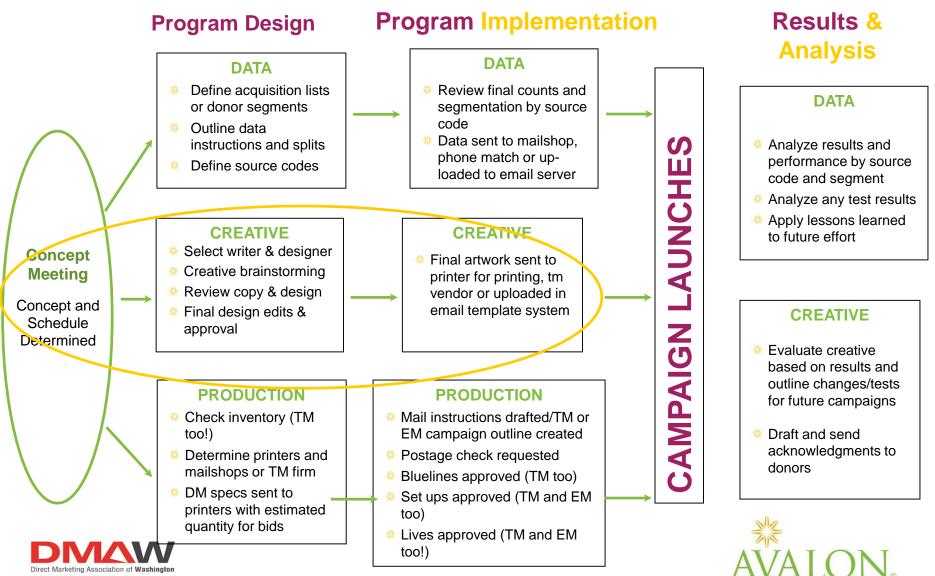




March 13, 2019

Evolution Of A Campaign





Program Areas & their Creative Strategies



Renewing Current Donors

Renewals ask donors to renew their support each year.

- *Timing*: can be annual, quarterly or monthly (based on an individual's expiration date)
- *Frequency*: continue to add efforts until no longer netting money
- Messaging/Focus:
 - Institutional messaging
 - Stresses importance of renewing
 - Why donor support makes a difference
 - Where the money goes
- Audience:
 - 0-24 months donors for annual/0-12 months for monthly/quarterly
 - \$10 to major donors (renewals work, even for those up to \$4,999)
- Channels:
 - corresponding e-renewals should go out with each effort (or at least every other effort)
 - telemarketing effort should be tested in the 3rd of 4th effort (*early position testing can boost renewal rate*)





Special Appeals

Appeals request an additional gift from donors above and beyond their annual renewal contribution.

- *Timing/Frequency*: sent throughout the year in coordination with the renewal schedule
- *Messaging/Focus*: issue based, additional needs, special projects, urgent situations, annual fund (*institutional*), matching gift
- *Audience*: 0-24 month donors, \$15 (*test \$10 folks too!*) to major donors (*appeals can successfully include donors who give up to \$4,999*)
- Channels: use them all
 - direct mail up to 9 or 10 a year
 - email can correspond with DM efforts or stand alone; useful for urgent needs
 - telemarketing once or twice a year





Sustainer Conversion

Sustainer conversion efforts ask donors to give monthly, on-going support with no expiration date.

- *Timing/Frequency*: within first six months for new joins, on-going monthly or quarterly efforts for everyone else
- Messaging/Focus: on-going support; funds ready when needed; less mail for the donor

 more of their gift goes to the mission
- Audience: 0-24 month donors, focus on new joins and frequent, low dollar donors, plus donors up to \$250
- Channels:
 - Telemarketing is best
 - Email can be less expensive, but with lower conversion rates
 - Direct Mail can be an option
 - Don't overlook website pages





Reinstating Lapsed Donors

Reinstatement efforts ask donors who have not given in over 24 months to reengage and renew their support.

STRATEGY:

• Timing/Frequency/Channel:

- 3-4 direct mail efforts
- 1-2 telemarketing calls
- Send corresponding e-efforts with the DM efforts
- Longer lapsed folks can be included in acquisition efforts

• Messaging/Focus (DM/TM/EM):

- messaging should be institutional
- stress importance of renewing, how individual supports helps, and where the money goes
- in acquisition, they can receive the same package and messaging as new joins
- Audience:
 - test to determine productivity. Start with 25-60 months lapsed in DM, TM and EM
 - add 72 months+ to acquisition efforts.
 - lower dollar names might be best in acquisition, if at all.

Likelihood of a donor giving is directly correlated to recency of their last gift – don't wait!





Types of Acquisition Programs

Acquisition helps acquire new donors to an organization.

- *Traditional*: supports the organization's mission and personally connects with the cause.
- *Membership-based:* motivated by the cause AND interested in receiving benefits, understand the commitment of a yearly donation to continue their membership and will consider making additional contributions (*multi-givers*).
- **Premium-based:** may be motivated by the cause but are generally motivated by the premium. (*May need additional premiums to further the relationship*).
- A timeless case for support helps bring in lifelong donors, however, some event or issue-based messaging can be tested with great success.
- Direct mail is still the predominant channel to acquire new donors. However, telemarketing can be used successfully to convert very warm prospects and online activists. Email and the web are great list builders if you have a compelling reason for people to sign up. A conversion strategy (a welcome series) can help you turn them into donors if implemented on a timely basis.







Getting Started Planning for a great campaign



Campaign Strategy Outline

Define the Universe

• segmentation – who are you contacting?

Define the Creative and Program Strategy

- case for giving
- call to action
- ask strings

Define your Tests

- What metric are you trying to change?
- How will you measure success?







Creative Strategy & Testing



Effective Fundraising Copy

Effective fundraising copy is a science and an art and must include certain elements.

- Case for support: why does your organization need money and how will it be used?
- Communicate effective stewardship you will use their money responsibly. (*through copy, art and treatment*)
- Highlight important projects.
- Describe the breadth and scope of your organization's work.
- Make the donors feel included *must be about YOU (the donor) not you (the organization)*





Avalon's Seven Elements of Fundraising Success



Identify the Problem or Opportunity

Pinpoint a specific problem or opportunity that needs a response.



Identify a Deadline/ Be Urgent

Provide a date or deadline with a reason why immediate response is needed.



Identify the Enemy

Name the opposition or villain who is part of the problem and/or is blocking the solution.



Be Relevant

Use issues or current events that donors care about and can relate to in their daily lives.



