Creating an "Olympic" Multichannel Strategy



DID YOU KNOW











To get to the Olympics



A Little About Me

Mikaela King

MERKLE Do What Matters mking@merkleinc.com

A Few Nonprofits I've Worked With:















5 years in commercial business

- Sales, Investor Relations and Webmaster
- Sportfishing boat builder, large national bank

10+ years in nonprofit fundraising

- Raised \$100+ million through online, mail, phone, DRTV and face-to-face fundraising
- Clients include Toys for Tots, MADD, US Olympic Committee, Wounded Warrior Project,
 Defenders of Wildlife, American Heart
 Association, DAV, Citizens Against Government
 Waste, Fords Theatre
- Currently work for a marketing agency creating multi-channel fundraising strategy for large national nonprofit orgs





We had to research the playground...



What did bobsled teach us?



RESEARCH IS YOUR RIGHT TO WIN.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO MEASURE ANYTHING.

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT TO KNOW?

HOW WILL YOU USE THE INFORMATION?

ARE THERE SIMPLE THINGS YOU COULD BE DOING THAT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT?

So what is USOC's playground?

USOC's Multichannel Marketing Included:

- A large supporter base built primarily through direct mail
 - 1 million + donors
 - Heavy product buyers (Olympic-themed premiums)
 - Older audience (65+)
 - Preference for "legendary" athlete stories



Campaign-driven Telemarketing calls and messaging



- A large, but inactive email file
 - Built through an e-append to the mail file
 - Not much meaningful communication until March 2011
 - Very low engagement (measured in opens, clicks, actions)



Strong Social Media presence but little conversion



- 1 million "likes" on Facebook
- No way to convert fans to subscribers or donors

But We Needed to Understand Olympic Fans

Quantitative research was fielded in June 2010 to:

- Understand who Olympic fans are and how they live their lives
- Demonstrate **why** they watch and are interested in the Olympic Games
- Benchmark them against the average American and the NFL fan
- Understand how to engage with and activate the Olympic Fangelist



USOC Market Research

Across the Fangelist population, three dimensions separate themselves as creating attractive and distinctive behavioral segments:

Sports Enthusiast

Exercise at least 1 hour or more every day

Values Driven

- Watches the Olympic Games:
 - Because I believe in the Olympic Values
 - · To be inspired
 - · Because it promotes world peace and global unity

Flag Bearer

- Watches the Olympic Games:
 - To support the US Olympic team
 - To cheer for my country

Source: Millward Brown Optimor quantitative research, 05/10

Merkle Market Research

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

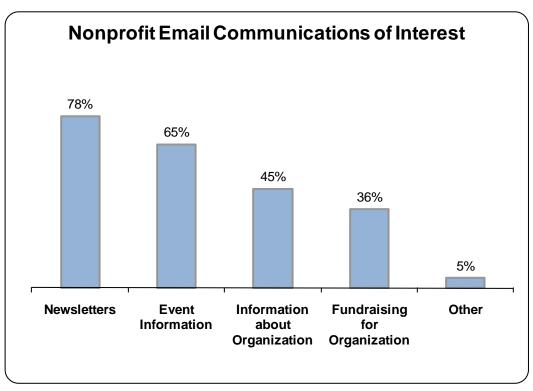
Merkle has been conducting the *View from the Inbox*™ national study for nine years. The study was created to measure and track attitudes and online behaviors among U.S. adults, with emphasis on permission-based email and digital media such as social networking and mobile marketing

 The study is fielded every fall through Harris Interactive, which maintains a panel of millions of people who respond to online research surveys

<u>Goal</u>: Highlight online attitudinal, behavioral and demographic **differences** of **constituents** opted in to nonprofit e-communications to identify digital marketing **opportunities**

Desired Nonprofit Digital Content

 Newsletters are the types of nonprofit email communications that garner the most interest among subscribers, followed by event info

