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# Financial Resilience Training

Storytelling



### HOUSEKEEPING

- WE RECOMMEND USING HEADPHONES
- GOOGLE CHROME BROWSER WORKS BEST
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- SEND YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS TO

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# **VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS**

Friday, April 24 at 2:30 PM ET





# **ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS TODAY**



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# WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

- Jumpstart Overview
- Is Jumpstart Fundraising right for you?



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# Jumpstart

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#### COACHING + DIRECT SERVICES

Providing monthly, one-on-one coaching by a consultant providing services as if a member of grantee's team

#### FUNDRAISING OPERATING SYSTEM

Integrating tech to enable grantees to easily track and engage donors, create and launch campaigns, & monitor progress





#### TEMPLATES + TOOLS

Enabling access to a library of best-practice fundraising materials so no grantee ever has to start from scratch

#### BOARD-STAFF ALIGNMENT

Creating a shared understanding of fundraising needs, budget, planning & the interdependencies for success





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"I have to say this training couldn't come at a more perfect time when support/education will be needed to understand how to navigate an economy in the aftermath of this pandemic."

- Mary Sweeney, Downs Syndrome Association of NE

"I think the foundations should know that they are making a tremendous contribution to our organizations as this program increases our expertise in many ways. **It is probably one of the most valuable grants we could ever receive**."

-Tim Curtis, Brookwood in Georgetown



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"We have experienced unprecedented success. 420 guests attended the banquet which raised \$43,000 and 89 new donors. Our year-end appeal yielded \$78,000 on top of the \$50,000 match. We tripled our revenue on these projects raising more in four months of 2018 than we raised in all of the prior fiscal year. That will go a long way to helping refugees settle Spokane!"

- Bob Savage, World Relief Spokane



#### ROADMAP



#### ULTIMATE GOAL: FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

STEP 1: REVISED BUDGET FOR FUNDING GAPS

STEP 2: RIGHTSIZED FUNDRAISING

STEP 3: COMMUNICATION PLAN IN SERVICE

OF EFFECTIVE FUNDRAISING

STEP 4: DONOR SEGMENTING

STEP 5: PIPELINING (MOVING YOUR DONORS)

STEP 6: MANAGING AND SYNCHRONIZING PHASES



# **AGENDA**

- POLL QUESTIONS
- SURVEY DONORS
- CASE FOR SUPPORT
- DONOR-CENTRIC COMMUNICATIONS
- CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION
- WANT MORE HELP?
  - How to leverage COVID-19 emergency funds to join Jumpstart
- HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT
  - Complete the assessment
- QUESTIONS



# **DEVELOPING YOUR CASE**

everything you need to know



#### **GETTING AT THE WHY?**

- Why did this organization begin?
- Why do you exist today?
- Why would your community suffer if you ceased to exist?
- Whom do you serve?
- How do you bring value to the solution that is different from other organizations?

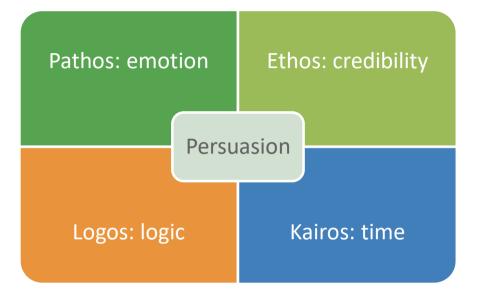
Your Case standardizes the messaging which informs your grant proposals, media kits, annual communication plan, and individual fundraising campaign content. It informs your website, publications, and donor communications, and is further developed by them. Your Case ensures that your historical and data-driven content is consistent across various channels and over time, especially if more than one person is responsible for donor cultivation.

Excerpt from Promised Land, Janet Cobb © 2020





# ART OF PERSUASION



Kairos is timeliness, appropriateness, decorum, symmetry, balance—awareness of the rhetorical situation or "the circumstances that open moments of opportunity" (Kinneavy; Sipiora; Vatz; Bitzer; Hill 217).



# ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A CASE FOR SUPPORT

#### 1. The problem/opportunity you address

This section includes the issue at hand -- getting at the why you do what you do and why your reader should care.

#### 2. The solution you offer

Your vision and mission statement are important, but also be specific about the programs and services you provide to address what would be missing if you did not exist.

