## 2025 Nonprofit Fundraising Calendar

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- · Engage your services,
- · Or attend your conference?

## Or maybe you're looking for a proven lead magnet to engage new subscribers and legions of fans?

Whatever your goal, there's no better way to get your message in front of thousands of engaged nonprofit organizations than the upcoming 2025 Nonprofit Fundraising & Marketing Calendar.

Since 2014, nonprofit professionals have come to know and trust the *Fundraising & Marketing Calendar* (found at <u>thefundraisingcalendar.com</u>) where they'll get tips on growing individual giving, telling their best stories, donor stewardship, major gift fundraising, trusted nonprofit companies, online giving, and more. The Calendar also highlights our sector's top conferences.

#### Why be a part of the 2025 Fundraising & Marketing Calendar?

"I always refer to "The Grow Report" for expert advice and guidance. There's a lot of differing opinions out there but Pamela's is the one I trust most."

With the rise of tech companies' deluge of impersonal marketing to nonprofits, having a trusted, personal connection by your side benefits your brand. Time and time again, fundraisers have informed us that the *Calendar* plays a critical role in their planning throughout the year.

"I genuinely believe you have one of the golden lists in the sector!" — Past sponsor

And, because our 2025 Calendar will be offered in both online PDF format and print format, your message gains enduring \*multichannel\* exposure throughout 2025 in a way that a conference booth or internet marketing does not.

"We're in for 2023, wouldn't miss it!"

Josh Meyer, VP, Demand Generation. Bloomerang

The Fundraising Calendar is a fun and surprisingly affordable way to get your brand known AND establish trust with a personal connection (and no travel required). And, you'll be in good company! In addition to our returning sponsors, our 2025 Calendar will feature new sponsors *Boardable, MemoryFox, 4aGoodCause, Kindsight, appealprinting.com, Fundraising Everywhere*, and more.

Sponsorships are filling up fast! Read on to see the options available to you.

#### 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

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- · Two print calendars

























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Will Trapp @trappology · Aug 21

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# FUNDRASING & MARKETING CALENDAR

#### **2025 CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP**

#### Sponsorship Form

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Sample sponsorship ad appears on the following page. Please email me at <a href="mailto:pamelagrow@gmail.com">pamelagrow@gmail.com</a> with any questions. The deadline to be included in the 2025 Calendar is October 31, 2024.

## Example One Month Sponsorship CALENDAR SPONSORSHIP



# THANK YOU!

We look forward to including your business in the 2025 Fundraising & Marketing Calendar.



For more information, please contact Pamela Grow at pamelagrow@gmail.com

## **About Pamela**

Pamela Grow is the founder of *Basics & More™ Fundraising*, providing comprehensive training to thousands of small to mid-sized nonprofit organizations worldwide. She's also the author of *Simple Development Systems: Successful Fundraising for the One-Person Shop* and the founder of *Thefundraisingcalendar.com* 



A pioneer in creating online training for nonprofit professionals, Pam developed the first online nonprofit storytelling class in 2010, as well as the first online nonprofit stewardship training. Partnering with Chris Davenport of the *Nonprofit Storytelling Conference*, she created the landmark program, *100 Donors in 90 Days*, and *The Donor Retention Project*. In 2016/2017, Pam developed the curriculum, branding, systems, and launch for the Veritus Group's *Major Gift Academy*, the preeminent online training for nonprofit major gift officers.

Pamela was recently named one of the *Top 30 Nonprofit IT Influencers Worth a Follow* by BizTech magazine. She was named one of the *50 Most Influential Fundraisers* by UK's Civil Society magazine, and she was named one of the *Top 25 Fundraising Experts* by NonprofitFundraising.com. She's

been featured by the *Bloomerang, DonorPerfect, Chronicle of Philanthropy, CharityHowTo*, the *Foundation Center*, and countless other nonprofit resources.

Her weekly newsletter, The Grow Report, reaches roughly 35,000 nonprofit professionals.