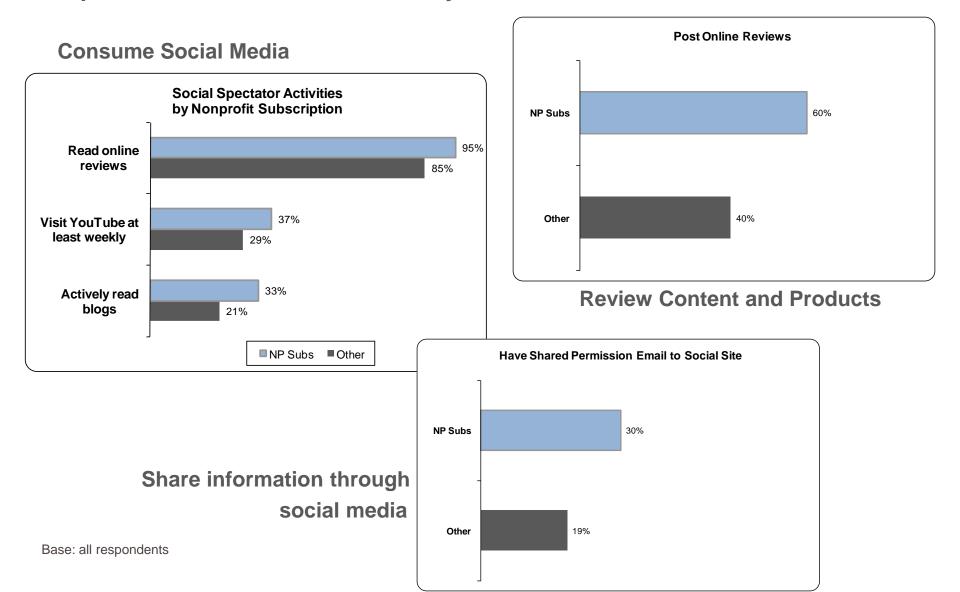


Half (51%) of nonprofit subscribers say that receiving email increases the likelihood they'll donate to that organization

Base: nonprofit subscribers

Social Activities

Nonprofit subscribers are more likely to:



Mobile by the Numbers

- Nonprofit segment is more likely to engage in mobile communications:
 - Higher instance of text messaging, commercial mobile opt-ins, and smart phone usage
- Nonprofit digital contact strategies should include a mobile component to leverage this group's mobile savvy

Mobile by the Numbers	NP Subs	Other
Text message on mobile phone:	55%	47%
Opted in to receive commercial messages on mobile	37%	25%
Avg. number of companies sending mobile messages monthly*	2.3	1.9
Have an Internet-enabled mobile phone:	56%	48%
Access the Web via mobile	70%	65%
Check primary personal email account on mobile	58%	53%
Percent of time spent with PEM on mobile*	12%	13%
Primary purpose of mobile is for work (vs. personal use)	13%	9%

Base: all respondents for main categories; sub-categories based on texting and Internet-enabled mobile respondents respectively. *Not a statistically significant difference.

Key things we learned

Reach new fangelists though multichannel communications

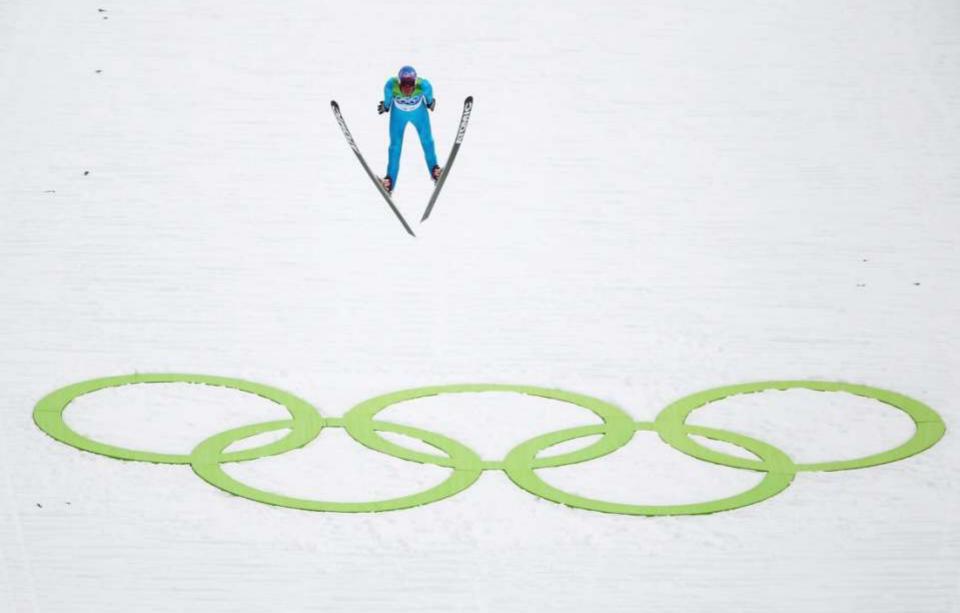
Build layers of content through additional channels

