# Future-proof your organization!

How to prepare for success and protect against failure.

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## What does Future Proofing mean?

#### From Wikipedia:

• Future-proofing is the process of anticipating the future and developing methods of minimizing the effects of shocks and stresses of future events



No, we don't have the Terminator's arm to help predict the future of fundraising...

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#### What does Future Proofing mean?

- Non-profit organizations often have restricted budgets and are held strictly accountable to stakeholders in their running.
- We will explore 5 tips that will help make your fundraising growth more predictable, allowing for responsible risk.

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## Life as a silo is lonely



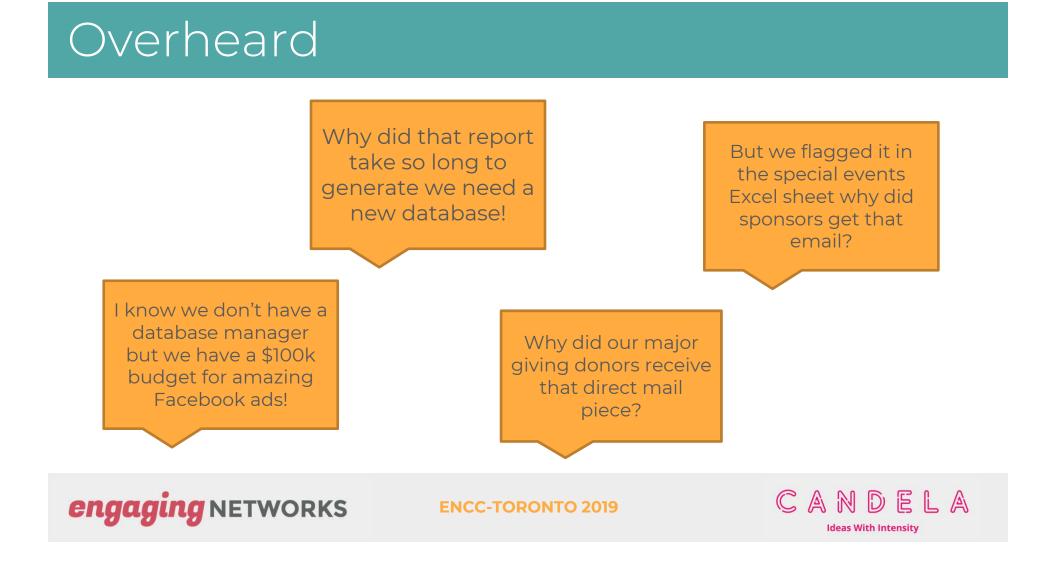
#### Organization channel silos



# Fundraising program silos



#### Organization wide silos



## It all starts with data

- People are multi-channel
- They don't think of organizations as siloed
- They see you as one organization regardless of whether they receive emails, direct mail, interact with you on social media or watch you on TV or get a phone call
- It is crucial therefore to look at how your data flows also what databases do you have in place and how do they interact

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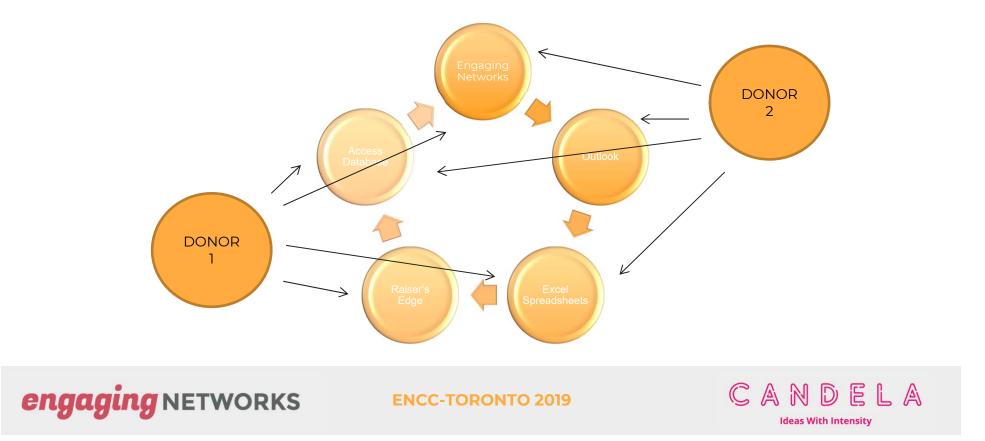