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## January 2024

#### This month...

## **Planning**

Whatever 2024 holds in store for your nonprofit, here's what I do know:

#### You matter. Your mission matters.

But how will you fund it?

What will be important going forward is, no, not new tech. No, not relentlessly texting donors who never signed up to hear from you in the first place. No, not the latest new Al prompt in that free webinar you signed up for and forgot to attend.

It will be your focus on your plan, your donors, and your systems.

#### The fundamentals.

January marks a new beginning for your nonprofit.

And there's no better time than now to get a firm handle on your own Ask+Thank+Report systems for revenue.

It's possible!

Create your
Fundraising Plan that
gets results with our
free Planner.
Click here
to download.

#### **Reader Tip:**

While our Master Gardeners were pruning back the lavender plants in our gardens here at The Mark Twain House & Museum, I asked if they would put together sachets of lavender for our leadership donors. They made 50 sachets and I mailed them out to our donors last week.

Veillette DianaDirector of Development

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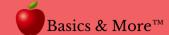
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#### **BASICS & MORE COURSES**

- ☐ Your Fundraising Plan & Case for Support
- ☐ Creating Your Donor Communications Plan





## January 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	New Year's Day Veganuary Emancipation Proclamation International Self-Help Day	World Introvert Day	National Science Fiction Day International Mind-Body Wellness Day	World Braille Day	5 National Bird Day	6
7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9	10	11 National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	12	13
14  National Dress Up Your Pet Day World Logic Day	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King's Birthday	16 Civil Rights Day Idaho Human Rights Day Martin Luther King Day	17	18 National Thesaurus Day	19 National Popcorn Day	20 National Cheese Lovers Day
<b>21</b> National Hugging Day World Religion Day	Roe V. Wade	23 National Pie Day	24 International Day of Education	25 Opposite Day	26	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
28	National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day	National Croissant Day	31 National Hot Chocolate Day	1	2	3

## February 2024

This month...

### **Your Impact Matters!**

How are you showing your donors what their gift is accomplishing? No, they don't want to know how many programs you have or how they operate.

Your supporters want to know about impact. What is the difference they're making...through you?

Getting the impact part right in your Ask+Thank+Report fundraising systems will build real partnerships. The kind that leads to genuine change.

And decades of research has shown that the lowly print donor newsletter is one of the best ways to accomplish that. You see, print donor newsletters have a "sticky" quality that emails can't ever touch.

NEWS FLASH! Donor newsletters done according to our easy formula can raise as much (or more!) than an appeal.

And that's not even counting the long-term value from legacy gifts.

February is the month to finalize your newsletter plan for the year. It's hard for the small shop development staffer to keep

up and hold tight to this aspect of your fundraising. You've got so many balls in the air. But the long-term future of your funding will thank you.

You are here to make a difference, to either improve the world or worsen it. And whether or not you consciously choose to, you will accomplish one or the other.