Balance email content 2:1 content to ask to increase likelihood of donation

Mobile content and donation capability a must

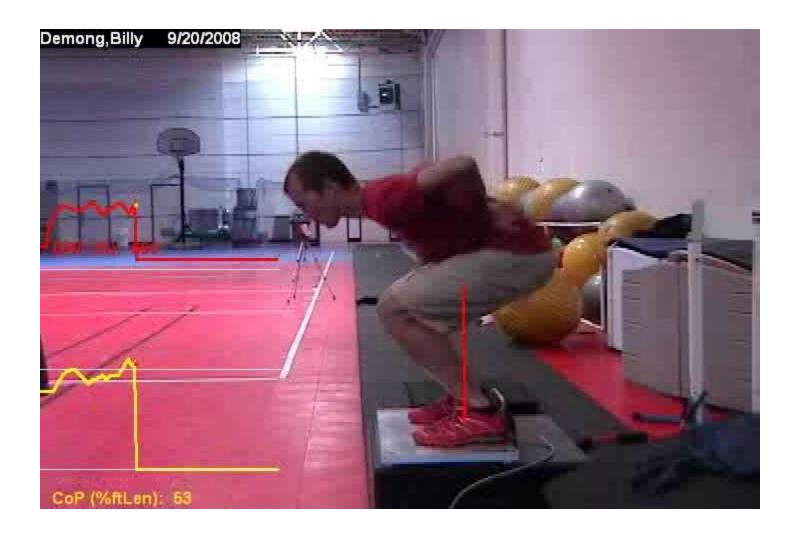
Social engagement required with concentration on Facebook

What We've Done Turning Market Research Into Strategy



Winning strategies take commitment.

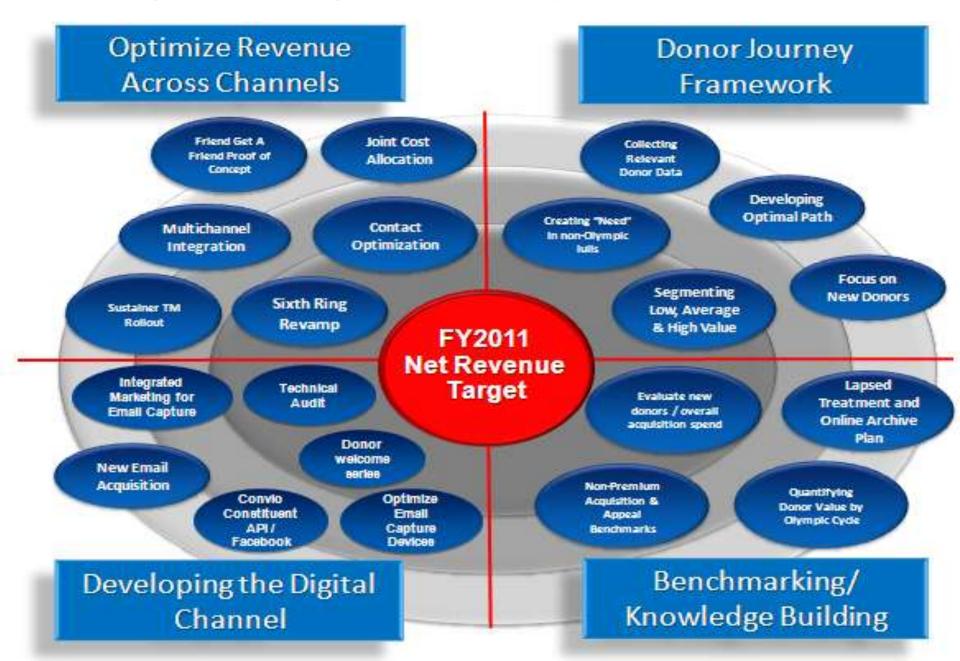
Ten years in the making...