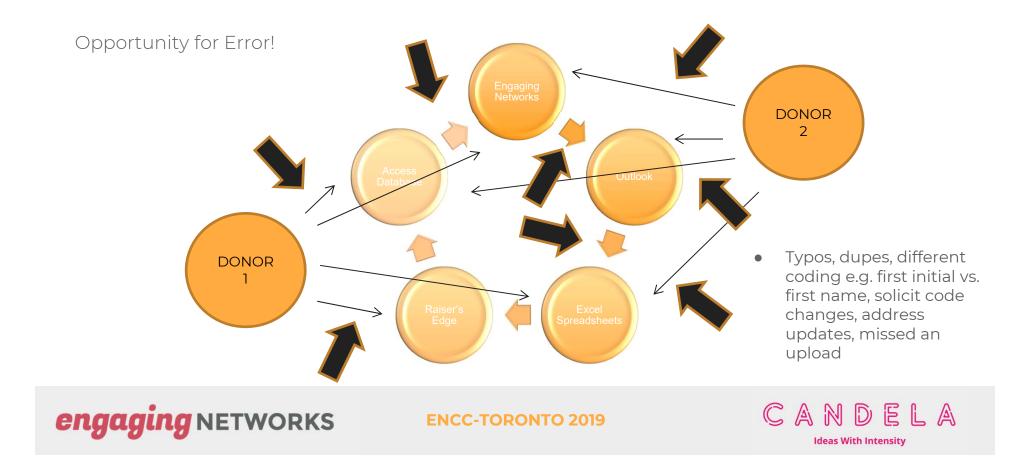


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#### Database Review Goals

- You're not going to be an effective organization particularly from an integrated marketing perspective without the right systems and processes in place.
- A successful review will:
  - Increase Fundraising Efficiency
  - Improve Analysis and Targeting
  - Improve Constituent Service and Stewardship
  - Respect Constituent Privacy and Wishes
  - Improve Donor Engagement

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#### Benchmarks: not always simple to find

 Benchmarks can be difficult to find if your non-profit has disorganized data or are not quite sure what to track.



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#### Benchmarks: measure with context

- Its always good to measure, but do you know your key performance indicators and is your historical data accurate?
- Are you measuring the right thing?





#### Benchmarks: measure accurately

- Make sure you are measuring the same way. Comparing apples to apples. (e.g. renewal, acquisition, house)
- Make sure you are getting a full 360 view of your supporters.
- Don't just measure in silos.

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#### Benchmarks: not always simple to find

- Are you tracking what needs to be tracked?
  - Recency, Frequency, Monetary
  - Reactivations, why lapsed, origin source
  - Cross channel tracking and benchmarks

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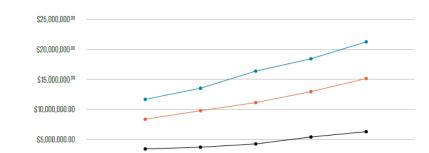


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- Industry benchmarks for all channels are difficult to find, particularly in Canada.
- There are some good digital benchmark reports that come out, including the M&R Benchmark Report.
- Benchmarks for Direct Mail, Telemarketing, DRTV and Face to Face can be a little bit more difficult to find, but looking at historical data and speaking to different vendors can assist.