- Richelle E. Goodrich



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#### BASICS & MORE COURSES

- Your Donor Communications System
- **Profitable Donor-Centered Newsletters**



#### ShopRaise for your Org Supporters shop your cause earns!

Shop at over 1300 stores

Buy 250 gift cards

**Custom Marketing Toolkit** 

Access your data with our cause admin

Replace lost AmazonSmile Revenue with ShopRaise





## February 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	Black History Month National Freedom Day World Interfaith Harmony Week	Groundhog Day 2024 National Wear Red Day Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Candlemas Day	National Women Physicians Day
World Cancer Day Rosa Parks Day	S National Weatherperson's Day	National Frozen Yogurt Day International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation National Chopsticks Day	National Signing Day Safer Internet Day National Send a Card to a Friend Day e-Day	8 National Boy Scout Day	National Toothache Day National Pizza Day	10 Lunar New Year
Super Bowl Sunday National Inventors' Day International Day of Women and Girls in Science Thomas Edison's Birthday	Lincoln's Birthday Darwin Day International Epilepsy Day	Mardi Gras Galentine's Day World Radio Day Paczki Day 2024 (Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday)	Valentine's Day Arizona Statehood Day Ash Wednesday National Donor Day International Book Giving Day	Singles Awareness Day Susan B. Anthony's Birthday International Childhood Cancer Day World Anthropology Day	16 National Almond Day	Random Acts of Kindness Day
18 Pluto Day	Presidents' Day HOLIDAY Daisy Gatson Bates Day International Tug of War Day	National Love Your Pet Day World Day of Social Justice	21 International Mother Language Day	National Walking the Dog Day World Thinking Day National Chili Day 2024 George Washington's Birthday National Margarita Day	Battle of the Alamo National Banana Bread Day	24
25 National Clam Chowder Day	26 National Pistachio Day	National Pokemon Day World Spay Day World Non-governmental Organization Day	28 Rare Disease Day National Pancake Day 2024	29 Bachelor's Day	1	2

## March 2024

This month...

# Make March Monthly Giving Month!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to start out every month, knowing that you had a growing and reliable stream of general operating support?

#### That's the power of monthly giving!

Did you know...

- 40% of Millennial donors are enrolled in a monthly giving program.
- 49% of Gen X donors are enrolled in a monthly giving program.
- 49% of Baby Boomer donors are enrolled in a monthly giving program.
- Revenue from monthly giving grew 23% compared to 13% growth for one-time giving.
- Pre-selecting monthly giving on your donation page can increase conversions of monthly donations by up to 35%.

Monthly giving programs provide predictable cash flow that helps with budgeting and planning for the future. And these programs also offer an opportunity to enhance donor retention, as they encourage long-term investment in the organization's mission and programs, creating a more engaged donor base.

Additionally, monthly giving programs lead to legacy giving, where donors make bequests or planned gifts to the organization in their wills or estates, ensuring ongoing support for the nonprofit beyond their lifetimes.

Prioritize your monthly giving program in 2024!

#### **BASICS & MORE COURSES**

- Direct Mail Masterclass
- **☐ Nonprofit Storytelling Masterclass**



We are responsible for the world in which we find ourselves, if only because we are the only sentient force which can change it.

- James Baldwin



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## March 2024



## March is Women's History Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	Employee Appreciation Day Women's History Month Zero Discrimination Day World Music Therapy Day	Read Across America
National Anthem Day World Hearing Day World Wildlife Day World Birth Defects Day	Casimir Pulaski Day	International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness	6 Dred Scott Casey	National Be Heard Day	8 International Women's Day	9 National Meatball Day
Daylight Saving Time Starts National Hug Your Dog Day Harriet Tubman Day	1.1 National Napping Day	1.2 National Girl Scout Day	13 National K9 Veterans Day	1.4 Pi Day National Popcorn Lover's Day	15 World Consumer Rights Day	16 National Corn Dog Day
17 Saint Patrick's Day	18 Awkward Moments Day	World Social Work Day International Read to Me Day	Spring Equinox (Start of Spring) International Day of Happiness	World Down Syndrome Day International Day of Forests International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	World Water Day National Goof Off Day	23 National Puppy Day
<b>24</b> World Tuberculosis Day	25 National Physician's Week	26 National Spinach Day Purple Day	27 National Joe Day World Theatre Day	28 Respect Your Cat Day	29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day	National Doctors' Day Earth Hour  Easter Sunday César Chávez Day Trans Day of Visibility

## April 2024



This month...

# How Are You Marketing Your Planned Giving Program?

Legacy giving accounted for \$45 million in 2022.

You work hard on growing your fundraising, on developing your relationships with your donors, on planning that next big gala, on tweaking your website, and writing your thank you letters. But chances are good that you're missing out on one opportunity that could be costing you millions — and saving your organization at times of crisis.

As I speak daily with nonprofit organizations, one of my first questions is always "do you have a planned giving program?" Nine out of ten times the answer is no.

Individual giving accounts for nearly 70% of all charitable giving in the US—and of that, bequest giving accounts for 9%.

So what's the number one reason your donors aren't adding your charity to their wills?