Billy Demong practicing for his eventual Gold medal win in 10km Individual Large Hill ski jumping.



Building a Strategic Roadmap

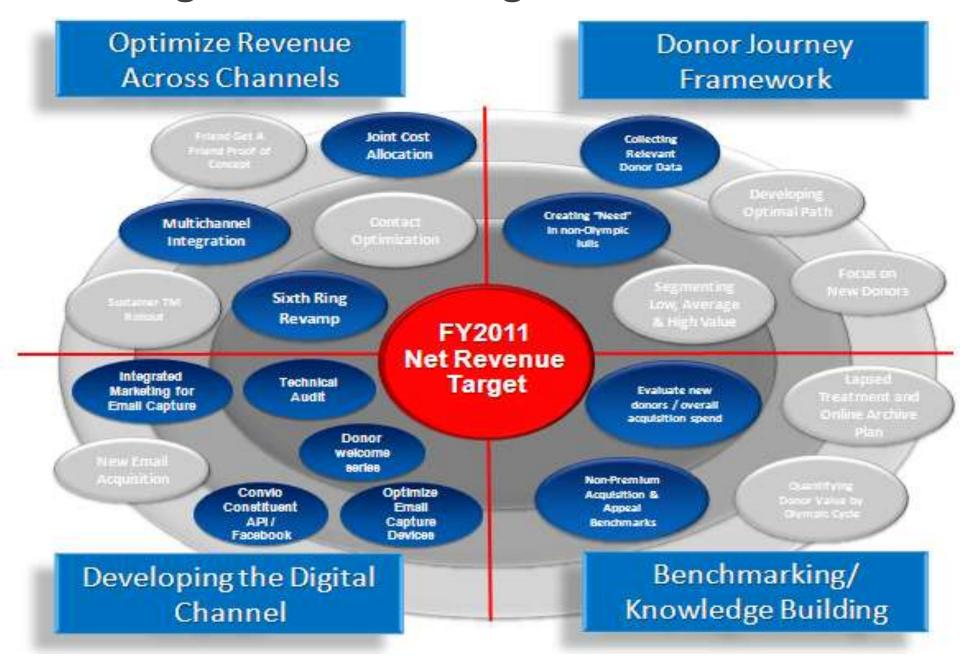




BOILING THE OCEAN

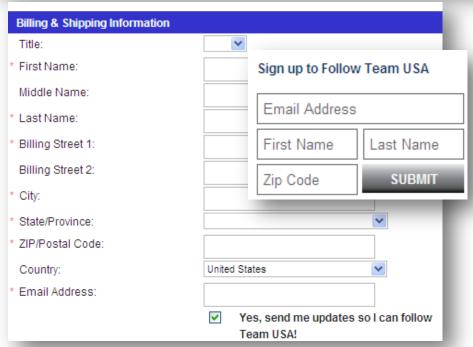
A perfect job for the S.S. Failboat. Ready to set sail?

Balancing the short & long term needs



Your gift DOUBLES to give the gift of education - Give today!



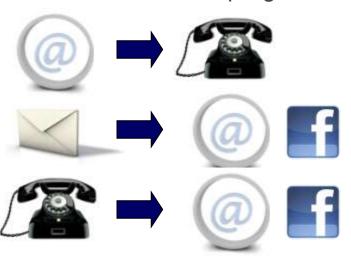


We're not golden yet, but we've created...

Cross-channel campaigns and contact capture

What's Next?

 Active (not just passive) crosschannel conversion programs:





Key Campaign Integration

Email follow-ups to DM pieces yield expected lift

What's next?

