Advancement's Electronic Future

Using Technology to Solicit and Process Donations

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Part One – Robert Weiner

- Overview of Email Fundraising
- CASE Email Fundraising Survey
- Some Examples
- Best Practices
- Resources
- Time for questions.



The Gilbert Email Manifesto

- E-mail is more important than a web site.
- Resources spent on e-mail strategies are more valuable than the same resources spent on the web.
- E-mail combines personal communication, immediacy, rapid response, and scale.
- People treat e-mail messages as To Do items.

http://news.gilbert.org/features/featureReader\$3608



Survey of @Stanford Recipients

Donors in FY2000:

49% of @Stanford recipients vs. 34% of nonrecipients.

Previously Lapsed Donors:

32% of recipients gave vs. 22% nonrecipients.

New Donors:

13% of recipients gave vs. 5% of nonrecipients.

Average Gift from Undergraduate Degree Holders:

\$2,732 for recipients vs. \$1,579 for nonrecipients.



CASE Email Fundraising Survey

www.case.org/Content/PressRelease/Display.cfm?CONTAINERID=51&CONTENTITEMID=3355

Surveys conducted over Summer and Fall of 2003.

- 57% using email for fundraising. 24% plan to start (most within a year).
- Of those using email, most frequent groups solicited: 1) alumni, 2) everyone, 3) LYBUNTS
- Most are using email as end-of-year cleanup.
 Some are using an email lead letter, followed by mail or telephone.



Survey Results (cont.)

- 93% said this is an additional ask.
- Of those planning to use email:
 - 17% said it will be an end-of-year appeal.
 - 35% said it will be on same schedule as other appeals.
 - 14% said it will be a 2nd-round ask.
- Most of said it's too soon to tell how the yield compares to other appeals. Still, 58% said it is more cost-effective than mail or phone.



Sample Email Fundraising Campaigns

Duke University: Basketball Championship www.erroyo.com/duke.html

Pepperdine University: ONE Pepperdine www.pepperdine.edu/alumni/one

Northwestern University: It All Adds Up pdlb.eonstreams.com/erroyo/nw/NU_general.html

Tulane University: Athletics www.erroyo.com/tulane/RollWave.html

American University: The Faces of American pdlb.eonstreams.com/erroyo/au/mailer.html

Emory: The Annual Fund's impact on Alex Newell pdlb.eonstreams.com/erroyo/emory/emory.html



Get Permission

- Businesses increasingly using double opt-in.
 Higher education & nonprofits tend to use opt-out.
- If you use opt-out, first email should be a welcome letter. Never start with an ask!
- Develop and post a privacy policy.
 - DMA Privacy Policy Generator <u>www.the-dma.org/privacy/creating.shtml</u>
 - Customer Respect Group privacy policy guidelines:
 www.customerrespect.com/offer/Cust_Respect/2042579145/EN/welcome.asp?
 N=4tp~DOBGCDIJG~EG3un~FNB~CH41pr~DOLP
- Bottom line: make sure your audience wants to hear from you by email.



Give People What They Want

- Message format
- Content
- Frequency of contact



Contact Us | Unsubscribe | Request a Text-only Version
Privacy Policy

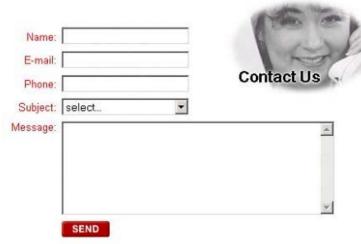


Make it Easy on Them

Make it easy to:

- Subscribe
- Learn more
- Give
- Unsubscribe
- Reach a human.