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SAMPLE CHARITY BUDGET MODEL 5 YEAR BUDGET MODEL SUMMARY

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TOTAL COST	\$3,937,885	\$4,216,60953	\$4,763,39039	\$5,383,33858	\$6,099,032.16
TOTAL REVENUE	\$11,985,5 <b>4</b> 9 <sup>38</sup>	\$14,016,48522	\$16,236,442#	\$18,594,445-10	\$21,154,926 <sup>34</sup>
NET REVENUE	\$8,047,664.94	\$9,799,875 <sup>B9</sup>	\$11,473,05164	\$13,211,10652	\$15,055,894 <sup>.19</sup>
NUMBER OF DONORS (EOY)	36,051	43,573	<b>5</b> 0,796	57,762	64,506
NUMBER OF MONTHLY	38.981	42,168	45.016	47.563	49.840

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2 Channel / Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
3 Total Active Donors	27088	27370	27361	28665	28657	28648	28640	29945	29937
4 Existing Monthly Revenue									
5 Number of Monthly Donors	575	857	849	840	832	823	815	807	
6 Avg Gift	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$
7 Total Revenue / Month	\$9,775	\$14,573	\$14,428	\$14,283	\$14,140	\$13,999	\$13,859	\$13,720	\$13,!
8 Cumulative Revenue	\$9,775	\$24,348	\$38,776	\$53,059	\$67,199	\$81,198	\$95,057	\$108,778	\$122,
9 DM Acquisition									
10 Number of Pieces	75,000			75,000				75,000	
11 Cost Per Piece	\$1.10			\$1.10				\$1.10	
12 Response Rate	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%	1.7
13 Number of Responders	1,313	-	-	1,313	-	-	-	1,313	-
14 Avg Gift	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.
15 Total Revenue	42,000	-	-	42,000	-	-	-	42,000	
16 Total Cost	\$82,500	\$0	\$0	\$82,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,500	
17 DM Renewal									
18 Number of Pieces	36,000	31,212		29,105					
19 Cost Per Piece	\$1.25	\$0.93		\$1.24					
20 Response Rate	19%	7.50%		6%					
21 Number of Responders	6,840	2,341		1,746					
22 Avg Gift	\$49	\$46		\$44					
23 Total Revenue	\$335,160	\$107,681		\$76,838					
24 Total Cost	\$45,000	\$29,027		\$36,090					
25 DM Stewardship									
26 Number of Pieces			38,429						41,(
27 Cost Per Piece			\$1.50						\$1
28 Response Rate			4%						
29 Number of Responders			1,537						1,6
30 Avg Gift			\$44						\$
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Channel / Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Septemb
 DM Leadership Renewal / Special	504			422					
Number of Pieces	504			433					1
 Cost Per Piece	\$2.00			\$1.50					
Response Rate	14%			6%					
Number of Responders	71			26					
Avg Gift	\$120			\$100					
Total Revenue	\$8,467			\$2,601					
Total Cost	\$1,008			\$650					
DM Leadership Upgrade									
Number of Pieces					3,528				
Cost Per Piece					\$1.50				
Response Rate					5%				
Number of Responders					176				
Avg Gift					\$80				
Total Revenue					\$14,112				
Total Cost					\$5,292				
TM Conversion									
Universe	36,000								2
Penetration Rate	40%								
Completed Calls	14,400								
Cost/Call	\$5.00								
Expenses	\$72,000								\$4
Response Rate to Monthly	2.00%								
Number of Monthly Donors	288								
Avg Gift	\$17								
Monthly File	\$4,896								
 Cumulative Monthly Revenue	\$4,896	\$4,847	\$4,799	\$4,751	\$4,703	\$4,656	\$4,609	\$4,563	
Response Rate to <u>Single</u>	6%	¢ 1,0 11	\$ 1,1.55	\$ 1,101	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	¢ .,ccc	

