# > FOCUSING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT FUNDRAISING PARTICIPANTS

How can you increase participant activity and revenue?

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## > TODAY'S PRESENTERS: BRAITERMAN AND BELDEN



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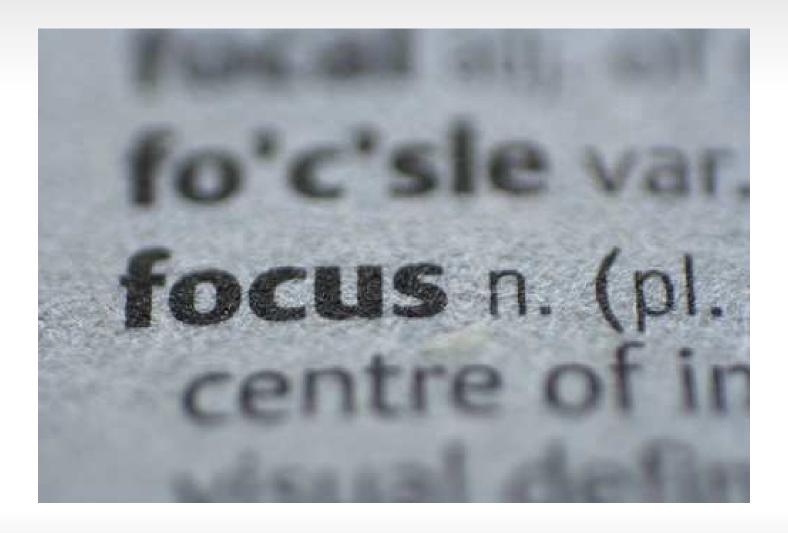


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## > HEY ALISON!

# GIVE ME ONE WORD WHICH DESCRIBES YOUR ARTHRITIS WALK STRATEGY

# > ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION



#### > ALISON'S FOCUS

- 1. Multi-year participants vs. New participants
- 2. Team Captain Cultivation
- 3. Fundraising Participants Average Amount Raised
  - a. Team member raise \$88 include zero dollar participants
  - b. \$224 without zero dollar participants
- 4. Zero Dollar Walkers

## ➤ HOW DO I FIND MY FOCUS?



# > FINDING FOCUS

Self Scouting

Benchmarking

What's my purpose?

Who's my audience?

What's my goal?

#### > TWO A'S ARE MAKING IT HAPPEN!

Cat Walk, an event for the model animal owner. And, Yes...dogs are welcome too!

Cat *Walk* is the foundation's signature fundraising event. It's a non-competitive 3 mile walk for to support the Foundation's efforts to help homeless, furry, four legged friends.

#### **Event Details:**

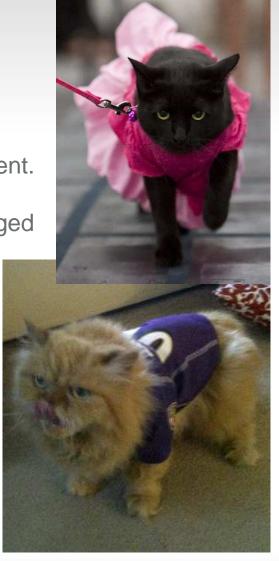
**Total Participants: 3000** 

**Total Teams: 270** 

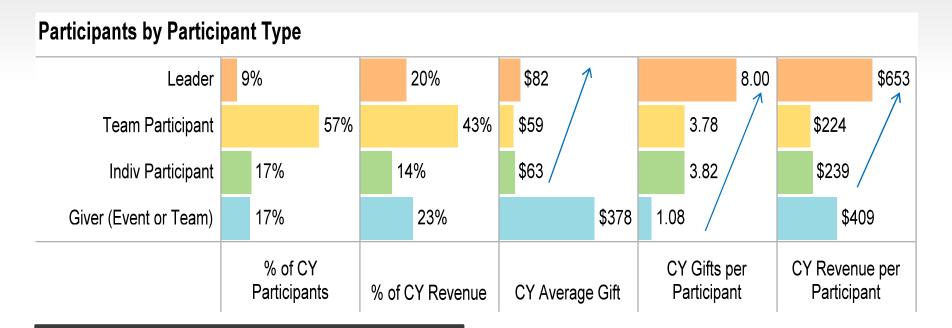
Percentage of zero dollar participants: 44%

Amount raised: \$800,000

**Overall Retention Rate: 25%** 



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Team Leaders: 270 / \$160,000