 Tracking higher level engagement across both channels





E-newsletter Redesign

- New e-news design with content targeting three fangelist audiences
- Opened very strong and integrated non-financial engagement points like social, downloadable content, multi-media, etc.

What's next?

 Incorporate usergenerated content, test designs

Mobile Integration

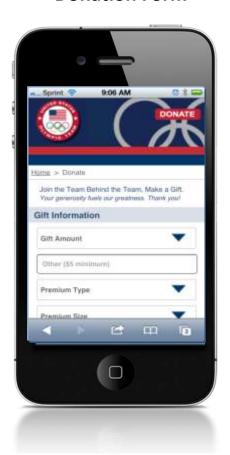
An Olympic Mobile Experience

- Mobile-ready website with sniffer technology
- Navigate a media-rich site easily from any smart phone

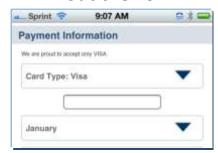
On the Go Mobile Giving

- Easy-to-use donation process
- Integrated with Convio (USOC's eCRM tool) for processing and reporting

Mobile Donation Form



Fill out the Form



Select the Amount

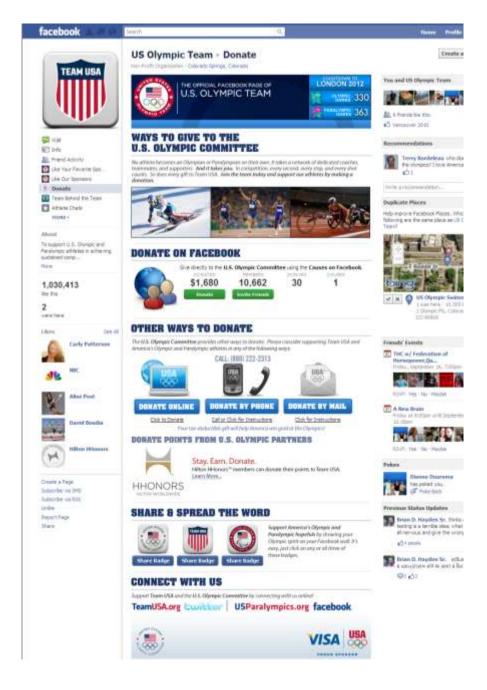


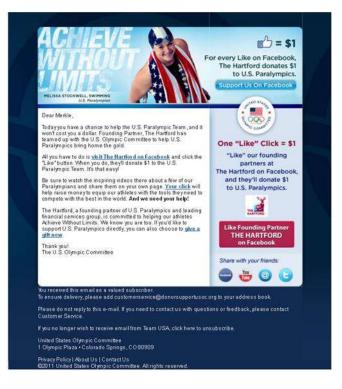
Confirmation Email with Receipt









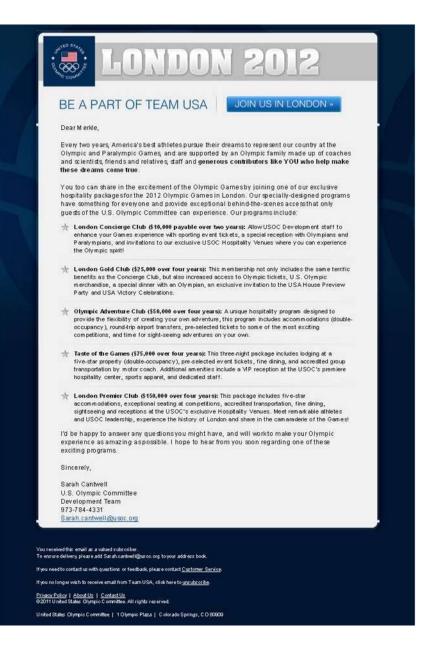


Social Conversion

 Built email and donation capture devices through Convio Facebook API

What's next?

