

The Power of the Paddle Raiser

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Welcome!



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President

The Gala Team



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- 1. Mock Paddle Raiser
- 2. Step-by-Step Explanation of our Paddle Raiser Strategy
- 3. The paddle raiser is the only non-retail exchange in your event
- 4. Dump the Passive Ask; Lean into The Power of the Paddle Raiser
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Mock Paddle Raise



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#1 Mission Moment

Make it Personal





#3 Lead Donor



- Prominent person
- ·Someone who gives every year
- Hopefully, willing to be thanked by name



#4 Inclusive Pronouns



Talk to the audience as if they're part of the team.



#5 Opportunity Zone









#6 Share the Running Total





In team sports
you can
always look at
the scoreboard
to see how
your team is
doing.

#7 Gentle Guilt





Engage the Passengers

#8 Sweep at \$100





Every 100 people is \$10,000.

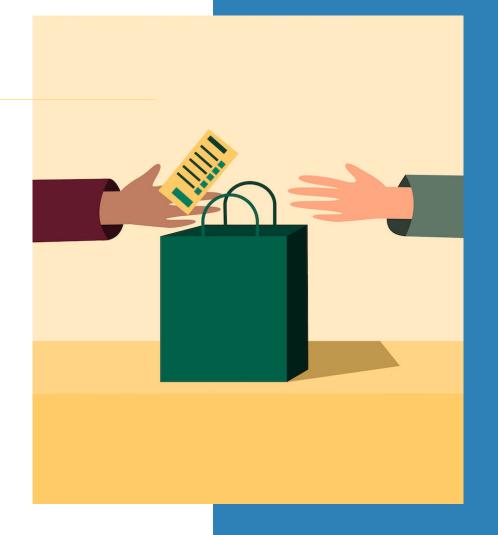
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Sell Your Mission

Everything else is a Retail Exchange









Sponsor bought a table

In Exchange they get:

- · 10 seats
- · 10 meals
- · 10 drinks
- Signage
- Mentions







Bid in the Silent Auction

Possibly win some Items



BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS - JUST \$25!



Open to everyone - Attendance not required

Buy a Raffle Ticket

Possibly win a great prize







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Dump the Passive Ask

Passive Ask Examples

Donation Envelopes on tables

Giving Tree

Text-to-Give

Retail Exchanges

Presenting multiple giving options

Suggesting anonymity



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Share the Running Total



DON'T

Use Fundraising Thermometers





<u>DO</u>

Start your bidder numbers at 100 or 1,000

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DON'T

Don't start at 1 or 10.



Read this Number Out Loud

DON'T



Put a line under your paddle numbers

DON'T

Don't use fonts that have no "indicator" on the 1



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385 385

385 385



Use low centerpieces



DON'T

Don't use tall centerpieces





Issue a paddle number to each donor



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DON'T

Don't put donation envelopes on the table





Start one level above your lead donor

START

LEVELS

\$15,000

\$10,000

LEAD

\$5,000

\$2,500

\$1,000

\$500

\$250

\$100

DON'T

Don't start super high and hear crickets at multiple levels

START

LEVELS

\$100,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

\$2,500

\$1,000

LEAD



<u>DO</u>

Use a big bold sans serif font on white or yellow paper

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DON'T

Don't use small nonblack, serif font on top of an image



Create a slide for each level that focuses on a program

\$1,000

We provide backpacks full of supplies for more than 5,000 students.



DON'T

Don't be super specific, saying "this gift will provide exactly x"

\$1,000

Will provide backpacks full of supplies for 20 students.





QUESTIONS?

Now's my time to hear from you!





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