Be Specific

Clearly outline how the donor's contribution will be used and how it makes a difference.



Be Emotional

Tell a story that tugs on the heart strings, evokes anger, guilt, or hits home to the donor and their family.



Be the Solution

Tangibly outline how the donor is part of the solution. Provide specific information about how to fix the problem or take advantage of this opportunity.





Testing Strategy Testing is essential to have a healthy, productive direct marketing program.

- 1. Each organization is different and not all best practices are universal.
- 2. Determine what works for *your* organization.
- 3. Test making incremental or large changes, seeing their impact, while minimizing the overall risk.
- 4. Finding ways to improve performance can save money and improve the bottom line.

Things to remember about testing:

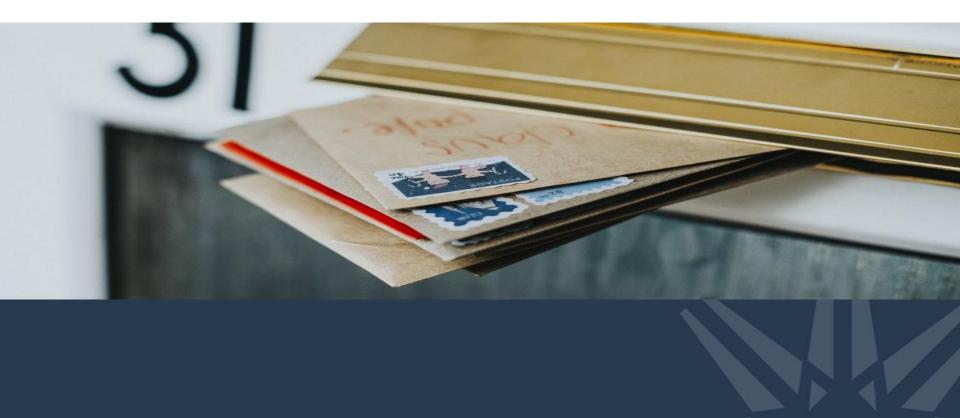
- ✓ Test one element at a time
- ✓ Test to save cost (*formats, components*) or boost response rate (*offer, teasers, treatments*)

Ensure the statistical significance of your test panel.





Package Strategy



4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package

1.Outer Envelope (carrier, OE)2.Letter3.Reply Form4.Reply Envelope (RAE, BRE)





4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Carrier

1. Outside Envelope

- State organization name and address (as registered if mailing 3rd class nonprofit)
- Postage treatment?
- Teaser?
- Window or closed face?
- Design: Size, paper type/color, logo, images?

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4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Letter

2. Letter

- Donor name and address correct?
- Easy to read/skim? (Eighth grade level; underline, bolding, etc.)
- Addressing the 7 elements?
- Johnson Box/Compelling Intro?
- Ask on page 1?
- Long enough copy to make your point?
- Who signed it?
- Frequent use of the words "You" and "Your gift"?
- P.S.?
- PROOFREAD!!!!!!





4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Letter

From the desk of... Abby Potash

Project Manager Team HOPE

Dear Friend,

the panic wasn't immediate. But it didn't take long to start.

My ex-husband was supposed to drop off our 10-year-old son, Sam, at summer camp and I was to pick him up. Yet when I showed up at camp that July afternoon in 1997, the counselors told me Sam had not come that day.

My heart pounded as I desperately tried to think of where he could have gone. Was he in an accident and at a local hospital? I called them all with no luck.

When I arrived at my ex-husband's apartment and saw that it was empty, my heart stopped as reality sunk in. <u>He had kidnapped my baby and left</u>.

I soon learned that my ex-husband had also emptied out Sam's \$40,000 college fundgiving him enough cash to disappear without a trace for a significant amount of ume.

My mind raced with all the awful scenarios my sweet bey might be experiencing—was he scared? Was he safe? Did he think <u>Thad let this happen</u>? Or worse, that I didn't want him anymore? And as the tears of panic literally choked me, I wondered—<u>would I ever see him</u> <u>again</u>?

Soon, my panic turned to determination. NOTHING was going to keep me from finding my son. I reached out to the local police, to my friends, to the Internet, and was eventually put in touch with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children—and that is why I am writing to you today.

I cannot describe to you the sense of hope working with the National Center gave me. They shared my determination to find Sam—and they did everything they could to get the word out about his abduction.

Em sure you can understand what this kind of expertise and support means to parents in my situation—and I hope that you will help the National Center continue its crucial work today. Please send a gift of \$25 or more so we can guarantee that the next pancked parent who calls the National Center will receive the same expert help and support that I received when I faced the unthinkable.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was truly there for me in every way imaginable.

In addition to working with various police departments to follow up on possible leads, the National Center also made sure Sam's picture was featured in an ADVO mailer. For over

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25 years, ADVO, Inc. (acquired by Valassis in 2007) has worked in partnership with the National Center and the U.S. Postal Service on its "America's Looking for Its Missing Children" program—the source of those familiar "Have You Seen Me?" postcards that bear the names and photos of lost children. Since I didn't know where Sam had been taken, ADVO sent the mailer all across the country.

And while I waited for someone to recognize my Sam and call, I went into overdrive. I created a website telling his story. I sent out tens of thousands of e-mails appealing for help in finding him. I contacted trucking companies all across the country in the slim hope that one of their drivers would spot Sam.

<u>I'm not going to lie to you—those months when Sam was missing were the longest,</u> <u>most painful months I have ever endured</u>. Each day that passed without Sam was more painful than the one before.

The first day of school. Holidays. Family gatherings. In addition to the daily ups and downs, all those waypoints that we use to mark time in our lives were suddenly an emotional rollercoaster because Sam wasn't there. I was consumed with frightening thoughts about his safety and well being.

Those are the times when you just want to be able to pick up the phone and pour your heart out to someone who's been there and understands what you're feeling. Family and friends were desperate to try to help, but they couldn't truly understand the anguish I lived with.

That's why, when the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children created its Team HOPE program in 1998, I jumped at the opportunity to be involved. Team HOPE (Help Offering Parents Empowerment) is made up of moms, dads, and other family members who have endured the hardship of having a child ripped out of their lives.

Team HOPE's trained volunteers offer empowerment, resources, and emotional support—helping families keep hope alive that their son or daughter will be recovered.