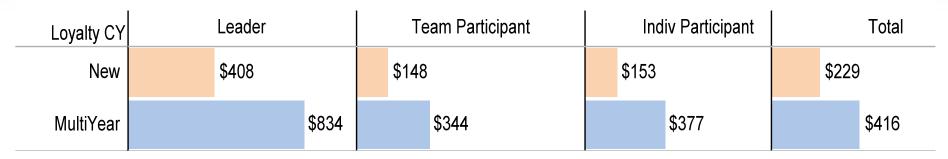
**Team Members: 1700 / 344,000** 

**Giver - \$184,000** 

Individuals: 510 / 112,000

## > NEW VS. RETURNING

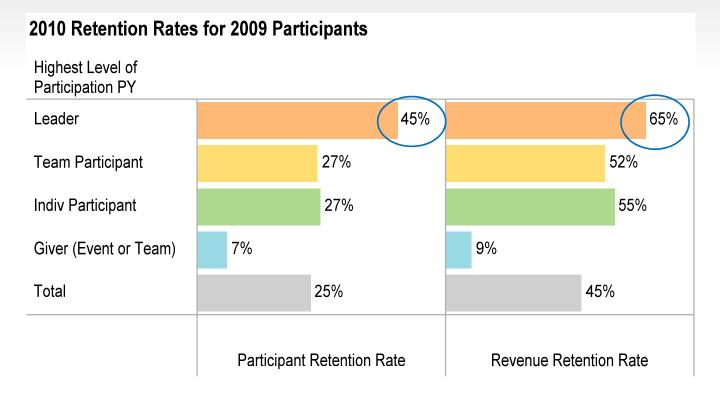
#### **Revenue per Participant**



#### **Gifts per Participant**

Loyalty CY	Leader		Team Participant			Indiv Participant			Total			
New		5.83			3.01		2.87		2.72			
MultiYear			9.61			4.99			5.33			5.47

## > CATWALK PARTICIPANT RETENTION



Participant retention rates for Leaders were 67% higher than for Team participants or Individual participants.

The variance between Leader and Team/Individual revenue retention rates was not as high.

#### How to calculate retention rate:

Returning Teams 2012 / Past Teams 2011

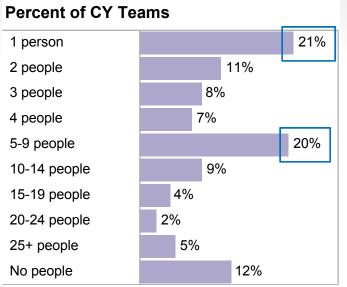
Number of Returning Team: 124

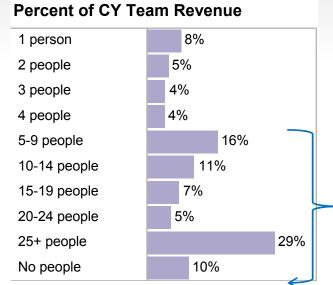
## > CATWALK PARTICIPANTS: DONATED VS. RAISED

# Trends in Participants by Participant Type and Donor Type (2008-2010)

Highest Level of Participation CY		Date	Donated CY		
	29%	27%	27%	Donated Only in CY	
Landan	20%	22%	23%	Raised Only in CY	
Leader	51%	51%	50%	Donated and Raised in CY	
Team Participant	60%	56%	50%		
ream r articipant	16%	17%	20%		
	24%	27%	30%		
Indiv Participant	63%	64%	62%		
	25%	25%	26%		
Giver (Event or Team)	100%	100%	100%		
	2008	2009	2010	1	

#### ➤ CAT*WALK*: TEAM PERFORMANCE





- 1 person team mirrors percentage of donated only team captains
- o 79% of team revenue comes from teams of 5+ people.
- Small group makes big impact.
  - Mega teams 25 of people = 5% of teams
  - Mega teams = 29% of revenue

# ► HOW DO I USE THIS INFO TO FOCUS MY FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES



#### > FIRST AND FOREMOST

You can't implement every new idea or strategy into you're event

Remember our key questions when developing strategies?

- 1. What's my purpose?
- 2. Who's my audience?
- 3. What's my goal?

