

Multi-channel donor engagement leads to higher profit

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Continuous improvement practices lead to higher profit



### The past

- Regular Giving at Guide Dogs SA/NT in 2010
  - = 989 Regular Givers giving \$12.50 a month
  - = \$12k pm
  - = \$148k pa
- 50% chance of a dog passing, therefore 50% chance of attending a graduation
- From successful dogs, 1% cancelled
- From unsuccessful dogs, 55% cancelled



## The donor journey - 2010

#### Puppy love program – sponsor a dog

- No welcome/thank Letter
- 4 'pupdates' a year
- 2 newsletters
- 1 graduation (limited to 100 guests)



#### **Puppy Love Creative**



- Over a 2 year journey, we communicated via
  - one main channel (DM)
  - plus an event if you were lucky enough to RSVP in time
- A total of 7 touch points over 24 months



# Regular Giving Planning

- Organisation needed money
- From Feb 2010 Nov 2010 almost a year of planning

#### Org knowledge

- Increased need for sustainable income to meet demand for Guide Dogs and Autism Assistance Dogs
  - Ageing population (vision issues)
  - 1 in 50 children diagnosed with Autism in SA
- We needed to move away from single puppy purchase from affiliate schools into a breeding program to produce litters/more dogs



# Regular Giving Planning

#### **Donor / Product knowledge**

- That we had a strong RG proposition 'sponsor a dog'
- Donors loved their pupdates lots of white mail and calls
- Donors loved graduation very little attrition after this event
- Donors wanted to see more of the puppies
- It was a disappointment if a dog didn't graduate, which created brand credibility issues and problems with roll over on unsuccessful dogs

#### <u>Industry knowledge</u>

- Face2Face was one of the most profitable sources of regular giving
  - Asked four suppliers to tender
  - F2F model was set up and checked

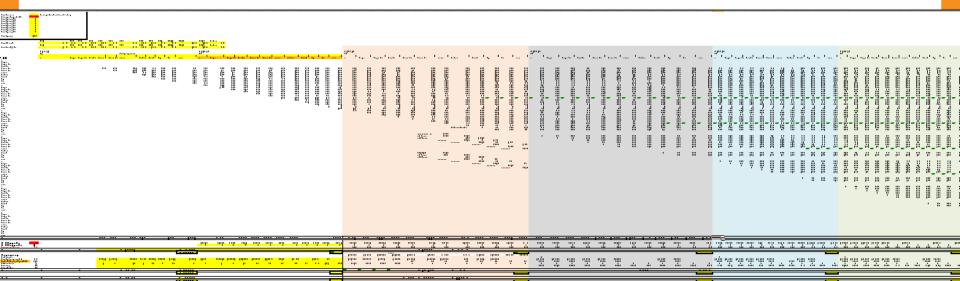
#### Fundraising First – Donors Centric Model Need Why is this Personalisation important Urgency **Build** your Build case, why Rapport donate now Star Of Giving Make my Reward a positive support action count Needs to **Tangibility** Thank Relate to NUTA

Ask / Authenticity

#### F2F modelling



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# Regular Giving Roll-out

- Puppy Sponsorship and test F2F launched in Nov 2010
- Moved to sponsorship of a Litter as opposed to single puppy, to increase probability of successful dog
- Introduced dollar handles for higher avg gift options \$21.50 a month – student/pensioner program \$31.50 a month – GD Program only \$41.50 a month – GD Program + vision services \$51.50 a month – All GD services

## Original Donor Journey



- Street sign up pitch card
- 3 days later welcome phone call
- 1 week later welcome letter & book
- 4 months later pupdate 1
- 2 months later newsletter
- 4 months later pupdate 2
- 4 months later pupdate 3
- 2 months later newsletter
- 4 months later final pupdate/graduation/roll over pupdate 4
- Graduation event

# Original Donor Journey















- Over a 2 year journey, we communicated via
  - Face 2 Face, with a phone welcome
  - DM
  - plus an event if you were lucky enough to RSVP in time
- A total of 10 touch points over 24 months

### Year 1 Results / Learning's



	actual	target	variance
100 day attrition	25%	20%	25%
12 month attrition	48%	42%	14%
delinquency	25%	10%	150%