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Channel / Activity	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
TM Reactivation									
Universe	13,281								
Penetration Rate	40%								
Completed Calls	5,312								
Cost/Call	\$5.00								
Expenses	\$26,562								
Response Rate	6%								
Number Reactivated	319								
Avg Gift	\$35								
Total Revenue	\$11,156								
Online Marketing/Web									
Online	20,289	20,390	20,492	20,595	20,698	20,801	20,905	21,010	21
Response Rate (0.2% per email)	0.60%	0.60%	0.60%	0.40%	0.30%	0.30%	0.30%	0.20%	0
Total Gifts	122	122	123	82	62	62	63	42	
Average Gift	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	
Total Email Revenue	\$4,869	\$4,894	\$4,918	\$3,295	\$2,484	\$2,496	\$2,509	\$1,681	\$2
Online Marketing/Web Launch Expense	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4,167	\$4
Third-Party Event									
Number of Registrants					259	517	259		
Revenue per Registrant					\$55	\$55	\$55		
Total Raised from Individuals					\$14,229.67	\$28,459.35	\$14,229.67		
Total Sponsorship					\$60,000		. ,		
TOTAL EVENT Revenue					\$74,229.67	\$28,459.35	\$14,229.67		
TOTAL COST				\$30,000	\$20,000				
City Campaigns / F2F				<i><i><i>voojooo</i></i></i>	\$20,000				
	\$0	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	\$0	\$25,000	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Set-up Costs Cost Per Monthly Donor	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$325	\$
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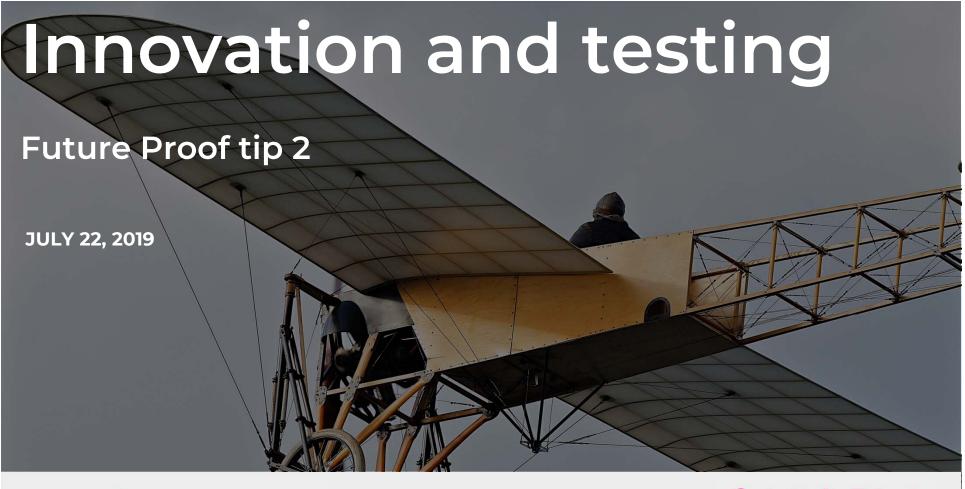
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Legacy									
Fulfilled Bequest	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Average Bequest	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297	\$43,297
Total Bequest (Fulfilled Revenue)	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70
Legacy Materials	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Legacy Prospect Mailings									
Pieces	5,418								5,987
Cost per piece	\$4.00								\$4.00
Total Cost	\$21,670.00								\$23,949.21
Response Rate (Info Request/Bequest									
Confirmation)	4%								4%
Responses	217								239
Staffing Costs	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$5,800
Misc Costs (Travel etc)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal Costs	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
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Events	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
TOTAL LEGACY COSTS	\$37,470.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$15,800.00	\$39,749.21
TOTAL LEGACY REVENUE	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70	\$90,923.70
NET LEGACY REVENUE	\$53,453,70	\$75.123.70	\$75,123.70	\$75,123.70	\$75,123.70	\$75,123,70	\$75,123.70	\$75,123.70	\$51,174.49
Major Gifts	·/	···/		+			<i>••••</i>	+	<b>, , , , , , , , , ,</b>
Number of Major Gifts	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Average Major Gift	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total Revenue	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Major Gift Materials	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Staffing Costs	\$11.700	\$11,700	\$11,700	\$11.700	\$11,700	\$11,700	\$11.700	\$11,700	\$11.700
Misc Costs (Travel etc)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
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#### How to test aka Innovation by stealth

- Testing is a lifestyle, be brave!
- Everything you do is a test if you iterate on it and improve it the next time
- Opportunity is everywhere especially in failure
- It's always better to know than not know