For families facing the unthinkable crisis of a missing child, Team HOPE offers a place where they can talk, connect, and share experiences with caring people who understand precisely how they feel—<u>and it is just one of the many important programs offered by the</u> National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

With the support of caring people like you from across the country, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children also provides:

 NetSmartz Workshop. The Internet can be a very dangerous place for children. Monsters who prey on kids can strike up friendships with them by posing as caring "friends." NetSmartz Workshop is designed to give kids the tools they need to be savvier and safer Internet users. It also has resources for parents, grandparents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement to better understand our role in keeping kids safer from predators lurking online.

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4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Letter

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- Law Enforcement Training. The National Center's Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center was created to provide law enforcement with the investigative skills needed to respond to missing and exploited children cases. To date more than 296,880 law-enforcement, criminal/juvenile-justice, and healthcare professionals have participated in training.
- Take 25. Kids are counting on adults in their lives to provide sound, practical advice about how to be safer. That's what the National Center's Take 25 campaign is all about. It encourages adults to spend just 25 minutes talking to the children they love about the simple strategies they can follow to protect themselves against predators.

And when the very worst happens, families turn to the National Center's Team HOPE. But to ensure that the National Center can be there for every adult or child who seeks help, people like you need to get involved.

I can tell you what a critical difference the National Center makes because I'm one of the lucky ones. <u>My Sam was found</u>.

The day Sam was recovered, I got a phone call from law enforcement. I was so overwhelmed, I could barely process what they were saying. It turns out, a woman had indeed recognized Sam from the ADVO mailer and called the police.

Sam was recovered in Texas, and I was living in New Jersey—so I immediately booked a flight. I ran to the gate and tried to be patient during the long flight—I though I could run faster than the plane could fly. The stewardess knew I was going to recover my son and asked what she could do for me.

I told her, "Just let me off the plane first."

And they did.

When I got off the plane, I saw this boy running toward me and he just grabbed me. Sam had been missing for almost nine months, and he had grown so much in our time apart. When I held him in my arms and he looked up at me, I was overcome with emotion. You cannot put those moments into words.

The first thing he said was, "You look so tired." And yet to me, it was like my life had just begun.

* * *

And I am proud to say that Team HOPE has expanded its services to support families whose children have been victimized and sexually exploited.

I feel those of us who are blessed to have our children back with us have a sense of "responsibility"—I'm not sure that's the right word—but it's my passion, it's my cause, to help other families and to stop this from happening to anyone else.

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And that's what drives the National Center, as well. While we want to be there for families in crisis, the National Center's biggest goal is to stop that crisis from happening in the first place.

That's why prevention programs are so important—and why your support today can make such an incredible difference. When you send your tax-deductible gift, you will quite literally give adults and kids the tools they need to keep our nation's youth safer.

And so I want to ask you—with all of my heart—to support the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children today.

Every day more children are put in harm's way-and the National Center needs more caring adults to take action to protect our kids.

Your donation will mean that parents will always have a resource to reach out to when faced with the tragedy of a missing child. And by sending a gift, you will help us keep hope alive for parents who would give anything to have their children back home.

In the end, that's what kept me going—the hope that Sam would be recovered safely and we would be together again. After almost nine months of waiting, worrying, and wondering, my dream came true.

Today, Sam is a happy, healthy adult. He, too, is an advocate for missing children. We've been on a remarkable journey together. But for us, the journey isn't over—and won't be until every missing child is brought safely home.

<u>Please consider offering the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children your</u> <u>support today</u>. A gift of just \$25 can help change lives—just ask Sam and me.

Sincerely,

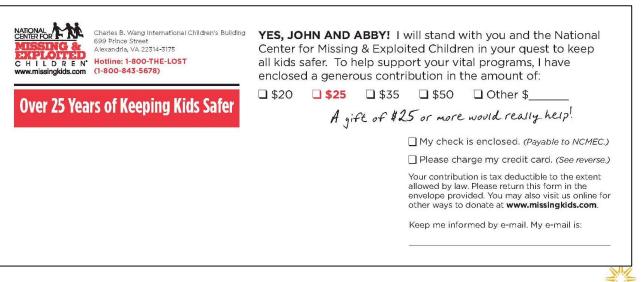
Abby Potash Project Manager, Team HOPE

Many parents are not as lucky as I was—their children are still missing. And tragically, thousands of other parents will face the trauma of having a missing child in the months ahead. Please take a moment to send your donation to help prevent abductions and exploitations—and keep kids safer.

4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Reply

3. Reply

- Donor name and address correct?
- Easy for the donor to complete?
- Source Code?
- Payment options with complete information?







4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Reply Envelope

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 - Correct return address?
 - BRE (Business Reply Envelope) or RAE (Return Address Envelope)?
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4 Critical Components of a Direct Mail Package: Extras

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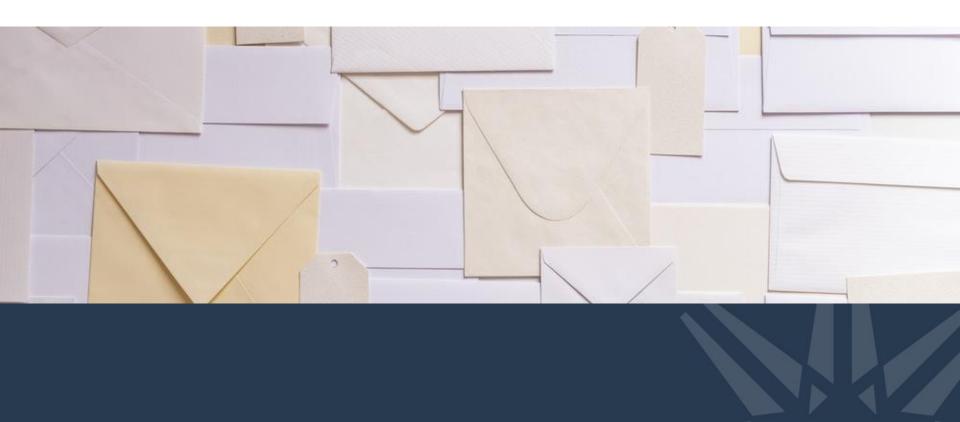
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Der Rasenkanalier im Concert, wich Renée Fleming / Christoph Eschenbach, conductor (Mar. 8, 2014) Marking 150 years since Richard Strausis birth, soprano Renée Fleming headlines a concert performance of the composer's comic open that features Scanh Connolly, Marisol Monalvo, Franz Hawlata, Steve Davislim, and Washington Chorus.

