mike Nichols made me miss Garry," she said, choking "Homecoming" is her first foray into a TV ("Closer," "Charlie Wilson's War"), who up, series. Roberts insisted Sam Esmail ("Mr, once said of the actress. "Her face is made "I wasn't prepared for how all of the Robot") direct all the episodes and that all by God to express thought and feeling."





#### QUESTIONS?

•Now's my time to hear from you!

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