#### "It never occurred to me."

Without a focused legacy giving program, you're depriving your donors of the opportunity to leave something behind...to know that their life mattered.

Plant the seed. If you don't already have one, this month develop your organization's legacy giving tagline. Don't stress over it. Just do it. Remember, it goes on everyone's signature line, on your website, and in every donor communication.

Save \$50
when you enroll in this month's
Basics & More class,
Legacy Giving Intensive.

Enter LEGACY2024SAVE in the Coupon Code field at checkout. Click the checkmark to see your savings.

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Legacy Giving Intensive



Everyone must leave something behind when he dies... Something your hand touched some way so your soul has somewhere to go when you die... It doesn't matter what you do, so long as you change something from the way it was before you touched it into something that's like you after you take your hands away.

Ray Bradbury





PLAN

Set up your organization, event & auction Solicit for auction donations • Sell tickets • tables & sponsorships • Event Website

RUN

In-person events: Print catalog • Bid sheetsOptional mobile bidding

Online events: Max-bid • Bid-extension



#### Streamline final bids & checkout

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appy to help! email us: hello@auctria.com

## April 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	April Fool's Day	Autism Awareness Day International Children's Book Day	National Find a Rainbow Day	National School Librarian Day Qingming Festival	5 Gold Star Spouses Day	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
World Health Day  AFP ICON CO	8 ONFERENCE (CLIC	9 National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day  K FOR INFO)	10 National Siblings Day	National Pet Day National Alcohol Screening Day	12 Day of Silence	1.3 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
Ambedkar Jayanti International Moment of Laughter Day RAINN Day	Assassination of Abraham Lincoln Jackie Robinson Day	16 Emancipation Day	17	18 Tax Day	19	20 Chinese Language Day
International Creativity and Innovation Day National Kindergarten Day	Earth Day International Mother Earth Day	National Picnic Day World Book Day	International Guide Dog Day World Immunization Week	National DNA Day Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day World Malaria Day Parental Alienation Awareness Day (PAAD)	Arbor Day Pretzel Day World Intellectual Property Day International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day	National Rebuilding Day International Sculpture Day
National Great Poetry Reading Day Workers' Memorial Day World Day for Safety and Health at Work	29 International Dance Day	International Jazz Day Honesty Day	1	2	3	4

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says 'I'm possible!'

Audrey Hepburn

This month...

## **Create the Rockstar Board of Your Dreams!**

#### Is your board holding you back from successful fundraising?

You may have even made one of the following statements...

"They say they'll do anything EXCEPT raise money (in spite of signing a give/get pledge)."

"They don't know how to fundraise...but they want to tell US what we need to do in fundraising!"

"They don't follow though. They say they'll do something and then they don't do it."

"They say they want to move the organization forward but then do next to nothing outside of the one board meeting a month they attend."

"They're dysfunctional: more than 50% do not contribute financially or in effort."

"Our board has next to no knowledge of or interest in fundraising. And it wasn't even anything that they were told or encouraged to do when they join the board. Our executive director doesn't encourage it, either. Help!"

TRUTH BOMB. Fabulous fundraising boards aren't made by attending another \*free\* webinar.

Or even hiring a consultant for one off-training.

Your amazing board requires a plan. And it requires a system. How are you creating your rockstar board?



- Your Fundraising Board
- **Donor Acquisition 101**





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"I can't tell you how excited I am to have found Little Green Light. I love that it is essed via the Internet (anywhere), and it



