

Direct Marketing 101 Digital Fundraising

DM 101

WEEK

March 8 - 12 1 - 2 pm and/or 2 - 3 pm every day

What's happening online? Revenue grew 21% in 2020 and recorded its highest percentage of overall revenue – just 13%.

2020 ONLINE GIVING TRENDS BY SUBSECTOR

SUBSECTOR	YOY % CHANGE	SUBSECTOR	YOY % CHANGE
Animal Welfare	29.0%	Human Services	45.8%
Arts and Culture	7.0%	International Affairs	7.6%
Environment	13.7%	K-12 Education	8.7%
Faith-Based	26.9%	Medical Research	-26.2%
Healthcare	11.7%	Public and Society Benefit	0.3%
Higher Education	10.4%		

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL FUNDRAISING FROM ONLINE GIVING BY SUBSECTOR

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Animal Welfare	12.3%			
Arts and Culture	9.9%			
Environment	8.1%			
Faith-Based	17.7%			
Healthcare	4.5%			
Higher Education	5.2%			
Human Services	10.9%			
International Affairs	7.4%			
K-12 Education	13.5%			
Medical Research	8.0%			
Public and Society Benefit	6.6%			

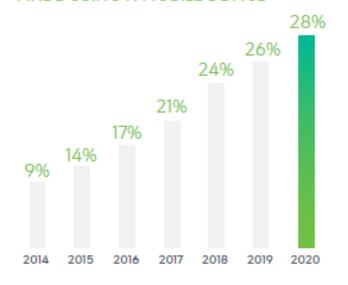
Source: 2020 Charitable Giving Report, Blackbaud

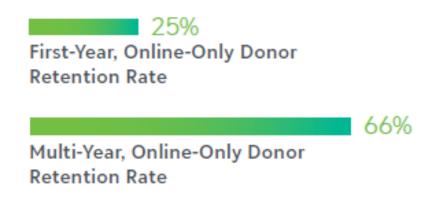




Mobile donations and online-only retention continue to rise.

PERCENTAGE OF ONLINE DONATIONS MADE USING A MOBILE DEVICE



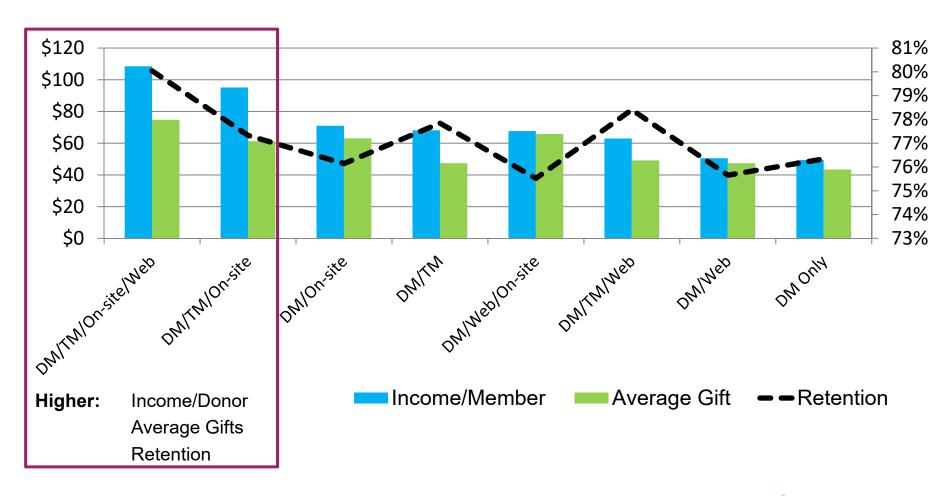


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Why is integration so important? More channels = better donors.







So what do I do with all these digital channels? Integrate communications to avoid confusion and save time.







Use master schedules to map out all communications.