- Litter roll over cancel rate was 1% as we focused on successful dogs in the litter
- Phone calls had tripled with donor enquiries and cancels
- Payments into the system had expanded and were putting a strain on finance department
- Donors missing out on graduations because high donor volumes
- More demand to meet puppies and see photos and SMS videos
- Dog trainers were busy training dogs and no-one was taking photos
- Following 4 litters a year was difficult
- Internal call centre culture not accustomed to asking donors to upgrade
- Had no system to deal with delinquency / failed payments
- Needed industry benchmarks / advice as we were unsure on market trends
- No regular training system with supplier
- No mystery shopping

## Year 2 changes

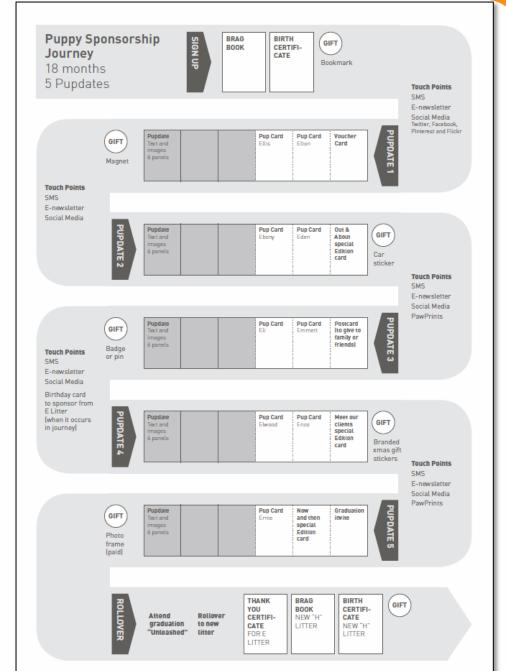


- Data Profiling (elderly donors v younger donors)
- Donor surveys (what they want, then deliver, then tell them you delivered)
- Created annual event 'Unleashed' charged \$25 to attend to replace the graduations
- Employed a part time Donor Enquiries assistant to deal with phone calls
- Recruited volunteers to help finance department with payment processing
- Moved to communicating about 2 litters a year easier to communicate
- Negotiated with trainers to attend their training from a distance to take photos
- Created a regular staff training program
- Outsourced upgrade / delinquency / reactivation to industry professionals
- Attended Fundraising conferences and networked
- Created new dashboard reporting