#### > CATWALK STRATEGIES

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- 5. Cultivate Top Performers



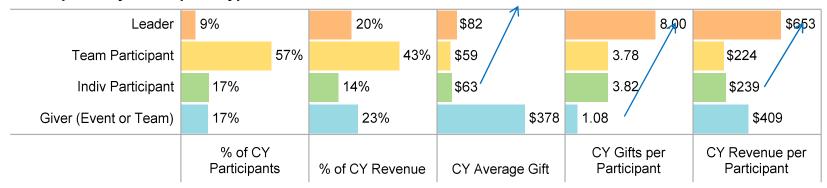
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#### ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 1: FOCUS ON TEAM LEADERS

#### Why?

- Based on 3 year trends team leaders represent 20% of revenue
- P2P Consumer Survey 49% signed up because friend/family asked them
- P2P Consumer Survey- 44% of individuals who raised funds said they were asked to fundraise when asked to participate (19% work asked me to when asked to participate).

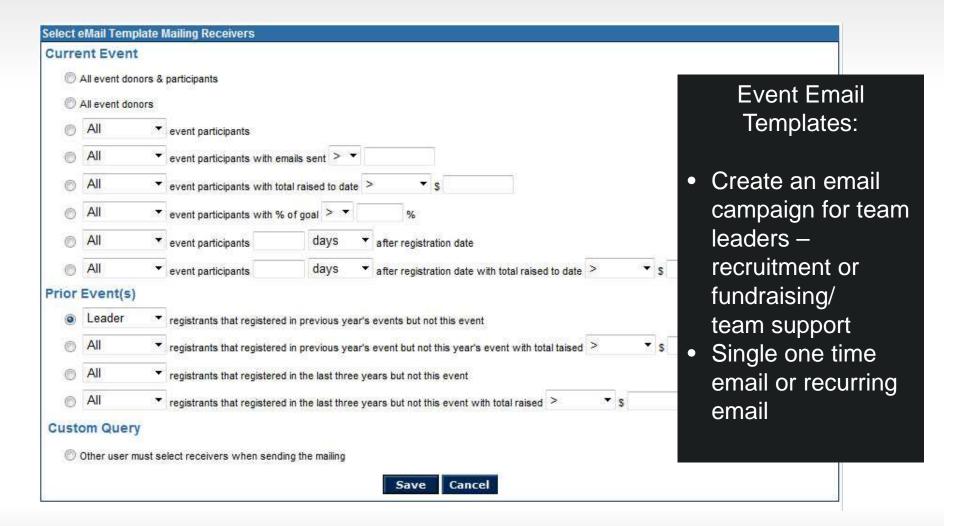
#### **Participants by Participant Type**



#### ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 1: FOCUS ON TEAM LEADERS

- Coach team leaders to encourage team participant fundraising
  - WHY? Team participants = greatest opportunity
    - Educate team members about online tools
    - Participate or help host wrap around event
- Focus on active team leaders Sphere tip next slide!
  - How to tell if a team leader is active? Run reports!
    - Recruited teams participants, sent emails, amount raise, customized personal page, sent facebook update, etc...
- Focus on returning team leaders *They're Top Fundraiser Prospects!* 
  - Multi -year team captains raise 3x more than new team captains
    - Retention rate: 45% / Revenue retention rate: 65%
    - Number of retained teams: 124
  - Multi-year participants have trouble sustaining fundraising level
    - Work to reverse this trend
    - Encourage team activities (wrap around events)
    - Increase use of online tools