MONTH	Acquisition	e-Acquisition	Appeals	e-Appeals	Renewals	e-Renewals	Sustainers	Online Sustainers
Jan-17	A0117 January Acquisition 1/11/17				R0117 Renewal #1 1/24/17	REA17 e-Renewal#1 1/31/17		
Feb-17		AEA17 Feb e-Acquisition (two emails) 2/16 and 2/23					S0117/S02117 Sustainer Invite/Reinstate TM 2/14/17	
Mar-17	A0217 March Acquisition 3/13/17				R0217 Renewal #2 3/09/17	REB17 e-Renewal #2 3/13/17		March Sustainer Email Invite (3 emails + Upgrade) 3/17, 3/24, 3/30
Apr-17			C0117 Appeal #1 4/6/17	CEA17 April e-Appeal 4/14/17	R0317 Renewal #3 4/6/17	REC17 e-Renewal #3 4/6/17	S0317/S0417 Sustainer Invite/Upgrade TM 4/25/17	
May-17	A0317 May Acquisition 5/16/17			CEB17 Membership Month e- Appeal Series (6 emails) 5/5, 5/12, 5/17, 5/22, 5/26, 5/30	R0417 Renewal #4 5/4/17	RED17 e-Renewal#4 5/1/17		
Jun-17		AEB17 June e-Acquisition (two emails) 6/14 and 6/21	C0217 Appeal #2 6/13/17		R0517 Renewal #5 6/8/17	REE17 e-Renewal #5 6/9/17		
Jul-17	A0417FSC July Acquisition 7/11/17		C0317 Appeal #3 7/13/17	CEC17July e-Appeal (two efforts) 7/20 and 7/27	R0617 Renewal #6 7/6/17	REF17 e-Renewal#6 TBD	S0517FSC Sustainer Invite TM 7/25/17 3.1M	
Aug-17		AEC17 Aug e-Acquisition (three emails) TBD	C0417 Major Donor Invite 8/15/17					August Sustainer Email Invite (3 emails + Upgrade) TBD
Sep-17	A0517 September Acquisition 9/12/17		C0517 Appeal #4 9/7/17	CED17 September e-Appeal Vet Care Send date: TBD				
Oct-17			C0617 Appeal #5 10/5/17	CEE17 October e-Appeal Farm Maint.			S0617/S0717/S0817 Sustainer Invite/Reinstate/Upgrade TM 10/24/17	
Nov-17	A0617 November Acquisition 11/8/17		C0717 Year End Appeal 11/7/17					November Sustainer Email Invite TBD
Dec-17			C0817 Year End Follow Up Appeal 12/5/17	CEF17 Year End e-Appeal Series (8 emails) TBD				





Attract site visitors with user-friendly sign-ups and website promotions

 Ask for appropriate information and limit what you require Splash pages bring attention to urgent campaigns and can be used for email collection









Collect email addresses everywhere.



Email address to receive our bimonthly Galapagos E-News

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

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in the U.S. focused exclusively on preserving the Galapagos Islands, will maximize the impact of my tax-deductible contribution of:

Sample Donor Name Address 1 Address 2 Address 3 City, State Zipcode

you will receive a Galapagos tortoise plush toy.

*With a gift of \$100 or mare,
you will receive a Galanagos
and return, along with your survey, in the envelope provided.
Credit card gifts can be made on the reverse.

Galapagos Conservancy

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2020 VOTER PROTECTION PLAN

☑ YES! I want to stand with the League of Women Voters in defense of our democracy and help ensure that every voter is able to safely cast a ballot and have it counted this November. Enclosed is my special contribution of:

□ \$2HPC □ \$1.5HPC □ \$HPC □ Other \$

[TITLE/S] [FULL NAME] [ADDRESS LINE #1] [ADDRESS LINE #2] [CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]

Source Code ID

LWVUS • PO BOX 11036 • Lewiston, ME 04243-9405 • www.lwv.org



Please provide your email address to connect with the League's online community:

Please make your check payable to the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and return it with this form in the enclosed envelope Please see the reverse to donate by credit card.

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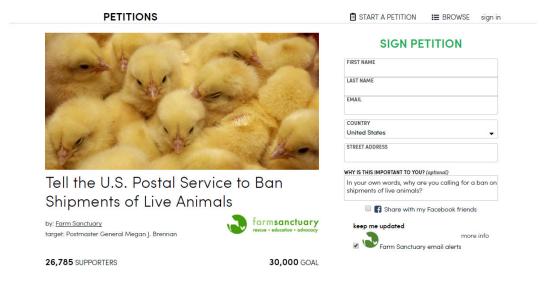
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Maximize lead generation and drive traffic.