Blue Note at 75 (May 9-11, 2014)

As the culminating event of a celebration of the /5th anniversary of Blue Note Records, artists from the iconic labels roster perform on May 11, including bornh Jones, Cassandta Wilson, and Jason Moran. On the days before, do not miss multi-Grammy Award^a-winning trumpeer and Blue Note artist Terence Blanchard, who returns to the Center with his quinter for the first time in three years, and Grammy Award^a-winning hip-hop jarz pinait Robert Glasper, who brings his spontaneous spirit of adventure and experimentation to our Supervised Jaz Club.



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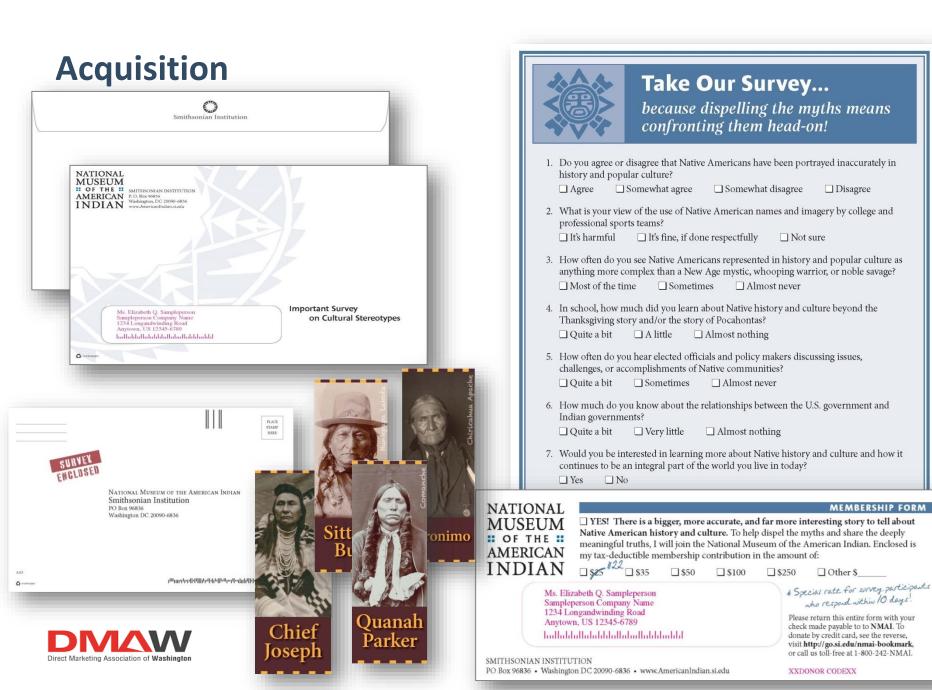
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Dear Friend,

Blackhawk helicopters ... cigar store Indians ... Jeep Cherokees ... Red Man Chewing Tobacco ... the Kansas City Chiefs and Washington Redskins. It seems Indians are everywhere in America.

But what do we really know about Native peoples? How much have you been told about Quanah Parker, Geronimo, Sitting Bull or any of the other important figures featured on the set of free bookmarks I've enclosed for you today?

If the individual stories on your bookmarks are unfamiliar to you, you're not alone.

It's not because you're uninterested or don't care. Quite the contrary! I'm sure you're a thoughtful, curious person who would be fascinated to learn the many ways your world today has been influenced and shaped by our hemisphere's original inhabitants.

Unfortunately, for centuries, history books and popular culture have separated Native American history from "American history." Native people who helped shape our country are recognized today as little more than car model names and team mascots.

If this angers you, it should. After all, as Americans, the ongoing story of the people who first walked the lands we call "home" is part of a story that belongs to all of us --- and you deserve to know it.

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The good news is that today you can. By taking just two actions right now, you supply comes can help go beyond the narrative you've been told about Native peoples, and ensure future from crops generations benefit from this history that has helped make our country — and world —First cultivated by what it is today. Native Americans - potatoes,

Take just one minute to complete the enclosed survey. It's a great beaus, corn, peanets, FIRST: starting point toward confronting the cultural stereotypes and pumpkins, tomatoes, historical fiction we've been told for far too long. The questions are squash, melows, straightforward and to the point - and I hope they make you pause and more! for a moment to think.

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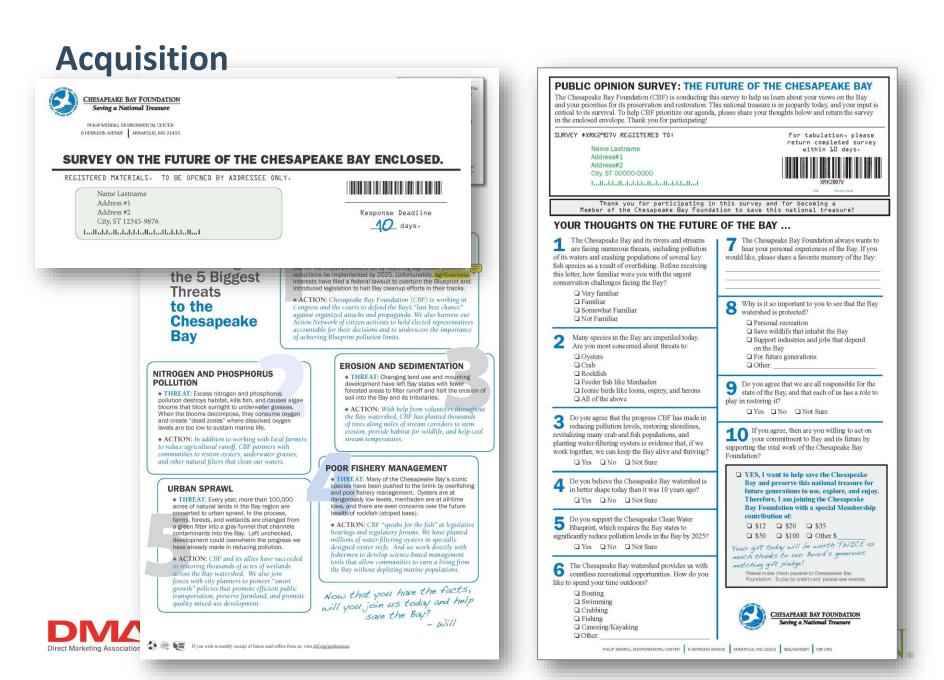
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Kevin Gover (Pawnee) Director

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No one plants a garden for today – they plant it for the promise of tomorrow. Gardens are hope made real.

Dear Friend,

If you take pleasure in working the soil through your fingers...

... if you can get lost in a gardening project, if the promise of rain is a gift...

...if you can look back at the earth you've tended and see in your mind's eye the beauty that will grow over time...

... then you are a gardener - a kindred spirit.