 Use social media interaction to drive content themes in e-news and appeals



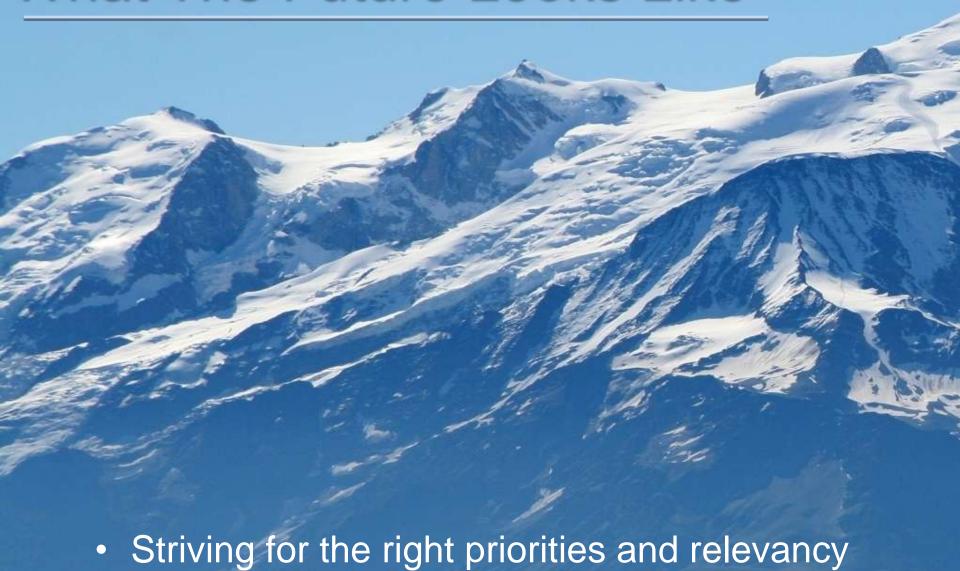
Major Donor Integration

 Success driving major donors to give offline with email

What's next?

 Can we get major donors more engaged with online VIP community?

What The Future Looks Like



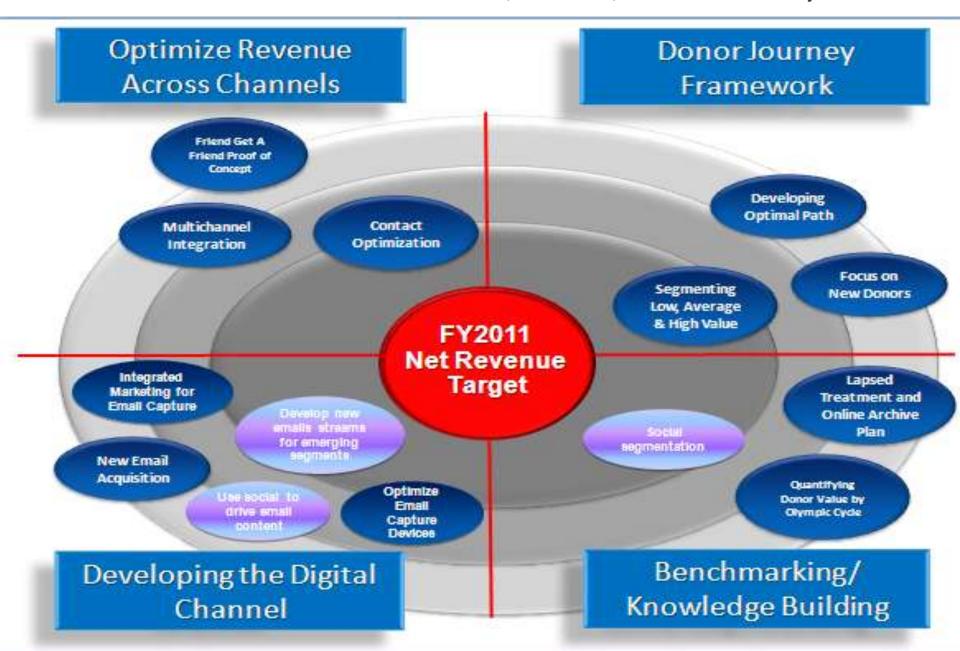
Anonymous uploader







What's USOC's road to London, Sochi, Rio and beyond?



How do we prioritize?

Do the Right Things at the Right Time, Not Just the Shiny Things Now

Be Data-Driven

Social space is ripe
Still need more insight on email
Mobile not great during non-Game time
Donation form conversion

How do we prioritize?