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The UCSC Alumni Association - 1156 High St. - Santa Cruz, CA 95064 - (800) 933-SLUG - alumni@ucsc.edu



Think of the Reader

Be relevant, informative, engaging, and brief

 "If I'd had more time I would have written a shorter letter." – Mark Twain



2004 Jakob Nielsen Email Study

- The good news: most participants can distinguish between spam and legitimate email.
- The bad news: spam has made people less patient when reading email.
- Only 11% of participants read e-newsletters thoroughly. 57% skim them.
- Most frequent advice: "Keep it brief."
- Most frequent complaint: newsletters that arrived too frequently.

http://www.useit.com/alertbox/20040217.html



Resources

Alder Consulting: Accepting Credit Cards Online On a Shoestring:

www.alderconsulting.com/creditcard.html

Allen, Nick: 13 tips for raising money online:

www.malwarwick.com/newsletter/success0210.html

Fuel4Arts.com: Email Promotions – How To Guide:

www.fuel4arts.com/sauce/11 email promotion/email how.htm

Groundspring.org: *Online Fundraising Handbook*:

www.egrants.org/techniques/handbook.cfm

NP Advisors: Guidelines for Preparing E-mail Copy:

www.npadvisors.com/NewContent/100244.asp

Pearson, Jerold - CASE Currents: @Stanford and Institutional

Advancement: www.stanford.edu/~jpearson/archive.shtml

Warwick, Hart, Allen: Fundraising on the Internet: www.malwarwick.com/internet.html

Weiner, Robert: Email Campaigns – The Technical Side:

charitychannel.com/article 87.shtml

Weiner, Robert: Email Addresses - Collect The Whole Set:

http://charitychannel.com/article 62.shtml

More resources are at: www.rlweiner.com/resources.html



Part Two – John Taylor

- Accepting Gifts Online
 - Doing it yourself vs. outsourcing
- Electronic Funds Transfers
- Recurring Giving Programs
- Accepting Stock Online
- Resources
- More questions.



First Response

- A successful esolicitation is most successful if it results in a gift!
- You piqued the donor's interest electronically so accept the gift electronically!
- Two ways to accomplish this "their" way or "your" way.



GiveToCharity 1998





www.givetocharity.com

Storm Internet Services, Inc.

Translation to: French German Italian Spanish Portugese

The Secure way to Donate.

Mission Statement

Add a Charity

Alphabetic List

Search

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Security

Privacy Policy

www.givetocharity.com is an international Secure Online Donation service for nonprofit organizations. We make it easy and secure for you to donate on-line to your favorite charity. Charitable organizations can now solicit and accept donations directly from their Website!

Important Security Notice:

Our On-line donation forms are provided on a Secure Server. All information provided will be encrypted by your browser and only our secure server will be able to read your information. **This means, your valuable credit card information is communicated SAFELY.**

Getting a message about expired certificates?









GiveToCharity 2001



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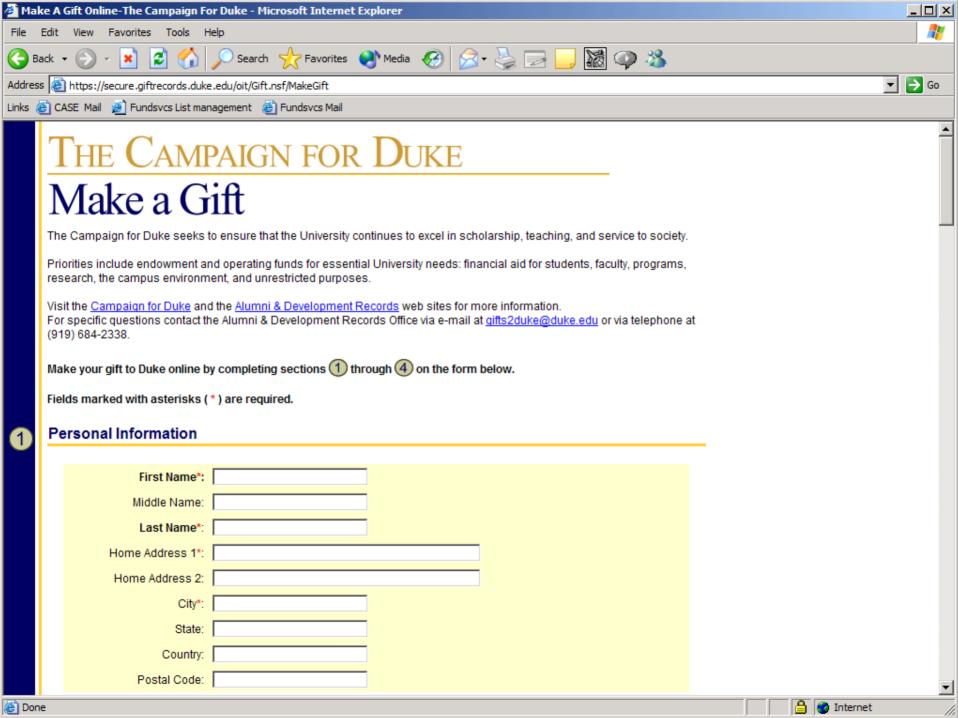
PO Box 25332 Tampa, FL 33622-5332 813-886-3010 Admin@GiveToCharity.com