#### **▶ HOW CAN SPHERE HELP WITH TEAM LEADERS?**

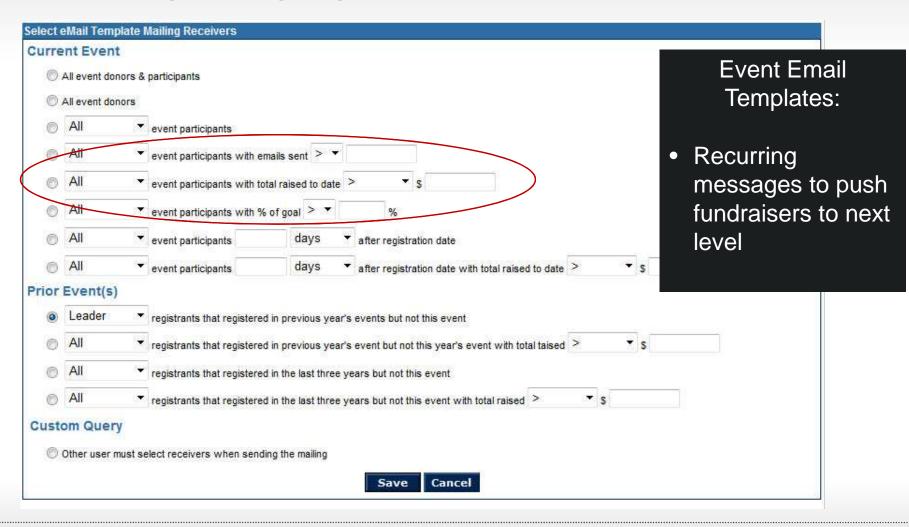


#### ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 2: FUNDRAISING PARTICIPANTS

- Set a goal for increasing % of fundraisers
  - About 50% of team participants who raise money are fundraising vs. simply making a donation
  - Goal increase to 53%
- Set up recurring email campaign for fundraisers
  - Percentage to goal 25%, 50%, etc...
     Sample messages are available in Sphere (Under Communications: Event Email Templates)
  - Incentive based message
    - Ex you've raised \$175, you're getting close to the \$250 level.
- Track our progress
  - RUN Reports! Participant Detail report shows activity
- After event
  - what did I learn? what worked? What didn't?



# ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 2: COMMUNICATING WITH FUNDRAISERS



# ➤ FUNDRAISER EMAIL EXAMPLE:



Hello Jim Woolard,

Greetings from Arthritis Walk® Fundraising Rewards Headquarters. To help you set and then reach your fundraising goal, we are inviting you to be part of our national fundraising incentive program. Just by raising \$250 or more, you will automatically become eligible.

Please visit our <u>Official Rewards Website</u> for details. These rewards include 'Walk' fashion apparel, iPods®, Trek® Bikes, Digital Cameras and over 50 other incentive prizes. Check it out right away and then set your goal to be rewarded with an awesome fundraising incentive!

We appreciate your hard work to support our efforts to improve the lives of 300,000 children and 50 million Americans affected by arthritis!

At the time of this email, your **Fundraising Reward Points Total = 250**Remember, every dollar you donate earns you Reward Points in our fundraising incentive program. <u>Find out more.</u> Thank you for helping us to have a successful,.

FUNDRAISING TIP: Donate \$20 yourself and then ask 12 friends to donate \$20 to help our fight against Arthritis! Don't forget to include those on your social network, your neighbors, family, workmates and classmates!



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#### New reporting fields enable you to view detailed information about participant activity:

- Fundraising message fields: Twitter, Facebook, Email
- Personalization fields: modifications to HQ story, images, video
- Other fields: last login date to HQ and donation details

New Report	ting Fields	# of E-mails Sent	Tweets Sent	
5 from Tweets	# of gifts from Tweets	Tweet Conversion Rate	Facebook Messages Sent	
🖺 💲 from Facebook	Facebook	Facebook Conversion rate	S gifts from eMail	
# of gifts from eMail	eMail conversion rate	Total Conversion Rate	Total Message Sent	
S per message	Story personalized	Image/Video personalized	Last login date	
Additional Donation  Amount	Average donation amount			

#### Reports with new fields added:

- Quick Report People: Participant Details
- Quick Report People: All Teams
- Control Reports People: Registration
- Control Reports Money: All Teams
- Control Reports Money: Goal vs Actual

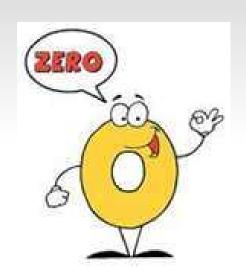
Note: The social media fields data will be updated each night, so real-time data is not available for the current day.

#### ➤ CATWALK 3: ZERO DOLLAR WALKERS

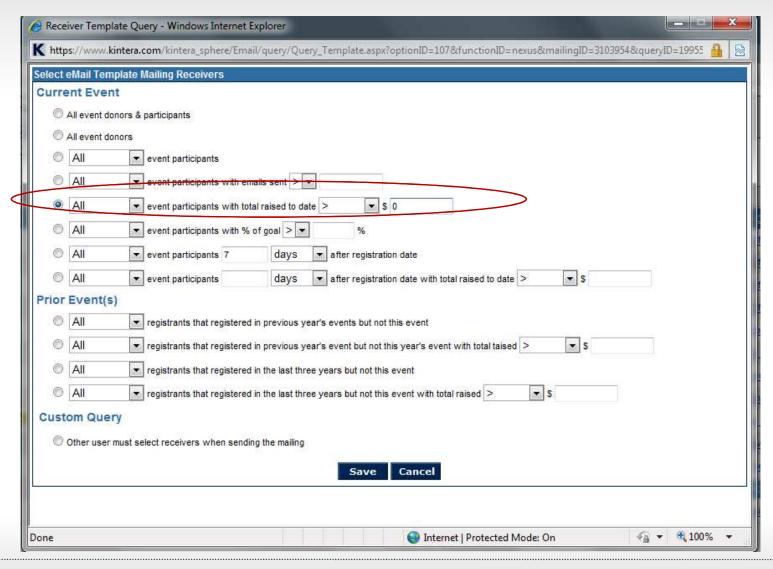
- 44% of participants are zero dollars = not fundraising
- Every participant will not be a fundraiser
- Create a communications plan for zero dollar walkers
  - Start with our email welcome kit.
    - Goal get participants to action after signing up take advantage of their excitement about participating