Don't Do the Right Things in a Vacuum

Shift Approach from Channel-Specific to Donor-Centric

Be Integrated into Holistic Engagement Efforts

New teamusa.org – mobile and DM integration

Multichannel Raise Our Flag campaign

Cross-channel capture

Let the donor choose

How do we prioritize?

Do What You Need and What Your Constituents Need, Even if Those Needs are Different

Create Strategic Harmony Between USOC's Fundraising Offerings and It's Donors' Needs

- Organizational priorities
 - Surveys
- Social content guidance

How do we prioritize?

Do the Right Things Well Consistently

Ensure Consistent Positive Constituent Experiences Across All Channels

Collaboration between executing departments and vendors

Universal metrics

Consistent tracking

Q&A





AMAZING AWAITS! Good luck!

Appendix



USOC Market Research - Fangelist Study Merkle Market Research - View from the Inbox

The number of Fangelists in the US was sized using a conservative approach that combined US Census data and three quantitative research metrics

	Overall#	% Fan	% Personal interest	% Heavy viewership	Total Fangelist#
Adults (18-65)	196.5m*	56.6%	51.6%	51.8%	29.7m
Teens(13-17)	21.6m*	92.4%	40.9%	83.5%	6.8m
Total					36.5m



Population of the US aged 13 to 65 in the US

Market Research Input 1 Market Research Input 2 Market Research Input 3

Fangelist

Study Sample Size and Benchmark Group

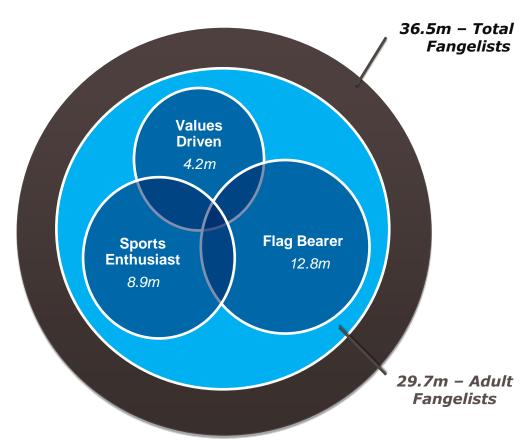
		Sample
	Teens (13-17)	150
F	Young males (18-34)	202
Fangelist	Moms (35-49)	153
	Adults (55+)	153
Benchmark	Average Americans	108
groups	NFL Fans	105
Total		871

- · Based on this methodology there are:
 - 36.5m Fangelists in the US
 - 29.7m adult Fangelists
 - 6.8m teenage Fangelists

* Source: US Census data

Market sizing of the Fangelist population

-Fangelists (millions)



Source: Millward Brown Optimor quantitative research, 05/10

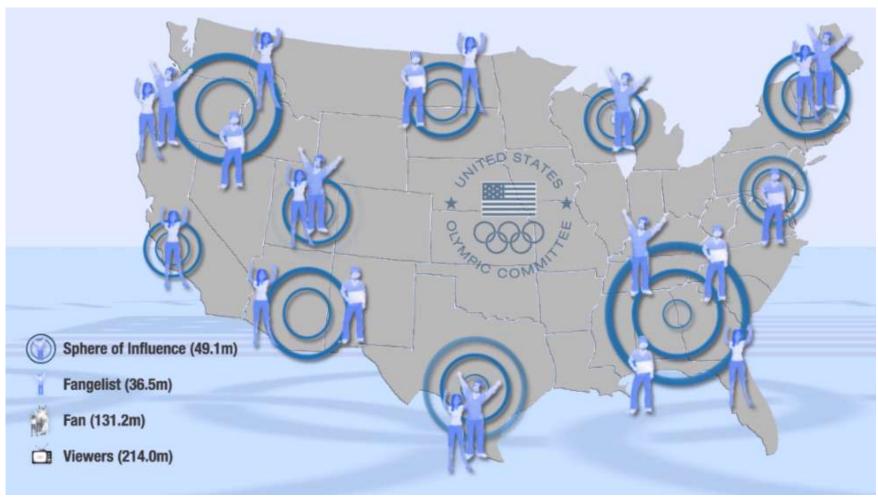
- In the United States, there are 29.7m
 Fangelists aged 18 to 65
 - 36.5m including teenagers
- The three main segments of these Fangelists account for 88% of the total Olympic fanbase in the US
 - Values Driven
 - Sports Enthusiast
 - Flag Bearer