Doing Your Own Thing

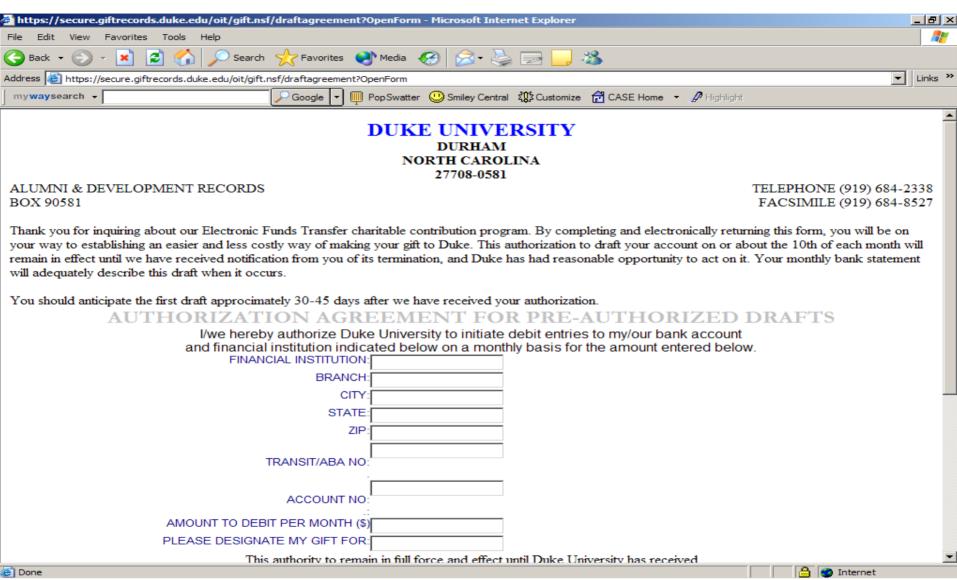
- Not terribly expensive on the front end.
- Keeps the institutional look and feel.
- Keeps the donor on your site!
- Automated front-end is of little value with a manual back-end.

 See the handout Online Donations – Sorting Out The Chaos.











Recurring Gifts

- Applies to EFT and Credit Cards.
- "Guaranteed" Monthly Cash-Flow.
- Totally Automated with Software (PCACH & ICVerify).
- Automatic Annual Increases.
- Need Back-end Automation as well.
- See Blackbaud White Paper.