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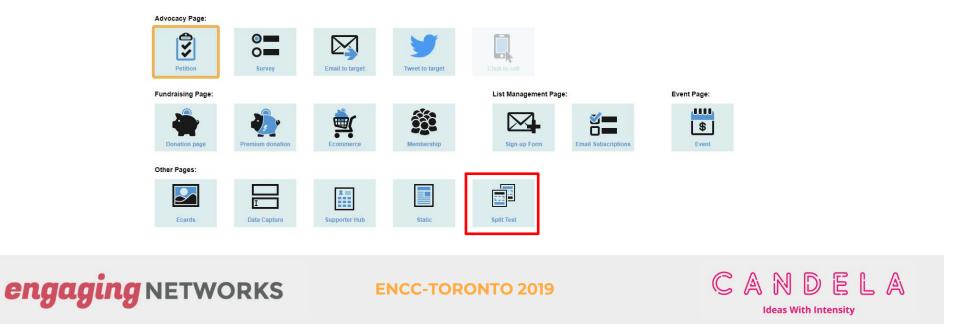
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  - Split Email Testing



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# Quick testing options – Google Survey

- For a modest investment you can Future Proof against failure by trying to get a sense of how people respond to your creative ideas.
- These cost around \$225 USD for 1500 responses in Canada, which provides a statistical significance.

#### Please complete the following survey to access this premium content.

Which of the these two statements would motivate you more to support an international charity?



OR

分 Show me a different question

Skip survey

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### Acquisition: fueling your fundraising engine

- Future-proofing through multi-channel integration!
- If one channel is underperforming, you are protected by the success of other channels.



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### Looking at the forest (through the trees)



 The key to Future Proofing is to bring your analysis together in a full, integrated, high level view to understand the big picture.

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### The big picture?



- We know, the big picture can sometimes be very difficult to see.
- Teams are often siloed, and are so busy that they can only see the next deliverable for the next campaign.

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### The big picture – start small

Can you bring your digital and direct mail teams together once a month to share information on what they are working on or start talking about how you measure to find alignment? Can one person be assigned the task of plotting out all the campaigns into a shared calendar that are running in every vertical? (don't worry about coordinating them yet, just get a snapshot).

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### The big picture – have more capacity?

Consider formalizing annual alignment with shared goals between marketing, fundraising, advocacy and program functions. Consider integrated annual planning and cross functional working groups along with short daily (or weekly) team meetings to keep things on track.

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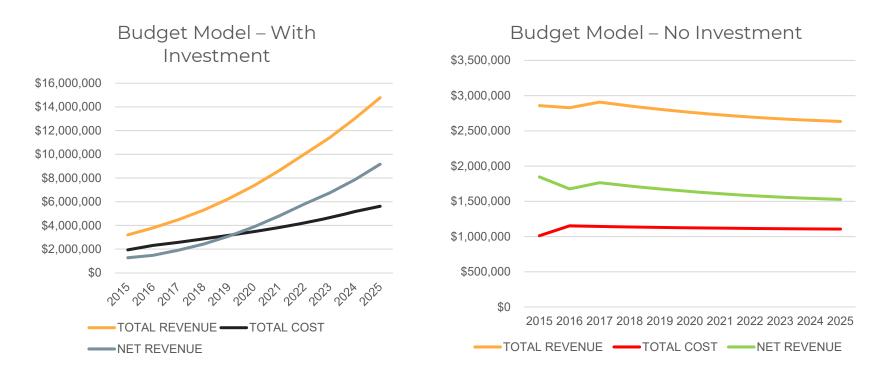
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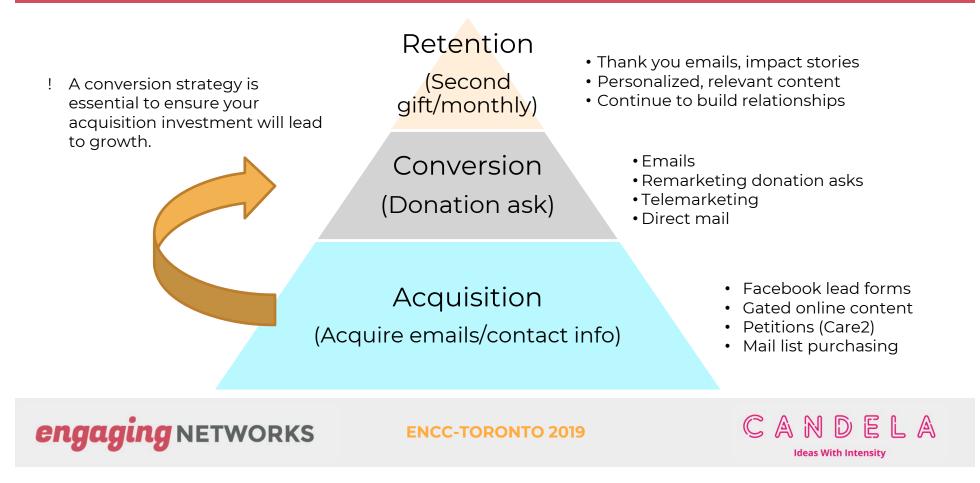
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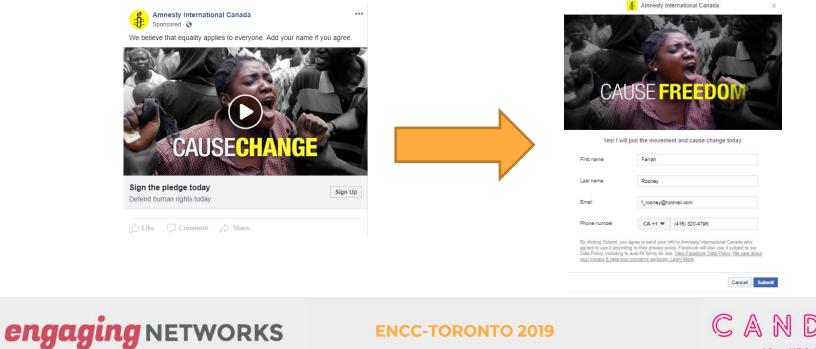