- Build on pre-event excitement
- Include zero dollars walkers in our event plan, but we're not going to put a ton of effort in converting zero's to fundraisers



#### ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 3: ZERO DOLLAR WALKERS



# ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 4: CREATE PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

- Similar plan to team leaders
- How do I find individuals? Sphere reporting tip: next slide
- Focus on returning individuals
  - Multi -year participants raise 2x more than new individuals
    - Retention rate: 17% / Revenue retention rate: 14%
  - Multi-year participants have trouble sustaining fundraising level
  - Spend more time helping Individuals with fundraising, work towards increasing fundraising level to team leader
    - average amount raised by team leaders: \$653
- Focus on active individuals
  - How to tell if someone is active? Run reports!
    - Set a fundraising goal, made a donation during registration, sent emails, amount raise, customized personal page, sent facebook update, etc...
- Communication strategy includes: email, phone calls and in person visits

# ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 4: CREATE PLAN FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS

• Finding Individual – Run Sphere Participant Detail report.

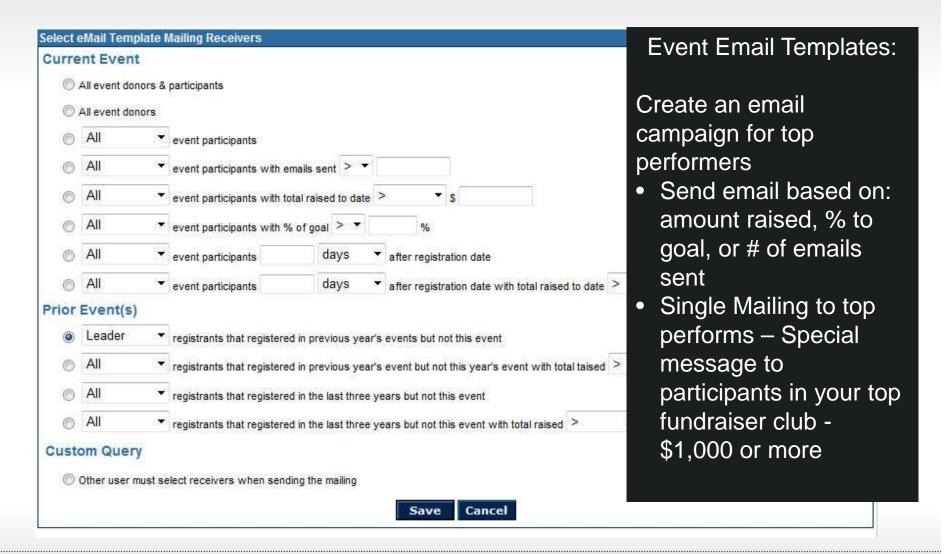
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## ➤ CATWALK STRATEGY 5: CULTIVATE TOP PERFORMERS

- Get to know Top Performers a.k.a Top Fundraisers
  - Meet them, call them, be friends!
- Will probably see crossover from individuals
   & team leaders
- Keep an eye out for top fundraising team participants
  - Get to know them
    - Helps create a succession plan for current team leaders
    - Branch out and create new team
    - Take a more active role within organization
- Engage Volunteer Committee



#### **▶** HOW CAN SPHERE HELP WITH TOP PERFORMERS?



# EMAIL IS NOTA CULTIVATION STRATEGY

# **➤ RECAP**

**Self Scouting**: What are your numbers? What is your data telling you?

Benchmarking: Look at Peers. Check out benchmarking reports, it provide perspective

Based on information learned identify growth opportunities: What's my purpose? Who's my audience? What's my goal?

Throughout event, track participant activity: Look beyond the amount raised and check out online activity

# **▶ LET'S CHAT! QUESTIONS?**



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