### **New Donor Journey**

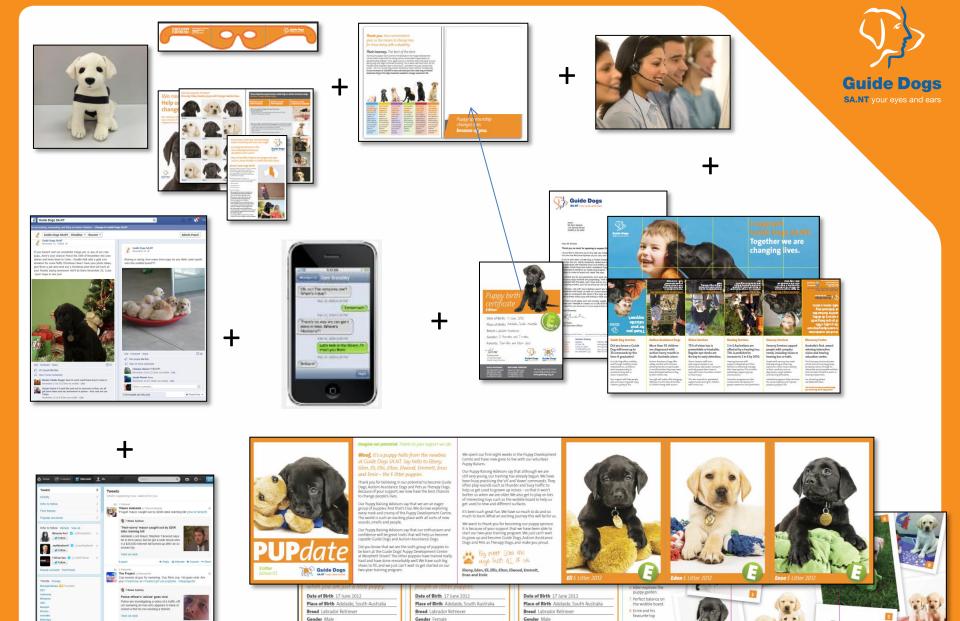


- Theatre street sign up, take home material brag book, toy dogs, glasses
- Welcome call refined to be more donor focussed
- Welcome pack amended to save costs, includes birth certificate to place into the brag book
- Welcome SMS / email puppy video x 12 videos
- Pupdates x 5 a year (included discount offers from corporate partners)
- Invitations to Paws Parade
- Invitations to Quiz Night
- Invitations to City to Bay
- Unleashed annual event
- Paw prints changed to donor focussed newsletter not services focussed
- Virtual Giving products
- Facebook posts
- Twitter tweets
- Upgrade calls
- Reactivation calls
- Retention / delinquency calls



**Guide Dogs** 

**SA.NT** your eyes and ears



Parents Dad Pike and Mum Jazz

Favourite Toy Rope Toy

Favourite Activity Playing in the ball pit

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Parents Dad Pike and Mum Jazz

Favourite Toy Yellow Teddy Bear

Favourite Activity Running through the tunnel

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Parents Dad Pike and Mum Jazz

Favourite Activity Playing on wobble board

Favourite Toy Giant Cauliflower Soft Toy

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Unleashed – Signature Event





#### + Tele-Marketing Explosion





Upgrade
Reactivation
Delinquency
Conversion
Acquisition
Lottery
Bequest













#### **Engagement Levels**



#### Over 24 months, we had 11 channels

- Theatre F2F
- Tele
- DM
- SMS
- Email
- Social Media (FB & Twitter)
- Events (4 a year)
- Survey's (important for 2 way communication)
- Value add offers in pupdates
- Product give away
- And most importantly around 30 touch points (doesn't include FB posts, Tweets)

# Year 2 – Results & Learning's



Program KPI's improved significantly

	actual	target	variance
100 day attrition	20%	25%	20%
12 month attrition	39%	45%	13%
delinquency	13.5%	10%	35%

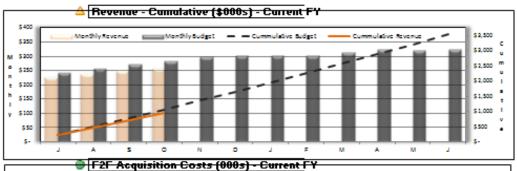
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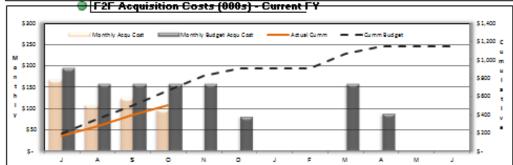
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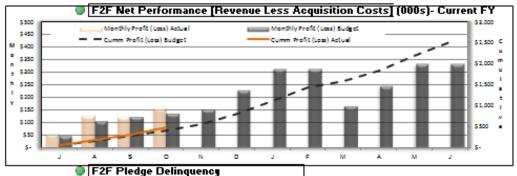


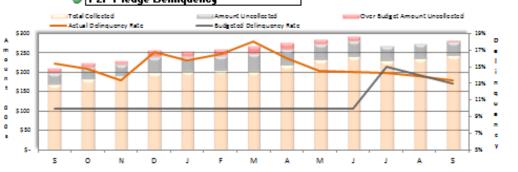
- Continue to improve delinquency
- Data exporting, importing, segmentation getting messy and demanding
- Expanding participation of donors in events
- Improving relationship with external call centre and being more involved with scripts (using data to improve scripts)
- Maintenance of the program growing increased letters, phone calls
- Refining dash board reporting
- Exploring industry knowledge of what's next?