- List chaperones
- Email appends
- Petition-based sites
- Social media/ digital ads
- Retargeting











Roll out the welcome mat to engage immediately after sign up

- Week 1 Welcome email
- Week 2 Take the quiz and watch this video
- Week 3 Action alert
- Week 4 Acquisition ask
- Week 5/8 Sustainer ask







Apply the same good fundraising disciplines as other channels

- Define the universe
 - Segmentation who are you emailing?
- Define the program strategy
 - Case for giving
 - Call to action
 - Ask string(s)
 - Technical/functionality
- Define creative/copy most appropriate for online
- Define your tests







Wed 8/2/2017 10:02 AM

It's time to renew!

Anatomy of an email

- Envelope information
- Ask and case for support
- Landing page



Discounts on hundreds of events and programs.



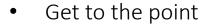


Supporting \$165



Craft an appropriate message for the audience, the time, and the need

 Test messaging style, tone, written vs. video, humor, etc.



 Think campaigns, not em blasts







Make it easy for your supporters so they will stay engaged

- Seamless transition from email to landing page and between channels
- Responsive design for email templates and donations forms
- Tappable buttons
- Mobile wallet options



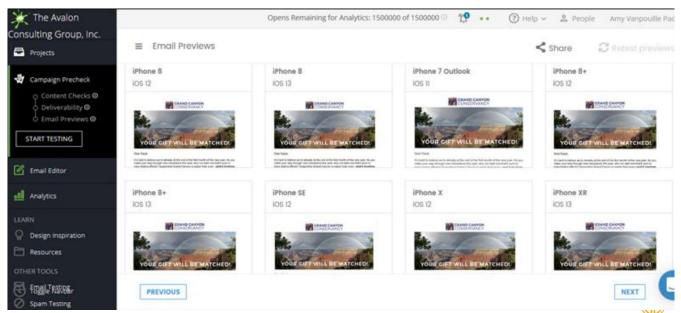




Preview communications on multiple platforms, use subject line testers





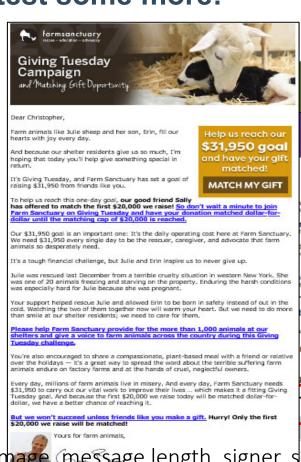






Test, test, and then test some more!

- Donation form layout
- Personalization (name, geo-location)
- HTML vs. text
- Callout placement
- Ask string order
- Other ideas: happy vs. sad image, message length, signer, send day



farmsanctuary

Giving Tuesday

and Matching Gift Doport

Farm animals like Julie sheep and her son, Erin, fill our hearts with joy every day.

Help us reach our \$31,950 goal

and have your gift matched!

It's a tough financial challenge, but Julie and Erin inspire us to never give up.

than smile at our shelter residents: we need to care for them.

But we won't succeed unless Farm Sanctuary monthly the first \$20,000 we raise will be matched?

President and Co-Founde

And because our shelter residents give us so much, I'm hoping that today you'll help give

It's Giving Tuesday, and Farm Sanctuary has set a goal of raising \$31,950 from members

To help us reach this one-day goal, our good friend Sally has offered to match the first \$20,000 we raise! So don't wast a minute to make a Giving Tuesday gift and have your donation matched dollar-for-dollar until the matching cap of \$20,000 is

Our \$31,950 goal is an important one: It's the daily operating cost here at Farm Sanctuary. We need \$31,950 every single day to be the resouer, caregiver, and advocate that farm animals so desperately need.

Julie was rescued last December from a terrible cruelty situation in western New York. She was one of 20 animals freezing and stanving on the property. Enduring the harsh conditions was especially hard for Julie because she was preparant.

Your support helped rescue Julie and allowed Erin to be born in safety instead of out in the cold. Watching the two of them together now will warm your heart. But we need to do more

You're also encouraged to share a compassionate, plant-based meal with a friend or relative

over the holidays — it's a great way to spread the word about the terrible suffering farm animals endure on factory farms and at the hands of cruel, neglectful owners.