Automation & Electronics Facilitate Security Donations

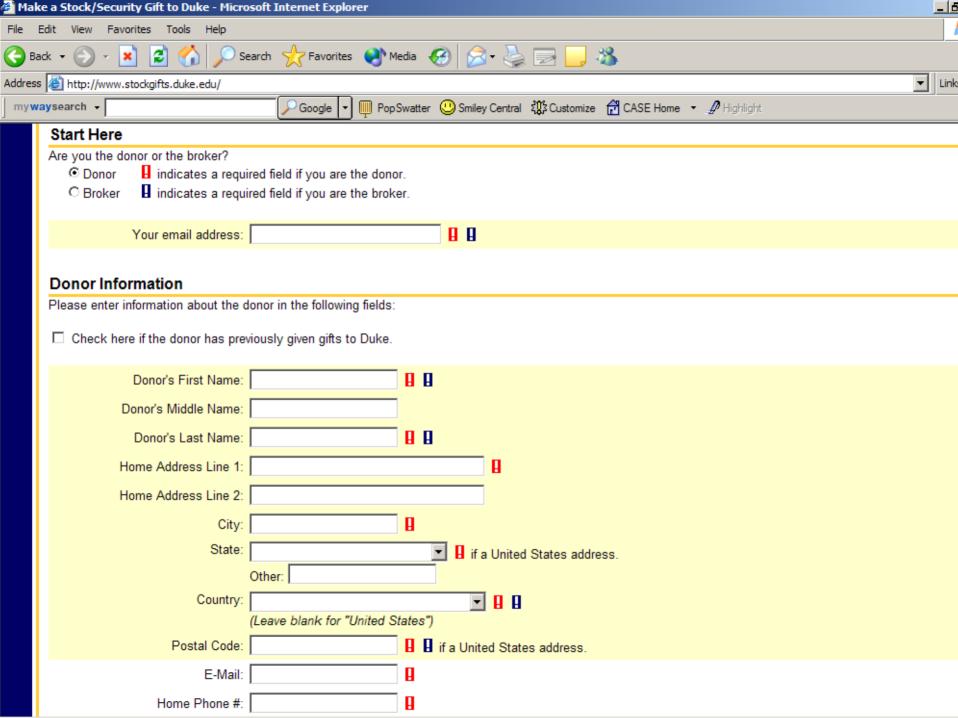
- See John's White Paper
 - Identify historical stock donors and notify of procedural change.
 - Select single brokerage account.
 - Close all other brokerage accounts.
 - Develop an automated tracking system (more later).