I'm the executive director of the American Horticultural Society, and <u>I've been looking</u> for you. We are a gathering of people – from experienced gardeners to those who are just getting their fingernails dirty for the first time, and with gardens both large and small – who want to share the joys of gardening with people of all ages.

And I want you to join with us today!

Full membership in the American Horticultural Society is available to you at a special S25 introductory rate – that's a \$10 savings off the standard membership to help us make the world a greener, cleaner, and more beautiful place.

And I'll send you a beautiful **Gardener's Tote bag** in thanks – the perfect way to bring gardening gear with you or get those groceries home.

In return for your membership support, we will provide you with wonderful benefits – including a full year (six issues) of *The American Gardener*, our award-winning flagship magazine. No matter your level of expertise, this publication will delight and inspire you...

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John Walsh

Co-Founder

Dear Friend.

When my wife Revé and I co-founded the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children over 25 years ago, our goal was to build something positive out of our personal tragedy.

Our son Adam had been abducted from a shopping mall and murdered. We didn't know much about child predators then - we didn't have things like the AMBER Alert or legislation regarding missing children. In fact, in 1984, it was easier to find a missing car than a missing child.

Today, I am proud that the National Center has assisted in the recovery of more than 175,230 children.

But even as I put this envelope in the mail, more kids are being reported missing (an estimated 2,000 children every day). In addition, one in five girls and one in ten boys will be sexually victimized before adulthood ... all while the Internet is silently letting predators into people's living rooms.

That's why parents like Abby Potash and I are so committed to the National Center's work to protect children from the unspeakable - and I urge you to get involved today.

You see, silence lets predators win. Together, however, we can confront child abduction and exploitation head-on. Our kids deserve no less.

> I Walk John Walsh

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Charles B. Wang International Children's Building 699 Prince Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3175



From the desk of ... **Abby Potash**

Project Manager Team HOPE

Dear Friend,

The panic wasn't immediate. But it didn't take long to start.

My ex-husband was supposed to drop off our 10-year-old son, Sam, at summer camp and I was to pick him up. Yet when I showed up at camp that July afternoon in 1997, the counselors told me Sam had not come that day.

My heart pounded as I desperately tried to think of where he could have gone. Was he

in an accident and at a local hospital? I called them all with no luck. When I arrived at my ex-husband's apartment and saw that it was empty, my heart

stopped as reality sunk in. He had kidnapped my baby and left.

I soon learned that my ex-husband had also emptied out Sam's \$40,000 college fundgiving him enough cash to disappear without a trace for a significant amount of time.

My mind raced with all the awful scenarios my sweet boy might be experiencing-was he scared? Was he safe? Did he think I had let this happen? Or worse, that I didn't want him

anymore? And as the tears of panic literally choked me, I wondered-would I ever see him again?

Soon, my panic turned to determination. NOTHING was going to keep me from finding my son. I reached out to the local police, to my friends, to the Internet, and was eventually put in touch with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children-and that is why I am writing to you today.

I cannot describe to you the sense of hope working with the National Center gave me. They shared my determination to find Sam-and they did everything they could to get the word

out about his abduction. I'm sure you can understand what this kind of expertise and support means to parents in my situation-and I hope that you will help the National Center continue its crucial work today. Please send a gift of \$25 or more so we can guarantee that the next panicked parent who calls the National Center will receive the same expert help and support that I received when I faced the unthinkable.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children was truly there for me in every

In addition to working with various police departments to follow up on possible leads, way imaginable. the National Center also made sure Sam's picture was featured in an ADVO mailer. For over

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HELP SAFEGUARD THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

One of the world's greatest treasures needs your help.

□ YES, I want to help protect the Galapagos Islands and the rare and wondrous plant and animal species that inhabit them. Galapagos Conservancy, the only organization in the U.S. focused exclusively on preserving the Galapagos Islands, will maximize the impact of my tax-deductible contribution of:

□ \$25 □ \$50 □ \$100# □ \$250 □ \$500 □ Other

* Hith a gift of #00 or more, you will receive a giant tortoise plack toy.



Include your email address to receive updates from Galapagos Conservancy (no more than two emails per month):

Please make your check payable to Galapagos Conservancy and return, along with your survey, in the envelope provided. Credit card gifts can be made on the reverse.

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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS SURVEY & CONSERVATION SUPPORT FORM



Please take a moment to answer the questions below about the conservation issues in the Galapagos Islands. Please return this entire form in the envelope provided.

1. Before receiving this letter and survey, how familiar were you with Galapagos and the conservation challenges in the islands?

Very familiar

- D Familiar
- Somewhat familiar

□ Not familiar

- 2. How important to you is it to ensure that places like the Galapagos Islands are conserved and protected for future generations? □ Very important
 - Important
 - □ Somewhat important
 - □ Not sure
- 3. How likely are you to visit the Galapagos Islands in the next two years?

Very likely

- □ Somewhat likely
- □ Not likely
- 4. Which animals native to Galapagos interest you the most? Please
 - check all that apply.
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 - Giant tortoises
 - □ Waved albatrosses
- □ Sea lions
- Blue-footed boobies
- □ Sally lightfoot crabs
- □ Marine iquanas
- Hammerhead sharks
- Darwin's finches

5. Would you support limits on tourism in Galapagos to protect the islands from invasive species?

□ Yes, tourism limits would help preserve the islands' unique plants and animals.

D No, tourism limits would hurt the local economy and reduce support for conservation.

- 6. How much of a priority do you think should be put on educating local communities in Galapagos to become active and engaged partners in conservation?
 - High priority
 - □ Moderate priority
 - Low priority
 - □ No priority
- 7. Galapagos Conservancy is active on many fronts. Which of the following Conservancy activities is the most important? Please rank from 1-5 with "1" being most important to you.
 - Restoration programs for species such as tortoises and mockinabirds
 - Expanding marine protected areas
 - Establishing and enforcing sustainable living practices Combating invasive species
- ___ Improving local education to benefit the environment
- 8. Would you be willing to spend as little as \$25 in support of Galapagos Conservancy to ensure that the next generation inherits a world where the islands are healthy and protected? □ Yes* D No

*If you answered yes, please join the Galapagos Conservancy today by returning your contribution of \$25 with this survey in the envelope provided.

Our thanks for taking the time to complete this survey. Your response is completely confidential. Results will be published periodically on our website. Please visit www.galapagas.org to view survey results.







The species of the Galapagos Islands thrived for thousands of years in isolation. But if we don't protect them now, they could disappear in the blink of an eye.