## May 2024



## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	Loyalty Day Global Love Day	World Password Day Kentucky Derby Astronomy Day	National Space Day World Press Freedom Day	Rhode Island Independence Day Star Wars Day Kent State Shootings Haymarket Riot
Cinco de Mayo African World Heritage Day International Day of the Midwife World Portuguese Language Day	6 National Nurses Day	Teacher's Day National Foster Care Day	<b>8</b> World Red Cross Day Buddha Day	9	<b>10</b> World Lupus Day	Pullman Strike Fair Trade Day
1.2 Mother's Day	National Apple Pie Day National Third Shift Workers Day	14	Peace Officers Memorial Day International Day of Families	16 International Day of Light	Malcolm X Day Endangered Species Day	18 International Museum Day National Learn to Swim Day
19	Homestead Act National Rescue Dog Day Whit Monday World Bee Day National Defense Transportation Day	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development National Talk Like Yoda Day	Harvey Milk Day International Day for Biological Diversity	<b>23</b> World Turtle Day	24  National Brother's Day  World Schizophrenia Day	National Wine Day Shavuot National Missing Children's Day
26	27 Memorial Day HOLIDAY	28 World Blood Cancer Day	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	Corpus Christi National Creativity Day World Multiple Sclerosis Day Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)	<b>31</b> National Smile Day	1

## June 2024

This month...

## Make June Survey Your Donors Month!

## Quick! What's the easiest, least expensive way to raise more money?

If you answered donor surveying, you're right! Donor surveys can and should play a major role in your retention fundraising efforts.

Here are just some of the reasons why surveying (and feedback opportunities) will grow your nonprofit's fundraising.

- Surveys help to uncover your supporters' BIG WHY. In other words, why do they give? How does their story connect with your mission?
- Surveys are a terrific way to engage your donors in a non-financial way.
- Surveys help you uncover leads for monthly, major and bequest gifts. Every capital campaign should begin with a survey.
- Surveys also help uncover your supporter's communication preferences and clean up your mailing list.
- Surveys help you discover which programs they care about most and why.
- Surveys help you to gauge your supporters' commitment to your mission.
- Surveys pay for themselves (and even raise money) when they're done correctly.
- Surveys make your donors feel good since you invited them to participate.

Make June your month to survey your supporters!

In a growth mindset, challenges are exciting rather than threatening.
So rather than thinking, oh, I'm going to reveal my weaknesses, you say, wow, here's a chance to grow.

Carol Dweck

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You'll save \$50 on our Raise More Money With Supporter Surveys class.

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## **June 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	World Reef Awareness Day
National Cancer Survivor's Day	World Bicycle Day	4	5 World Environment Day	6 National Higher Education Day	National Donut Day	World Oceans Day Global Wellness Day
9 National Children's Day	10 National Iced Tea Day	<b>11</b> Kamehameha Day	12 National Loving Day World Day Against Child Labor	13 International Albinism Awareness Day	1.4 World Blood Donor Day	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Father's Day International Day of the African Child	<b>17</b> Bunker Hill Day	18 International Sushi Day	Juneteenth HOLIDAY	<b>20</b> World Refugee Day	21 Summer Solstice	<b>22</b> World Rainforest Day
23 International Women in Engineering Day	24 National Swim A Lap Day	25 Global Beatles Day	26	Helen Keller Day National PTSD Awareness Day	28	29 World Social Media Day International Asteroid Day

## July 2024

This month...

## Bring Back Lapsed Donors Month

#### What's your donor retention rate?

And do you have a plan for bringing back lost donors?

Reclaiming these lapsed donors involves five key steps: First, understand why they stopped giving, considering factors like relocation or a lackluster donor experience.

Second, initiate personalized communication through letters or emails, expressing gratitude and showcasing the impact of their past support.

Third, every donor shouldn't be getting the same letter or email. Diversify your appeals based on donor data.

Fourth, simplify the giving process by providing various channels and ensuring a hassle-free online experience.

Finally, invite them to engage in alternative ways, such as volunteering or advocacy. Reactivating lapsed donors requires ongoing efforts, but the return on investment will be well worth it!

Make new friends,
but keep the old. One
is silver; the other is
gold. A circle is round;
it has no end. That s
how long I will be
your friend.