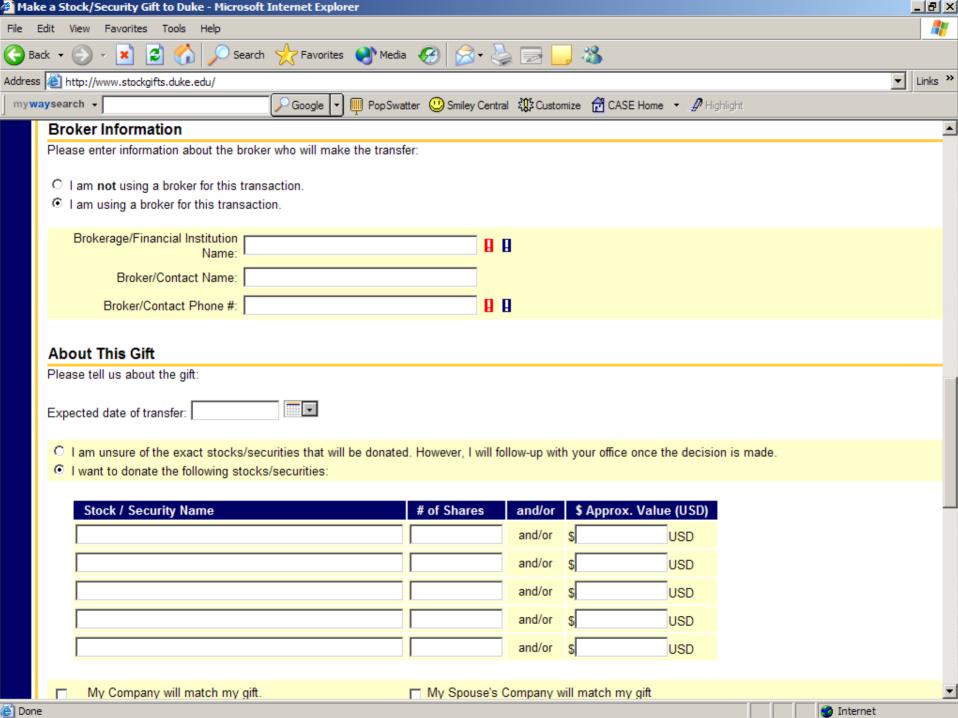


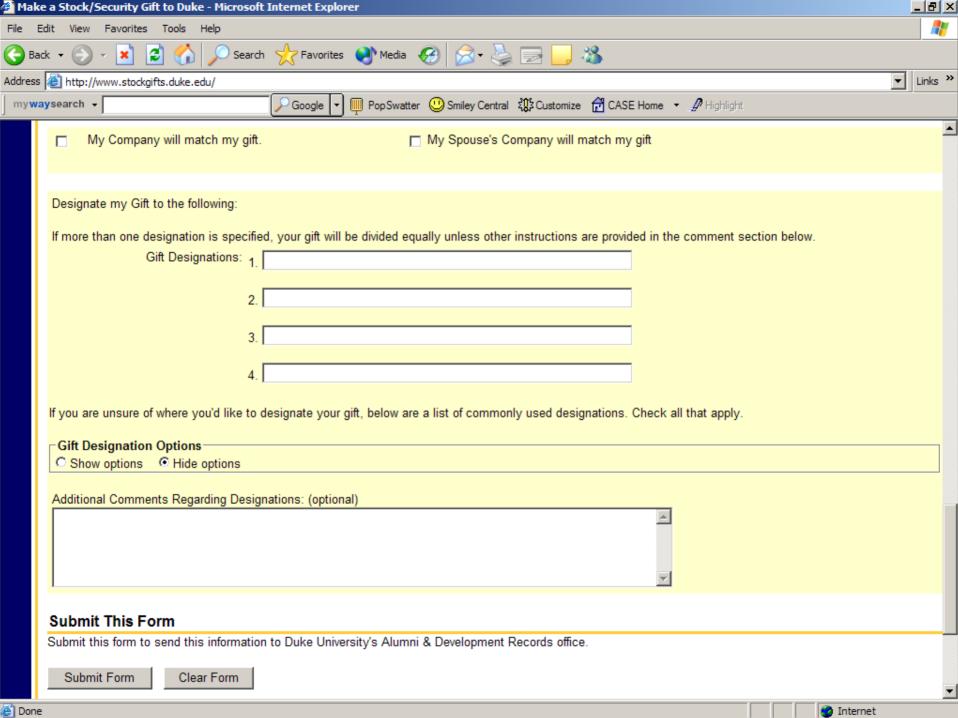
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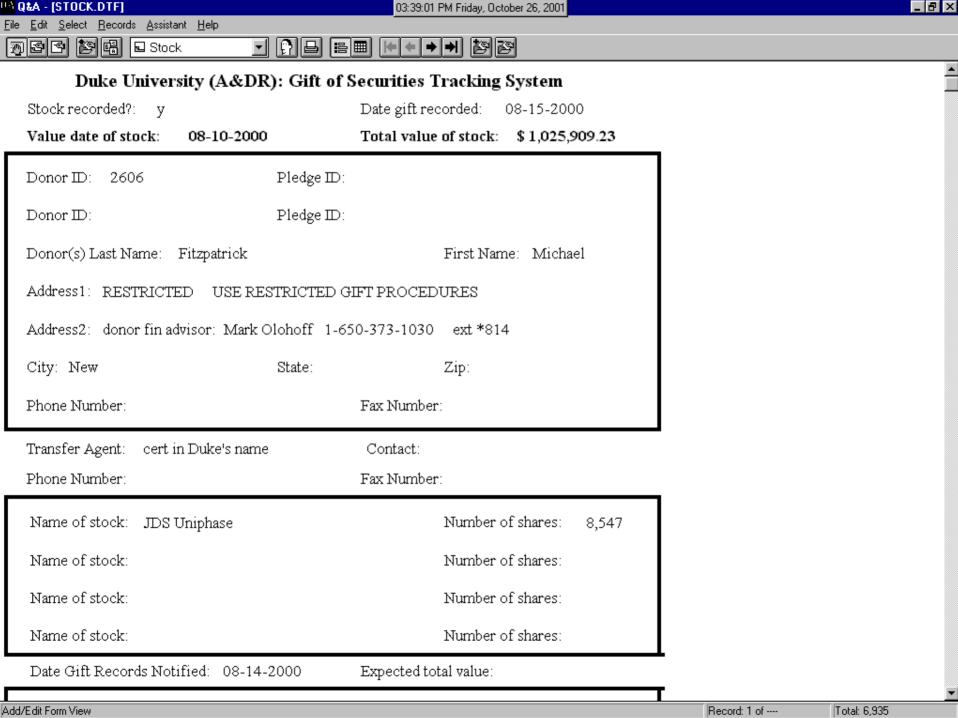
- Publicly-traded versus Restricted/Closely Held.
 - US mail
 - Third party vendor
 - Hand delivery
 - DTC Is The Best (if feasible)
 - But you need to know about it in advance.

