

Birdies for Charity Best Practices – April 2017

SET GOALS FOR YOU CAMPAIGN

Setting fundraising goals is a great way to motivate both staff and donor participation. Once you have decided on your goal, monitor your progress by making it visible to everyone raising funds. Including your fundraising goal and progress on social media or in emails may incentivize donors to contribute to reach your end goal.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Use your online network by sharing your online donation page through Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Using social media allows you to reach all of your followers both quickly and cost free! Thanks to a recommendation from a training session, new this year, we have created a **Facebook Cover Photo** for you to upload to your organization's page. Put your personalized link in the caption and you are ready to go! See below for the image.

EXISTING FUNDRAISERS

Incorporating BFC into fundraisers is one of the most popular best practices. Try incorporating into a fundraiser that you are already holding this Spring. A few examples are below:

- 1. Fees Have your donors pay the fee to attend your event by making a pledge or flat-rate donation. Or if you are holding a silent auction, have people pay for their item through Birdies.
- 2. Refer By On your personalized pledge website, we can create a 'refer by' section for you to utilize if you are holding an in-house contest. Just let us know that names/teams that should be receiving credit and we can add them. (i.e. if you are holding a walk and have different team names we can incorporate this!)
- 3. **Donors that cannot attend** Just because a donor cannot attend your event, does not mean they do not want to still donate! Send along your personalized link when sending out an RSVP and give your donors an option to still contribute.



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EMAIL SERIES

Try utilizing an email series as an easy marketing tactic. Create a Birdies for Charity email series that tells the story of your nonprofit's fundraising. Let your donors know why you are participating, how long you have been connected with BFC, and focus on the progress towards your fundraising goal. Feel free to use the email templates in the 2017 Toolkit as a starting point.

ELECTRONIC PLEDGE CARDS & ONLINE PLEDGING

Request a personalized electronic card and have the ability to print out as many as you would like. Utilizing these pledge forms also allows you to add them to any of your electronic outreach. Many charities use a screenshot of part of the pledge card and include in their newsletters or on the back of their own charity brochures or programs. See an example below provided by the Tunxis Community College Foundation!

Online pledging is vital as it allows people to donate from anywhere at anytime. By encouraging online pledging you not only reduce the barriers to donate but you also create less work for yourself!

GOLF 101

You do not need to be a golf fan to solicit donations. We summarized everything you need to know.

PAR = the perfect score on any hole. If par is 4 on a hole, that means the golfer is expected to make it into the hole in 4 shots.

BIRDIE = the score one better than par. If par is 4 on a hole, that means that if the golfer makes it into the hole in 3 shots, they have scored a birdie.

That's it! As the players do better during the tournament, your charity gets more money.



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY RULES

OFFICIAL PLEDGE AND FLAT-RATE DONATION FORM

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Check out Tunxis Hill Community Foundation's back page of their annual scholarship program book.

Contact us for more fundraising tips or questions!