Every day, millions of farm animals live in misery. And every day, Farm Sanctuary needs \$33,950 to carry out our vital work to improve their lives ... which makes it a fitting Giving Tuesday opal, And because the first \$20,000 we raise today will be matched dollar-for-

MATCH

MY GIFT

Campaign

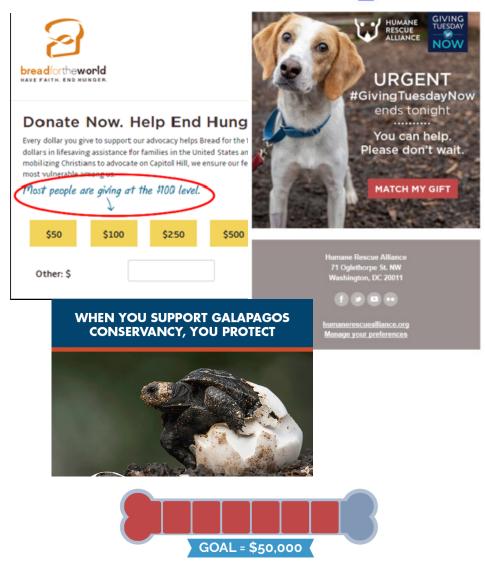




Gene Baur President and Co-Founder

Techniques

- Image-heavy formats
- Listicles
- Video
- Social proof tactics
- Celebrity signers
- "Status Pending" techniques
- "Insider" spreadsheets/memos
- Progress meters
- Animation







Personalize communications with donor data.



Dear Amy,

Pippi co Membe New Eng her too sick and dairy's v To make sure the museum is able to carry on our vital mission to preserve and share Native stories with the world, **please renew your** annual membership today.

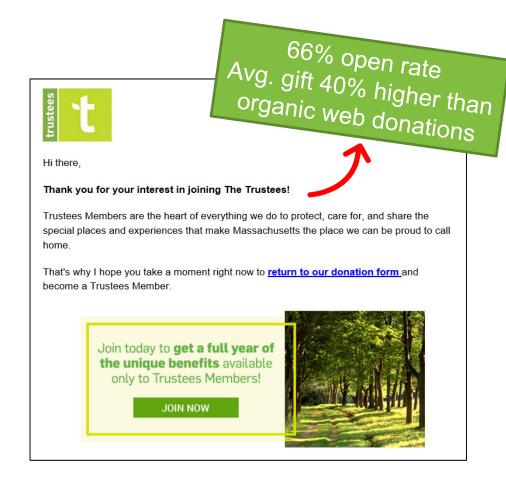


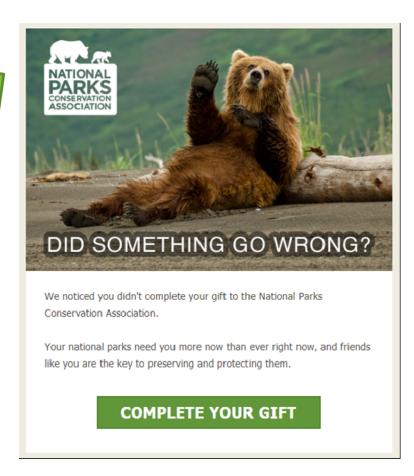
- Pull in personal details like name, last gift date, or other available information
- Dynamically add information in the email body or within images
- Example: streamline design by swapping out images based on ask (renew vs. join) donor interest (cat vs. dog)





Check your donation form completion rate; address page abandonment with triggered follow-up emails.









Recruit, steward, and upgrade monthly donors.

- Promote across your website
- Consider your ask string the industry benchmark average is \$25/month!
- Convert new (younger) donors to monthly giving to pre-empt lower retention
- Add monthly ask to email welcome series and acknowledgment emails.
- Consider matching the first three monthly gifts or giving a premium after the third month to up retention
- Make sure you have a process in place to process monthly gifts, update credit cards, and segment sustainers.

Join our Angels Monthly Giving Club



For as little as \$12/month, you can become a St. Hubert's Monthly Angel. By joining, your automatic monthly credit card gifts will provide a consistent, reliable income stream so we can make commitments to animals without worry.

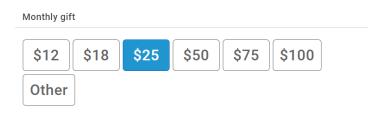
\$12/month provides nutrition and replacement milk for a litter of orphaned

kittens.