Will you take a few minutes right now to help save them?

Dear Friend,

Just a few minutes — that's all it will take for you to complete the enclosed Galapagos Islands Survey and help us save one of the planet's greatest natural treasures.

Even if you've never visited the islands, I'm willing to bet that when you hear the name *Galapagos* you can picture its dramatic landscapes and volcanic peaks ... the penguins diving along the shores ... spiky-headed marine iguanas lying on sun-baked rocks ... impossibly colorful blue-footed boobies ... and giant tortoises that move with ponderous grace.

The Galapagos Islands are like no other place on earth. For thousands of years this archipelago existed in isolation, an evolutionary workshop preserved and protected.

But no longer. Invasive species, global climate change, and unsustainable human activity are threatening the survival of Galapagos. <u>More than 40 Galapagos species — many of them</u> found nowhere else on earth — are now listed as critically endangered.

If we allow them to disappear from these islands, they will be lost forever.

The fate of these precious islands and their animal inhabitants is in our hands today — mine and yours. We cannot stand by and let these rare and wondrous animals go extinct!

That's why I hope you will join me in fighting to save the Galapagos Islands by completing the enclosed survey.

Your survey responses will be kept strictly confidential, but will be used to guide the work of Galapagos Conservancy, the <u>only</u> organization in the United States devoted solely to the preservation, restoration, and permanent protection of the Galapagos Islands and their astonishingly beautiful and important animals.

And when you return your completed survey to me in the enclosed envelope, please also include a generous gift of \$25 or more to help Galapagos Conservancy save the giant tortoises, iguanas, finches, boobies, and other wildlife of Galapagos.

By returning your survey and gift today, you will become a Friend of Galapagos.

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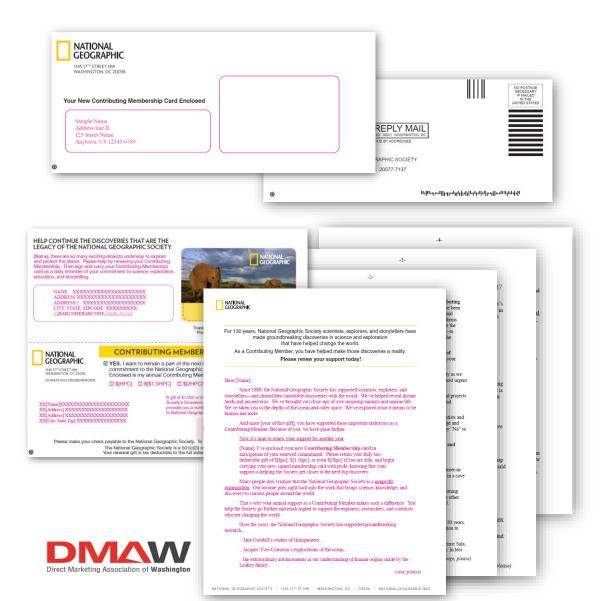
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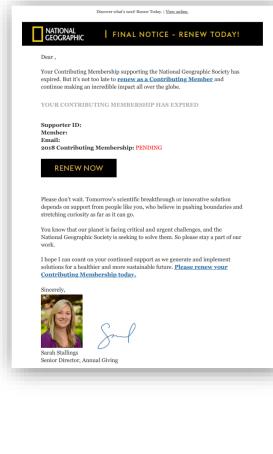
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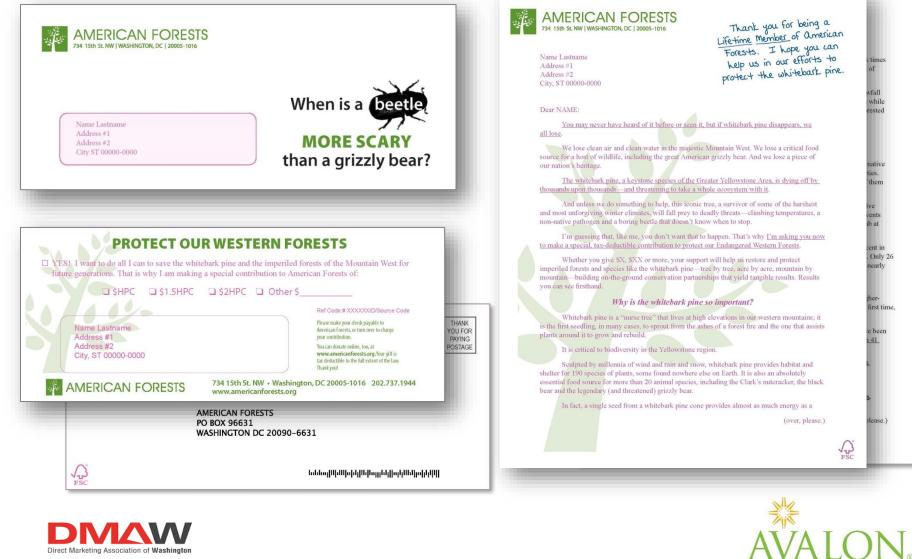






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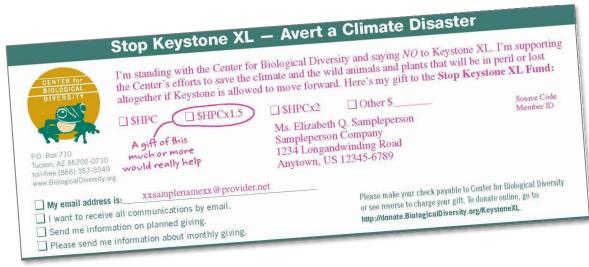
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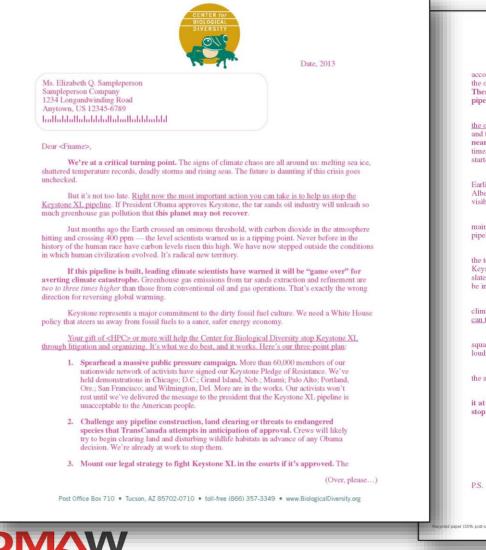
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Center has been challenging Keystone XL since 2011. We know the pipeline would break environmental laws, and we're the group to hold the industry accountable.