#### 3. Your capability to address the problem

If you have a long history of service and impact, present these here; if not, share the story of the founder/founding team, how he/she recognized the issue and what compelled him/her to respond.

#### How/why you are best suited to address the problem/solution

Others may offer similar services but how do you bring added value to the solution; how do you understand the problem/solution differently.

#### 5. What resources and funds are required to offer this service

Present a well-thought out and clearly defined budget.

#### 6. How you will obtain these resources

Present the various revenue streams and collaborations that will be needed to offer the comprehensive service so that the potential donor understands how their investment relates to the whole.

#### 7. The methods and time-line for giving

Clearly outline all needs and wish list items, the channels for donors to contribute, and the time frame for giving to optimize success.

#### 8. Who is leading this project

Present the professional accomplishments of your board leadership, Executive Director, and administrative staff through narrative.



# CHANNELS TO 'MAKE THE CASE'

- Organizational website
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc.)
- Paid advertising (Google AdWords, print or online banner ads)
- Unpaid placements (PSAs or press releases)
- Communications (newsletter, e-newsletter, direct mail)
- Special events
- Brochures
- Annual report



#### **WORD COUNT**

2 - 3 Hashtag

3 – 4 Tagline/Motto

10 - 15 Twitter

15 - 30 Facebook

50 - 100 Donation Form

250 - 350 Email

1000+ Direct Mail

Newsletters, Grant Proposals





### THE POWER OF STORY

bestow identity, they shake us up, they open us to our own deepest experience

- Prophetic Dialogue, Bevans and Schroeder



#### **NEUROSCIENCE BEHIND A STORY**

Tension

- Distress grabs attention
- Produces cortisol

Climax

- Emotionally charged events
- Releases dopamine

Call to Action

- Generates oxytocin
- Fosters empathy



#### CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

First, introduce a character.

Then detail the obstacles and conflicts your character faces when working toward a goal. This is the real meat of the story, when your character is struggling to get a law passed, a visa for a refugee, emergency surgery for an animal. It's not clear if the character will prevail.

Next, remind the reader they have the power to create a happy ending.

Clear call to action – specific ASK.





Watch Billy's inspiring story.

Then donate monthly to become a Humane Hero for animals like him.

Billy was used as a breeding dog in a puppy mill, tossed aside when he was past his prime and left to rot in a cage. He had been locked in that cage for so long, the bars had rusted shut—but his life changed when his rescuer, Adam, pried the bars open and gave him a second chance.

Watch Billy's story and become a Humane Hero for animals like him by making a monthly donation today. Your monthly gifts will be used to shut down puppy mills, end dogfighting, stop the Canadian seal hunt, reduce the suffering of animals on factory farms, and so much more. Plus, you'll receive updates and action alerts so you can take quick, simple actions for animals each week



Help us continue our lifesaving work for animals. Make your monthly donation today using the secure form below. If you'd prefer to make a one-time gift instead click here.



VERB + WHO IS IMPACTED

House ———	the homeless
Warm	the cold
Educate ————	a child
Cure	sick
Adopt	a dog
Cultivate———	scientists
Encourage	collaboration
Empower ———	young women

# Try to AVOID words like:

Partner with...
Help us...
We...



# WRITE DONOR-CENTRIC COMMUNICATIONS

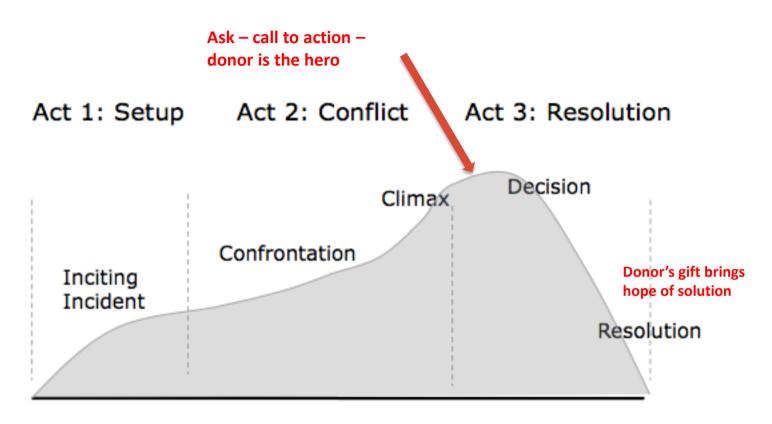


# SHOW THE DONOR LOVE

- Make it all about them
- Elicit emotion
- Don't dump data
- Be conversational







Focus on unfinished story of need



#### DEVELOPING THE NARRATIVE

#### **In Normal Times**

- Who is the protagonist (a beneficiary)?
- What problem do they face?
- How will the problem be solved?
- How does the prospect/donor relate?
   (Make the personal experience universal)
- How will a donation solve the problem?
- What do you want the reader to do?
- What is your call to action?