\$18/month feeds a shelter dog in our care.

\$25/month (only \$0.83/day) month gives us the ability to provide special care to animals with medical needs

Angels Club Benefits: Easy, automatic, tax-deductible deductions every month, regular photos and stories of shelter pets, invitations to special events, subscription to "Humane News" & more!

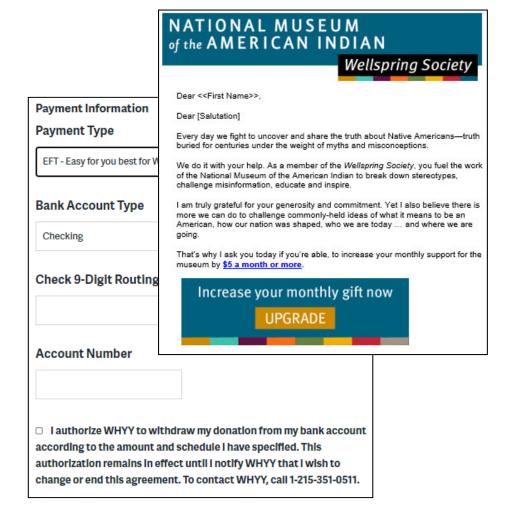






And make sure you steward existing sustainers.

- Offer EFT payment option to increase retention and reduce processing expenses.
- Include current sustainers in big appeals 2-3 times a year (e.g., year-end – make your 13th gift of the year!), otherwise, rest them from other campaigns.
- Consider whether to offer other benefits.
- Ask for an upgrade at least once a year.

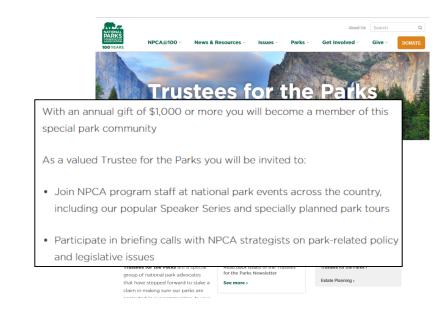






Promote mid-level giving on the website.

- A mid-level giving group is designed to increase the amount people give annually and creates an excellent ladder to major gifts.
- Create a specific form for the mid-level program that lists higher ask strings and special benefits for this group.
- Send yearly invites for people to increase the amount donors give annually.









Collect mobile numbers on donation forms, your website, and via email outreach.

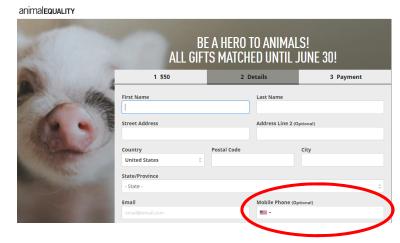




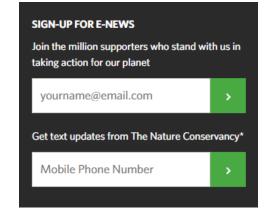
Do you know you can receive texts from the National Trust? Just fill out this quick form, and we'll get you signed up to receive occasional alerts that will help you save places. These alerts could include advocacy actions, timely updates, and even a quirky story or two—all to help protect the places that matter most to you.

SIGN UP

Email outreach to boost mobile list



Include mobile number field on donation forms



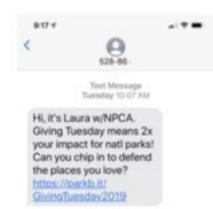
Include in the footer of your website with email sign up





Text supporters about fundraising or events as a complement to other outreach.

- Text messaging volume increased by 14% overall.
- Text message click-through rates were 4.2% for fundraising messages and 9.8% for advocacy messages, both far higher than comparable email metrics.
- Peer-to-peer message recipients received 1.4 messages per month in 2019 and responded 14% of the time.