- Girl Scouts song

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Getting Started With Major
Gift Fundraising.
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#### BASICS & MORE COURSES

Getting Started With Major Gift Fundraising







July 2	2024 2024	July Is	s National Mi	nority Menta	i Health Awal	reness Month
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	Canada Day National Postal Worker Day	2 Civil Rights Act	International Plastic Bag Free Day	4 Independence Day HOLIDAY	5 National Workaholics Day	International Day of Cooperative
<b>7</b> Global Forgiveness Day	8	9	10	<b>11</b> World Population Day	<b>12</b> Malala Day	13
14 Bastille Day	National Give Something Away Day National Clean Beauty Day	16 National Cherry Day World Snake Day	World Emoji Day National Lottery Day	18 Nelson Mandela International Day World Listening Day	19 Seneca Falls Convention	20 International Chess Day
2.1 National Ice Cream Day	22 National Hammock Day	23 National Gorgeous Grandma Day	24 National Tequila Day	25 National Hire A Veteran Day Christmas In July	26	National Disability Independence Day
28 World War I	29 National Lasagna Day	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons	<b>31</b> World Ranger Day	1	2	3

## August 2024

This month...

# Your end-of-year campaign. The time to start is now!

Summer is coming to an end...

And before you know it, the end of the year will be rushing at you like a freight train. Remember, a third of all annual giving occurs in the month of December. So there's no better month than August to get a head start on your multi-channel campaign.

GivingTuesday is a day — not a strategy. I've seen too many organizations put all their eggs in giving day baskets...only to be disappointed. Think of GivingTuesday as a complement to your EOY plan and put your focus on gratitude.

The first step in planning your EOY involves taking stock. Ask yourself these questions:

How much have you raised to date this year via individual giving, grants, events, earned income, etc.?

What has worked for your organization in the past in terms of email, direct mail, social media? Do you know which stories resonate the most with your supporters?

How have you been reporting back to your donors and how have you been thanking them?

December 31 will be here before you know it. You'll be glad you planned ahead!

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☐ Your Annual Gratitude Report

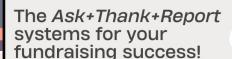
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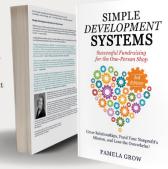
Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

- Warren Buffett

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"It's the best kind of small but mighty. I savored reading it because I learned a lot from every page. So many good nuts and bolts in one convenient package. Brilliant!" Brett Cooper



Successful Fundraising for the One-Person Shop

## August 2024



## August is National Breastfeeding Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	National Minority Donor Awareness Day Lammas Day Be An Angel Day	International Beer Day National Ex-Girlfriend Day	National Watermelon Day
Coast Guard Birthday National Friendship Day Barack Obama's Birthday	5	6 Hiroshima Day	<b>7</b> Purple Heart Day	8 International Cat Day International Infinity Day	National Book Lovers Day International Day of the World's Indigenous People	Lazy Day National Spoil Your Dog Day
<b>1.1</b> National Son and Daughter Day	12 International Youth Day World Elephant Day	13 National Filet Mignon Day	1.4 Social Security Act	1.5 International Homeless Animals Day	16 Hawaii Statehood Day	17 National Nonprofit Day
<b>18</b> National Fajita Day	World Humanitarian Day World Photography Day	20 National Radio Day	Senior Citizens Day International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	22	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	24 Kobe Bryant Day
25	<b>26</b> Women's Equality Day Janmashtami National Dog Day	27	28 March on Washington	29 International Day Against Nuclear Tests	National Grief Awareness Day	31 International Overdose Awareness Day

September 2024

This month...

## Thank you, Gracias, Merci, Danke

To always lead with gratitude is a lesson I learned at my grandma's knee (you probably did too!).

When you keep your supporter front and center at all times, and make sure you're letting them know how much their support matters — not only with your thank you letter, but throughout the year — you'll find that your fundraising flows.

I've seen major gifts happen, without an ask!

Remember: fundraising magic happens through gratitude.

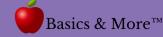
Write a thank you that encourages repeat giving. Download your FREE thank you letter template. Click here.

Thank you, always say thank you; it's the greatest gift. you can give someone; because thank you is what you. say to God.