#### Face2Face Program - Key Performance Indicators - FY 2014

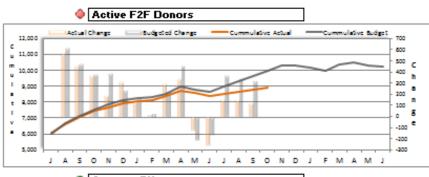


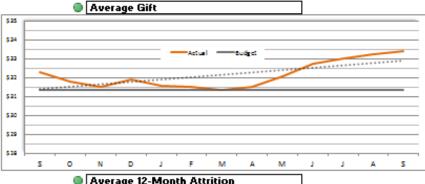


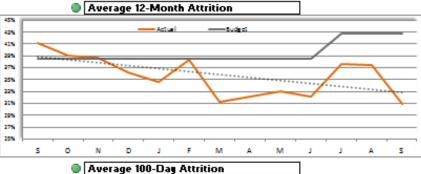


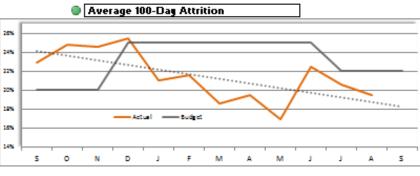


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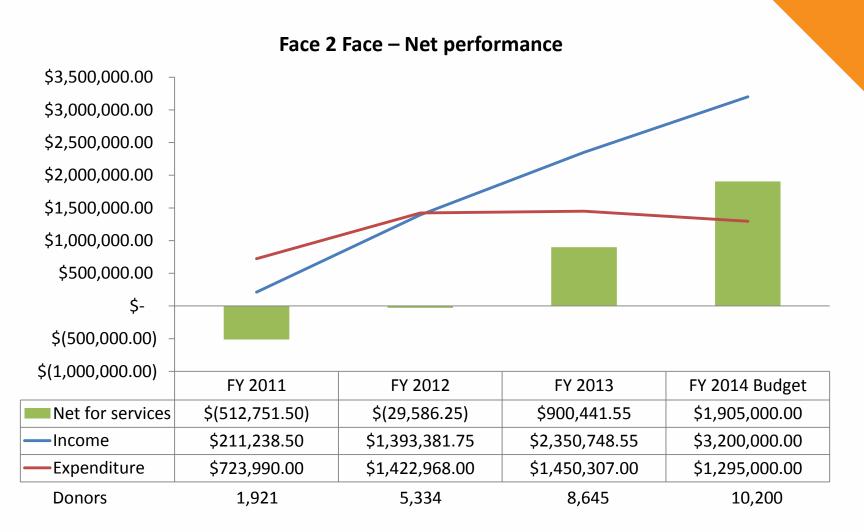






### F2F Net Revenue

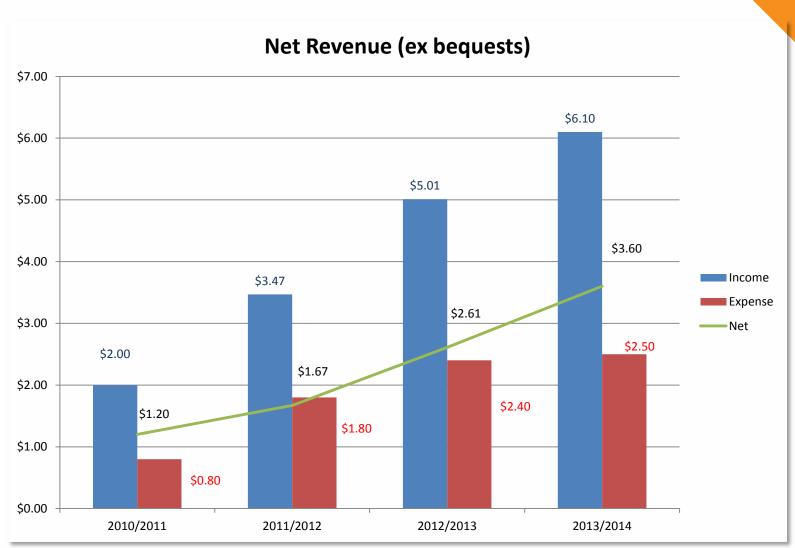




Total investment \$4.89m, return of \$7.15m, net of \$2.26m

### **BDU** Revenue





### Conclusion



- A good fundraising strategy is based on 3 key components
  - 1. Acquisition
  - 2. Retention
  - 3. Stewardship
- Survey donors, 2 way communication, learn, implement and prove
- Create a digital communication strategy
- Maximise your existing channels based on donor profiling
- Test, data is king, segment and learn
- Model & plan everything
- Teach your team about fundraising principles
- Be donor centric, not organisation centric (you not we)
- Diversify your revenue streams
- Have fun