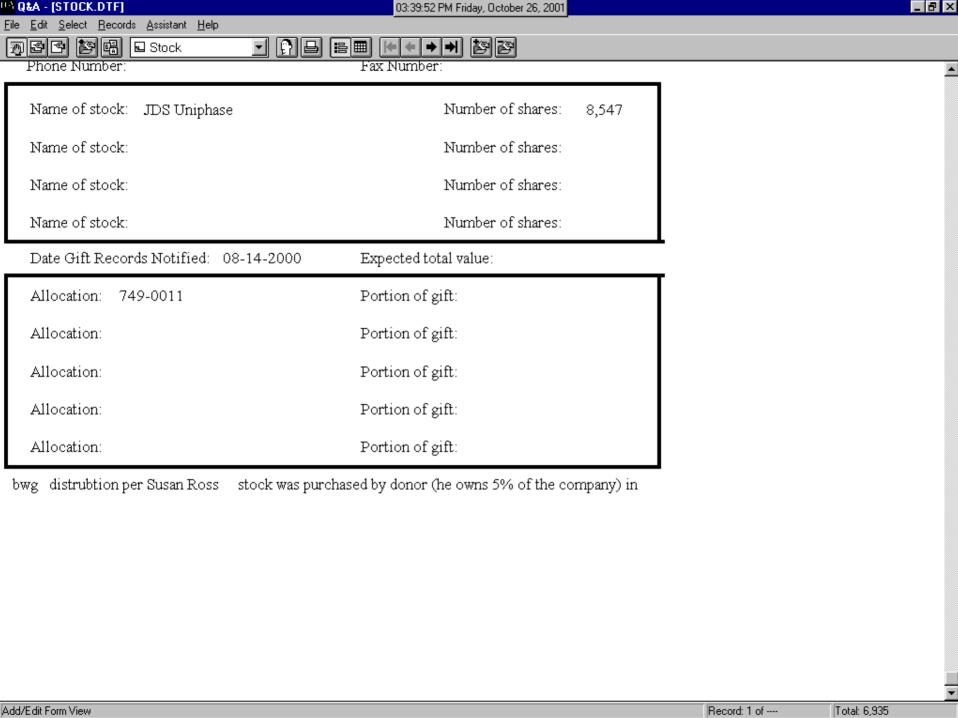












More Resources

- Fundsvcs listserv:
 - hermes.case.org/cgi-bin/wa.exe?SUBED1=fundsvcs&A=1
- ePhilanthropy Foundation:
 - www.ephilanthropy.org/site/PageServer
- Internet resources for nonprofits:
 - www.uticapubliclibrary.org/non-profit/directory.html
- The Nonprofit Matrix list of ASPs:
 - www.nonprofitmatrix.com/
- Resources for fundraising online:
 - www.nonprofits.org/npofaq/misc/990804olfr.html
- E-Donor Bill of Rights:
 - www.afpnet.org/tier3 cd.cfm?folder id=898&content item id=1247