#### **In Crisis Times**

- Acknowledge the uniqueness of circumstances with compassion
- What problem are beneficiaries or the organization facing?
- Ask for support to address the problem?
- Offer details of how gift will provide a solution – specificity works here!
- What do you want the reader to do?
- What is your call to action?
- Offer message of hope at the other end of the crisis.



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Dear Friend.

and neglect.

How To Donate

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Many of you may celebrate this holiday season sharing in the comforts of hearth and home with friends and family as you recall holidays of vestervear and make new and lasting memories for the future.

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Here at CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), we share this revelatory spirt, but it is tempered by an awareness that not every individual and family in our community experiences pleasant and joyous holidays. In fact, some of our most vulnerable community members, our children, will be faced with winters in which exchanging gifts and time spent decorating their homes is disrupted by tragic abuse

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> We are grateful to be able to be here to assist children in Apple. Banana, Cranberry, Grape, and Blueberry counties. During 2019, here are some of the activities CASA

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engaged in:

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> Met with 62 children in 8 counties ensuring that judicial and government officials had comprehensive and accurate representation of the children's environment and well-being

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Conducted 90 hours of training for 12 new volunteers

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Offered 249 hours of in-service training for 25 current volunteers

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· Offered 152 hours of in-service training for 14 board members

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Children are a treasured gift that should be held gently in the caring hands of those they trust and love. However, for our CASA children this is not the case; it is why we need your support.

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ABC CASA has been reaching out and lifting up the lives of children since 2001. We reach for the hands and lives of those who are most vulnerable and who need a voice in the court system.

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> Please support ABC CASA with a donation today! Your gift of any amount will help us continue to recruit and train volunteers. The need for our volunteers increase every year and we want to leave no child without an advocate. Your gift is also tax deductible. Please consider a gift of \$500, \$1,000 or \$3,500. You may also want to become a CASA partner by committing to an annual monthly gift of \$20, \$50, \$100 or higher.

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Yes, I'll help CASA serve children in my community. You can mail a check in the enclosed envelope or make a secure online donation at www.ABC.org

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For Noah, the holidays aren't hot chocolate and ice skating with family and friends.

Noah is lonely, frightened and alone.

YOU can give the gift of HOPE. SECURITY and a WARM home this holiday season.



Dear \*INAMEI\*

Noah has lost everything familiar-home, family, friends, and school-through no fault of his own. He left home with next to nothing, a few belongings guickly shoved into a trash bag.

Noah needs someone he can trust. Noah needs an adult he can count on to not disappear.

#### Noah needs you.

You can provide the consistent support of a trained volunteer to build a lasting relationship with Noah

#### For just 80¢ a day you can help a child who needs an advocate and a home.

More than 1000 children were without a permanent home in South Dakota this year. Many of these children have experienced physical or sexual abuse or have been abandoned or neglected. They may be infants born with drug or alcohol poisoning.

Children like Noah who have a court appointed special advocate (CASA) volunteer to speak up for them are more likely to do well in school, spend less time in foster care, and find a safe, permanent loving home. Often the CASA volunteer is the only consistent adult in the child's life until the child is adopted or ages out of the court system.

Your generous support today will provide a constant, positive presence and desperately needed sense of normalcy to a child, like Noah, during the most traumatic time in their lives.

Your gift is the positive change in a child's life.