#### Low barrier asks, and conversion!



#### Evergreen pledges: Cause Change case study

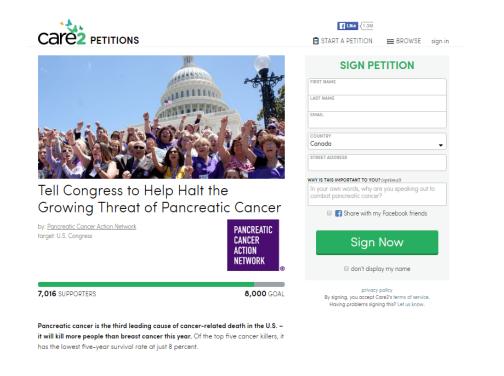
#### • Around 3,500 leads in 16 weeks.



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#### Petitions: PanCan and Care2

#### • 5,000 new leads in 8 days



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#### Petitions: Face to Face

- Petitions can be a very handy approach for in-person lead generation
- In addition to potentially serving a mission deliverable
- Volunteers are often more ready to collect signatures or offer a premium in exchange for contact information in person



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## Alignment

• It's also important to built management strategies into your organization to establish a future-proofed foundation.



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### Budgeting – Invest in retention and training

• A culture of innovation (or any culture) can deteriorate quickly, so invest to bake it into the culture with buy in for the whole team and make it routine (i.e. a monthly cross team meeting to brainstorm, innovation fund, which can lead into next point)





- Hiring and training on future-proofing tactics.
- Create an innovation fund, so staff aren't afraid to take calculated risks with funds.



 Hold monthly cross department brainstorming sessions to encourage communication and buy in.

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#### Budgeting – Innovation Fund National Cupcake Day

- National Cupcake Day was gifted to the BC SPCA from the Australian SPCA and ran it in the first year as a pilot (which took the pressure off... a bit)
- Created in 4 months (over year end!)
- Had \$15,000 budget and raised \$160K in the first year
- Since gone on to raise millions across Canada



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#### Future Proof tip 5

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## New can be good

 By taking small steps, putting in process, integration and testing, you can establish the building blocks to take responsible risk.



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## Be transparent in why

 Having the numbers in place can provide you with a clear path to invest in change and to fail quickly and responsibly.



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# Thank You.

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