- Maya Angelou



☐ The Power of Thank You



## September 2024



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8 International Literacy Day Worldwide Cystic Fibrosis Day	International Day to Protect Education from Attack	<b>10</b> World Suicide Prevention Day	11	National Day of Encouragement International Day for South-South Cooperation National Chocolate Milkshake Day	13 Positive Thinking Day	14 National Pet Memorial Day National Live Creative Day
World Lymphoma Awareness Day Wife Appreciation Day International Day of Democracy National Hispanic Heritage Month	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer	17 Constitution Day	18 National Cheeseburger Day	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	National Clean Up Day World Gratitude Day World Alzheimer's Day
Autumnal Equinox (Start of Fall) World Rivers Day	International Day of Sign Languages Bi Visibility Day	24 National Voter Registration Day	<b>25</b> World Dream Day	International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons	Native American Day (CA and NV)	28 National Family Health and Fitness Day USA
World Heart Day Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day	National Love People Day World Maritime Day National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	1	2	3	4	5

## October 2024

This month...

## Direct Mail: The Little Engine that Could

In 2020 one of my subscribers wrote to me. Their organization had ceased all direct mail communication with donors and gone solely digital.

The result? They lost over two-thirds of their donor base.

Direct mail continues to provide an exceptionally strong ROI, and our research shows that both students and clients rank it as the most valuable tool in their arsenal.

According to the USPS:

- 55% of people say they "look forward" to seeing what's in their mailbox.
- 56% of people find print-based marketing to be the most trustworthy type of marketing.
- 70% of people agree that direct mail feels more personal than digital methods.

Even looking at generational differences, direct mail is a win. Who looks forward to reading their mail?

- 79% of Millennials
- 72% Gen Z
- 70% Baby boomers
- 70% Gen X

In a market crowded with email, TikTok, Facebook, and everything digital, direct mail has that "sticky" quality that continues to perform.

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Direct mail remains one of the most powerful and engaging channels producing excellent ROI. It stimulates all five senses, as against digital channels which only affect three senses."

- Malcolm Auld



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## October 2024



## October is ADHD Awareness Month

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	World Vegetarian Day Breast Cancer Awareness Month	2	World Temperance Day	World Smile Day National Vodka Day	<b>5</b> World Teachers' Day
National Coaches Day World Cerebral Palsy Day	7 Child Health Day	Ada Lovelace Day National Depression Screening Day	National Emergency Nurses Day National Stop Bullying Day	World Day Against the Death Penalty World Mental Health Day World Homeless Day	11 National Coming Out Day	Farmers Day World Hospice and Palliative Care Day
13 Navy Birthday	Columbus Day (Most Regions) HOLIDAY Native Americans' Day	15 White Cane Safety Day	16 Global Dignity Day	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	<b>18</b> World Okapi Day	19 Sweetest Day
World Osteoporosis Day	National Pets for Veterans Day National Medical Assistants Day National Apple Day National Clean Your Virtual Desktop Day Back to the Future Day	National Nut Day International Stuttering Awareness Day	23 National Paralegal Day	United Nations Day National Bologna Day World Development Information Day World Polio day	25 National I Care About You Day	26 National Make A Difference Day
27 National Mentoring Day	28 National Immigrants Day National First Responders Day	<b>29</b> World Stroke Day	30 Dhanteras	<b>31</b> Halloween	1	2



## November 2024

This month...

#### **Data Rules**

You spend countless hours and put so much effort into creating fundraising campaigns, communicating with donors, and simply running your nonprofit. But do you actually know if your efforts are effective?

If you're not tracking data, you can't know if your methods are aligning with your donors' needs or how you should improve going forward. When it comes to ensuring donor engagement, data is the holy grail.

How do you know what types of data you should be collecting and how you can use that information to improve your strategies? In this article, we'll discuss these five types of data:

- 1. Donor Data
- 2. Fundraising Campaign Data
- 3. Event Data
- 4. Engagement Data
- 5. Website Traffic Data

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Data are just summaries of thousands of stories—tell a few of those stories to help make the data meaningful.