(Turn over)

Organization Name Address Phone | Fax | E-mail



# **CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION**



#### **DEVELOPING THE NARRATIVE**

What your gift will do

What your gift is doing

What your gift did do



#### ONGOING DONOR ENGAGEMENT

- Begin with the thought, "I am writing to you today because..."
- Don't send mixed messages
- Segment never thank a non-donor
- Continue to share stories
- Use a variety of communication channels
- Each point of engagement should have one focus



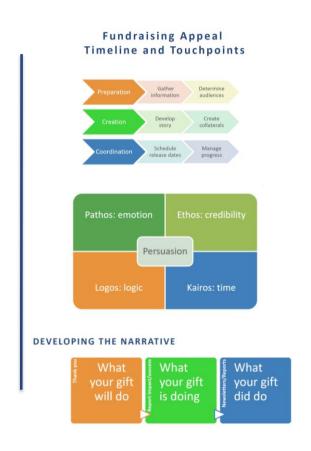
#### Thank OFTEN and UNEXPECTEDLY



#### FINANCIAL RESILIENCE









# IS JUMPSTART FUNDRAISING RIGHT FOR YOU?





#### IS JUMPSTART RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Can you/your team commit to spending 5 hours per week on fundraising and development activities?
- Are you willing to use the Network for Good Simple Smart Fundraising Software?
- Have you raised \$5,000 or more from individual donors during the past twelve months?

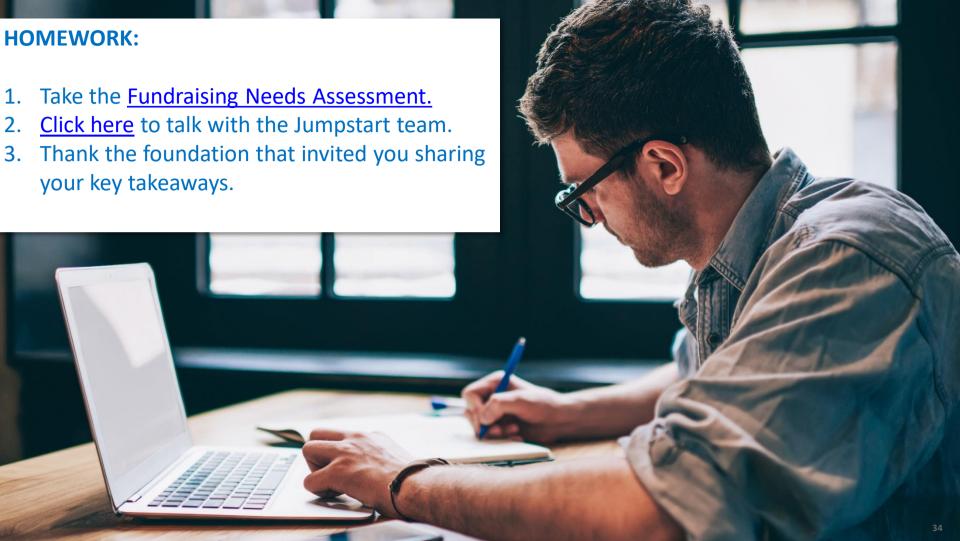


#### HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS

- People are giving generously NOW.
- Jumpstart Personal Fundraising Coaches and tools will help whether you are delivering services now or have suspended services until recovery begins.
- The Jumpstart team is ready to help you access COVID emergency funds and matching funds from Network for Good so you can enroll ASAP.
- NEXT STEP: Click here to see if Jumpstart is right for you (10-minute assessment)



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# QUESTIONS



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



#### **FUNDRAISING NEEDS ASSESSMENT**



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Take the next step and determine your eligibility for Jumpstart Fundraising by taking this 10 minute Needs Assessment!

https://sforce.co/2Vuea0c





### FINANCIAL RESILIENCE TRAINING RESOURCES



Thank you for attending the Financial Resilience Training Program brought to you by Network for Good and the Jumpstart Capacity Building Team!

You will find all of the resources from the training on this website.

#### Nonprofit Resources:

- Nonprofits Unleashed Facebook Page
- COVID-19 Free Resources
- Fundraising Needs Assessment & Jumpstart Eligibility

#### Session Recap

#### Session 1 - Financial Resilience Plan:

Building a financial resilience plan will allow your organization to overcome any crisis. A financial resilience plan allows you to assess funding gaps, create right size fundraising, and prioritize existing donors.

#### Session 2 - Communications Plan:

A strong communications plan in place will allow you to stay in touch with your supporters through any crisis.

#### Session 3 - Fundraising Appeals:

Having the right message and using a multi-channel strategy in your fundraising appeals is imperative to making the right outreach to your supporters.