Text message directing to a mobile responsive donation form



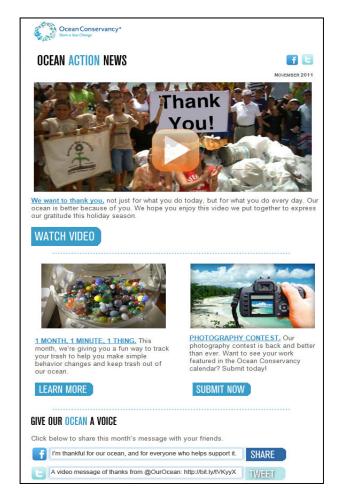
Real-time text messaging conversations via P2P texting

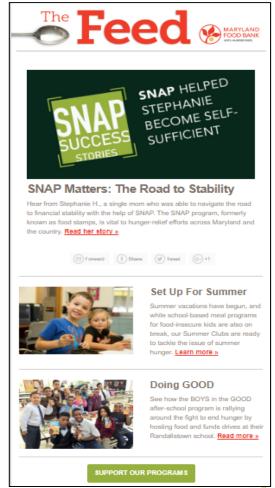
Source: M+R Nonprofit Benchmarks 2019





Cultivate, engage, and educate to keep supporters close to your mission.

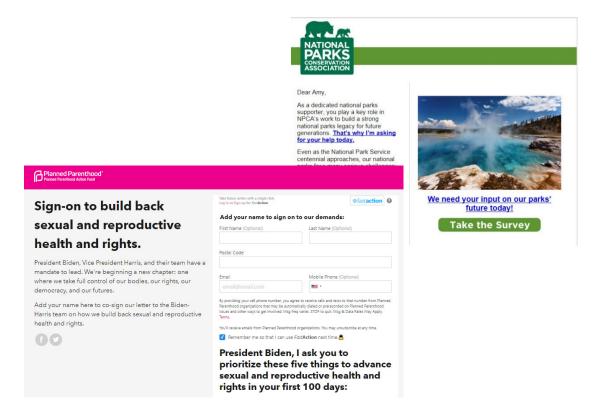








Invite interaction by asking supporters to give feedback, share content, or take action.





saving species, protecting wild places, and helping to create a healthier, more sustainable

Like you, we are looking forward to when these uncertain times have passed. In fact, we're currently putting together our 2021 calendar and thought we'd reach out with a fun

As you are a valued Contributing Member, I'd like your input in selecting the National Geographic Society's 2021 calendar cover before we send it out to you in July!

Will you help us decide by voting for the image below that you think is most







Thank your supporters early and often for their time, energy, donations, and more.



Dear Loyal Conservancy Supporter,

No matter how you spend your holiday season, I want to take a moment to share a world of thanks to supporters like you on behalf of The Nature Conservancy!

Watch this video to hear from Conservancy staff working hard to protect some of the most beautiful places in your community and around the world.

Take the Arnavon Islands for example, one of the Coral Triangle's biggest Hawksbill sea turtle nesting sites. This area has witnessed a 200 percent increase in Hawksbill sea turtles in the last two decades thanks to Conservancy scientists, community conservationists and supporters like you.

Thank you for your commitment to our natural world and for all you do each and every day to advance

Amy Hawthorne Morris Sr. Online Outreach Manager The Nature Conservancy

















Watch the Video

Barb, with Thanksgiving approaching, let us take a moment and thank you for your dedicated support and determination to make a difference for everyone affected by MS. Together, as this video shows, we are making an impact and people living



When someone is diagnosed with MS, it changes their life - and the lives of those closest to them. They need information, connections with people who understand what they're going through, and the very best treatments available



You have helped advance the health and well-being of so many dogs. Thank you for all your support and Happy Thanksgiving from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

www.akcchf.org



Track, measure, and analyze your metrics to inform future strategies.

• Website:

- Conversion rate sign ups, donations, actions
- Exit pages
- Path and time on site
- Mobile traffic

Emails:

- Open rate
- Click-through rate
- Response rate
- Average gift
- Delivery and bounce rates
- Unsubscribe rate



Social:

- Followers
- Likes
- Engagement
- Post timing/frequency

Ads:

- Click-through rate
- Action rate
- Cost per lead
- Channel productivity
- Return on ad spend



Analyze and benchmark against the industry and your own results

- eNonProfit Benchmark Study (M+R and NTEN)
 - http://mrbenchmarks.com/ 2020 report coming soon!
- Blackbaud Luminate Online Benchmark Report
 - http://hi.blackbaud.com/luminate/
- Blackbaud Charitable Giving Report
 - https://institute.blackbaud.com/charitable-giving-report/







Thank You!

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