You've undoubtedly heard the oil industry tout the "economic benefits" of Keystone XL. Yet according to the State Department's own analysis, only 35 permanent jobs will be created. And much of the oil will be exported. Clearly the oil industry will enjoy the spoils while the rest of us bear the risks. There is no energy independence and no new wealth for the American people at the end of this pipeline — there's only more and more bad news. For example:

Oil Spills: They will happen. <u>The Center is leading the charge to tell Americans the truth about</u> the oil and gas industry. We just released a video exposing the drastic toll Big Oil takes on American lives and the economy. Since 1986, 7.978 pipeline incidents have resulted in 512 deaths, 2,360 injuries and nearly \$7 billion in property damage. The State Department says Keystone XL could spill up to 100 times during its lifetime. TransCanada's existing pipeline, Keystone 1, has already leaked 14 times since it started operating in June 2010, including one event that dumped 24,000 gallons of tar sands crude.

Polluted Rivers and Toxic Pools: Tar sands crude is so heavy, it's almost impossible to clean up. Earlier this year an 84,000-gallon tar sands oil spill in Arkansas foulded an entire neighborhood. The Alberta tar sands mining operation has polluted the Athabasca River, creating wastewater pits that are visible from space. Migratory birds die immediately on contact when they land in these pits.

Poisoned Water: Keystone will cross 340 water bodies and expose the Ogallala Aquifer, the main source of drinking water for millions of Americans, to oil spills and toxic chemicals when the pipeline leaks.

Loss of Wildlife: Wild animals will perish, both from the construction of the pipeline and from the toxins produced by oil spills. At least 20 imperiled bird and fish species will be put at risk by Keystone, including a remnant population of whooping cranes. With more than 875 miles of U.S. land slated for Keystone, pristine landscapes and fragile habitats — on public and private property — will also be in harm's way. Canadian boreal forests and caribou have already been destroyed.

Once again the Center is out on the front lines — not just talking about the coming wildlife and climate catastrophe, but taking concrete action to avert it on numerous fronts. <u>By helping the Center, you</u> can truly, tangibly help stop this potential climate disaster.

This is a moment of truth for President Obama. The biggest climate test in history is sitting squarely on this president's desk. We're pulling out all the stops to put pressure on him. Help us tell him loudly and clearly, on behalf of the people: *No Keystone XL*.

We need your financial and moral support to halt Keystone before it's game over, and too late for the animals, waterways, flyways, land and human life-support system that will be sacrificed.

Please give now to stop the Keystone XL and then take the "No Keystone" pledge by signing it at our website, NoKeystone.org. With your donation, your voice and your public stand, we can stop Keystone and avert a climate disaster.

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S. Even without oil spills, tar sands crude is such a dirty, inefficient fossil fuel that mining it out of the ground is an environmental disaster for the planet. Don't let this be 'game over' for our climate. Thousands of wild animals and plants already hover on the brink of extinction because of global warming. Please support our fight against Keystone XL today.

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From the desk of ELISABETH MACNAMARA

August 2, 2012

Barbara Jones 2030 M Street Northwest, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20036-3306

Dear Barbara Jones,

When 5 million eligible voters could be denied their right to cast a ballot, what kind of democracy is that? And what kind of government do we get?

Certainly not one that represents the people!

And that's just the way political operatives and their special interest friends want it. Their war on voters could keep millions of Americans from the polls on November 6, silencing the voices of those least heard and rarely listened to in this country-the poor, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and the differently abled.

Barbara Jones, Dive been writing to you about this urgent threat to our democracy for more than a year, and throughout that time the League of Women Voters has been doing all we can to stop these destructive laws aimed at manipulating the outcome of the 2012 elections and every

election thereafter. But with power barons like the billionaire Koch brothers and other ultraconservative special interests fighting against democracy at every turn, we have our work cut out for us.

Just look at the massive voter purge that Florida is attempting right now. Already political operatives have tried to scrub as many as 182,000 people from Florida's voter rolls, inaccurately

it turns out-and the Department of Justice has had to step in.

The League of Women Voters is fighting back with everything we have. But we need your help. I urge you to take two critical actions right now:

Review the enclosed 2012 Voter Protection Plan to become even more knowledgeable about the raging war on voters and the League's strategies for

FIRST: making sure people-not special interests-prevail.

Please send a generous contribution of \$35, \$55, or even more to help us put this plan into action and carry out all of our work for a fair and free democracy SECOND: between now and November 6.

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PART 1: THE WAR ON VOTERS

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Our democracy is at stake in the 2012 election.

Ultraconservative special interests and deep-pocketed political operatives across America are waging an all-out war on voting rights. They have passed dozens of anti-voter laws, many of which will be in effect when voters head to the polls in just a few weeks.

These laws aren't just words on paper written by a handful of extreme conservatives. They are a calculated, strategic attempt to silence the voices of those least heard and rarely listened to in this country: the poor, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and persons with disabilities.

- · Thirty states have put in place an unnecessary requirement for voters to show special identification even though they are properly registered to vote.
- · Ten of these states require voters to present government-issued photo IDs. ***As many as 18 percent of seniors and 25 percent of African Americans do not have government-issued photo IDs.
- · Several states have passed laws that require people to provide proof of citizenship before registering to vote.
 - ***This requirement could be an insurmountable barrier for as many as 7 percent of Americans, including millions of elderly African Americans who were born at home and never issued birth certificates.
- · Florida is now one of the most difficult places for citizens to cast a ballot. ***The state has examined as many as 182,000 names of individuals for possible
 - purging from Florida's voter rolls, despite the fact that hundreds of these individuals have already been proven to be legal voters (a mere 10 have not).

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Personal Response to John Walsh

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Please provide or update your email address to receive important news updates and information to keep children safer.

My email address is___

Have you included NCMEC in your estate plans?



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Dear [Name],

You and I have likely never met. But as an NJPAC member, you changed my life.

When I was in third grade at Lady Liberty Academy Charter School, I was the class clown. I craved attention and would go to just about any length to get it. I'm pretty sure I was driving my teacher nuts-because when a teaching artist from NJPAC came to our school and asked teachers to recommend students to participate in a special performing arts program, she submitted my name.

To say my world changed instantly is no exaggeration.

Through NJPAC, I found an outlet for my creative energy. I had a place to go where being creative and silly was supported, and big emotions were explored. Acting became my way of learning about myself and others ... and it became my goal.