- Dan Heath



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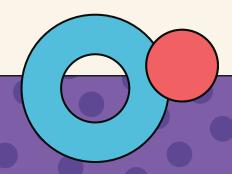
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## November 2024



### November is Native American Heritage Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	Diwali World Vegan Day Native American Heritage Month National Adoption Month	International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists
Daylight Saving Time Ends New York City Marathon	Job Action Day	World Tsunami Awareness Day National Redhead Day	National Stress Awareness Day	National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day	<b>8</b> World Urbanism Day	International Day Against Fascism and Antisemitism
Marine Corps Birthday World Science Day for Peace and Development	1.1 Veterans Day HOLIDAY	12 Nurse Practitioner Week	<b>13</b> World Kindness Day	14 World Diabetes Day	15 National Philanthropy Day	16 International Day for Tolerance
National Homemade Bread Day	National Princess Day World Antimicrobial Awareness Week	19 National Entrepreneurs' Day	Future Teachers of America Day Transgender Day of Remembrance Universal Children's Day World COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) Day	Great American Smokeout World Philosophy Day World Pancreatic Cancer Day	22	23 National Adoption Day
24	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	Small Business Saturday Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare

## December 2024

This month...

## Making time for you...

If you're reading this calendar, I know that you're a special kind of person. Because every day you're doing the work that matters.

Every day you're creating a brighter, more beautiful world. Every day you're tackling the tough stuff. With integrity and courage. With grit and resilience.

I couldn't be more honored to be by your side...

Walker, thank you for supporting and empowering immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees...

Isabel's organization gives families support through their battle with childhood cancer. Thank you...

Kylie, thank you for igniting the power of girls...

Anna's organization is transforming the world's response to conflict. Thank you...

Julie, thank you for enhancing the quality of life of folks with disabilities...

Nicole, thank you for your humanity...

Thank you, Jody, for helping to connect rescue organizations, adopters, and foster families for needy animals...

Thank you, Kelly, for giving the gift of self-esteem to homeless men and women through running...

Lisa, thank you for giving people a reason to smile all over the world...

Rosie, Katya, and Ann, thank you for all you do to build a stronger community...

Nancy, thank you for helping to fund one of the top cancer research centers in the world...

A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light. — Moshe Davis

Rene helps people manage their last days with dignity. My heart is with you, thank you...

Priscilla and Maryanne empower individuals and families struggling with addiction...

Kevin, thank you for offering a lifelong alliance to people with disabilities...

Lauren celebrates the glorious beauty, power, and magic of film...

Laura and Beth, thank you for making your community so much stronger...

Elizabeth's work connects donors to help low-income patients without health insurance...

Dawn helps to save homeless and at-risk girls and young women...

Chong-Anna and Cathy's work ensures that history will live on...

Amy brings together donors and businesses to combat climate change...

Chelsea helps fund her organization's mission of providing lifesaving organ transplants. Thank you...

And thank you...

You are community.

The world can't do it without you. Thank you for caring so very much.

You fight the darkness with light and warmth.
You stand for what's right and good in this world.

Enjoy this
Heritage Buttermilk
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Decei	mber 2024 December is National Human Rights M						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
World AIDS Day National Christmas Lights Day	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Giving Tuesday International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Wildlife Conservation Day	5 International Volunteer Day	St. Nicholas Day	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day International Civil Aviation Day National Letter Writing Day	
8	International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide Christmas Card Day	Human Rights Day Nobel Prize Day International Animal Rights Day	11 UNICEF Birthday	International Day of Neutrality International Universal Health Coverage Day (ha ha ha)	13	14 National Free Shipping Day	
<b>15</b> Bill of Rights Day	16	17 National Maple Syrup Day	48 Arabic Language Day International Migrants Day	19 National Emo Day	International Human Solidarity Day	<b>21</b> Winter Solstice	
	23 National Roots Day		Arabic Language Day		International Human		