To a kid who most of society didn't expect to amount to much, having a goal meant everything. I had a reason to go to school and get good grades. I had a reason to stay out of trouble and make good choices. For the first time, my hopes and dreams felt within my reach-as long as I worked hard and stayed focused.

And NJPAC gave me more than career ambitions. Whether or not kids are interested in a career in the performing arts, they gain so much from the NJPAC arts education experience ...

gain confidence.

gain friendships.

gain—often for the first time—the feeling that they are worth something.

nagine what it's like for a kid who is used to standing on street corners and being piciously, to find himself standing on the stage of NJPAC's Victoria Theater with g at him, and applauding/ Imagine the joy a girl feels performing jazz tunes she n her grandparent's apartment-with her grandparents in the audience!

are the moments you make possible as a member of NJPAC-and I urge continue unleashing the creative spirit in New Jersey's youth by offering ial gift today.

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YES, I care about giving New Jersey's children a chance to experience and enrich their lives through the performing arts. That's why I am proud to enclose a tax-deductible contribution to support all of NJPAC's great work and programming.

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From the desk of NJPAC President and CEO

John Schreiber

Dear NJPAC Member,

One of the things I do regularly at the Arts Center is thank Members. I do it often and enthusiastically: after all, nothing we do here would be possible without your generosity.

Every day, Members like you are helping NJPAC transform the performing arts and arts learning community in New Jersey. Because of your support, those of us on this side of the Hudson don't need to travel to Manhattan for great orchestra, dance, cabaret, pop, jazz or family programming. Your support also helps bridge the gap between ticket sales and NJPAC's operating costs.

Nothing L can say better conveys the difference that Members like you make, especially in the lives of children, than the enclosed letter from Shamsuddin Abdul-Hamid, an amazing young man who credits NJPAC's arts education programs for changing his life.

I've known Sham since I first arrived at NJPAC, and, as you'll read, he's a remarkable talent with a great heart and a huge future. <u>But a child doesn't need</u> to be an aspiring stage or screen star to gain powerful benefits from NJPAC's arts education activities.

They need curiosity ... an eagerness to discover a place where they feel they belong ... and friends like you.

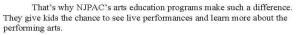
Without support from dedicated NJPAC Members, we wouldn't be the leader we are today in arts learning, serving more than 60,000 children each season. There would be no free performances for kids and the community. There would be no success stories like Sham's.

So won't you keep the amazing power of NJPAC alive and thriving for Newark and New Jersey by sending a generous gift today? Your special support will help the performing arts remain a vibrant, active presence in the lives of New Jersey children and keep the vision and mission of NJPAC strong.

Like Sham, many of the kids we serve are growing up in families who work hard, but still can't afford Broadway shows, music classes or dance lessons.

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My request to you today is straightforward and straight from the heart: please give a gift today to support programs like:

- Young Artist Institute—where children are exposed to a variety of acting, dance and music techniques, learn about the history of performing arts styles and gain the foundation needed to pursue their artistic passions.
- In-School Residences—NJPAC brings the joy of dance, music and theater directly into New Jersey classrooms. Each multi-week residency ends with a performance that teaches students to work together and believe in themselves.
- Summer Youth Performance Workshop—students are immersed in the performing arts for five weeks over the summer. Whether they focus on acting, modern dance, musical theatre or voice, children receive one-on-one support from our professional instructors, and enjoy a group setting that builds their confidence, skills and stage presence.

And, this summer, Sham himself is expecting to return to NJPAC to produce *Hamlet*—Newark-style! Sham is sure to make us proud—and set a positive example for today's arts education students.

But, the continuation of our arts education programs depends on you, our generous Members and supporters. I urge you to send a special contribution today to keep bringing New Jersey's youth opportunities to transform and enhance their lives through the performing arts.

Thank you in advance for your help.

All good wishes.

Best regards, John Schreiber

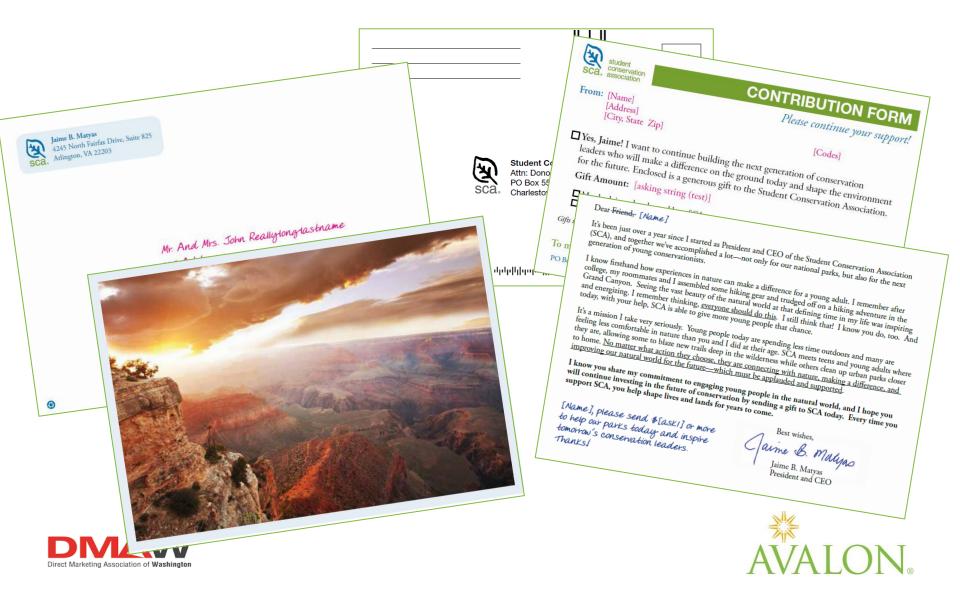
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President and CEO

P.S. Sham is a true success story, and I'm so proud to say "I knew him when..." But I'm equally proud of all the NJPAC kids who come through our doors each year ready to see how the performing arts can transform and enhance their lives.

On behalf of all of these kids-and all they can accomplish-please help.







Final Thoughts

- Direct marketing serves a valuable purpose by allowing a non-profit to reach out to its lower dollar supporters in a personalized, yet cost-efficient manner.
- Messaging should imply urgency and assure donors their contribution will be well stewarded and put towards an effective program.
- Remember: People give to people. Do your solicitations sound like they're coming from a human being, or an organization?
- Make sure you are testing and learning something each time you conduct a campaign; it's the only way to improve your program.
- Always make sure you say "Thank you" immediately, or all of your work will be for naught!







Thank you!

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