- In addition to this core group of Olympic Fans, the Fangelists hold significant power to influence their friends and families
 - The net of influence by the Olympic Fangelist reaches 49.1m Americans

	# of Fangelists	% Trend setter	Influence multiplier	# of Followers
Adults (18-65)	29.7m	25.4%	5	37.7m
Teens (13-17)	6.8m	33.4%	5	11.4m
Total				49.1m

Source: Millward Brown Optimor quantitative research, 05/10

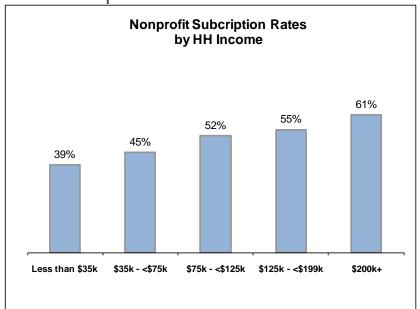


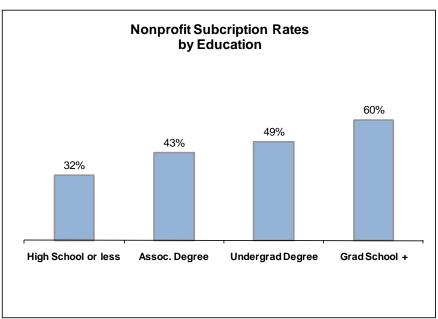
Source: Millward Brown Optimor quantitative research, 05/10

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Demographics: Do Nonprofit Email Subscribers Look Different?

- Age: Average age the same 44
 Gender: Slight but significant female skew
- Income: Not surprisingly, annual household income is a predictor of email relationships with nonprofits, as an email opt in can be implicit in an online donation
 - Non profit subscription increases with household income
- Education: As education correlates to income, we see the same rise in subscriptions as education increases





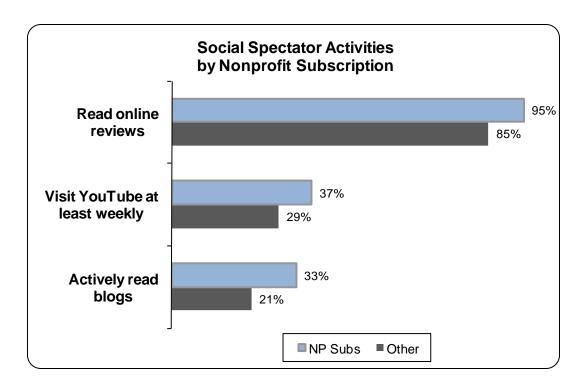
VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Social Activities

Of the "social spectator" activities measured in the View from the InboxTM, nonprofit subscribers have substantially higher social content consumption compared to remainder of the online population

Targeting Tip

Fundraising strategies should include content covering these elements to better reach target audiences

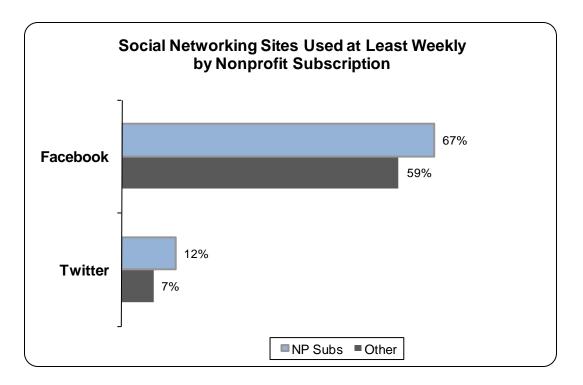


Base: all respondents

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Social Networking Sites

 Facebook has lost a lot of its differentiation from past years with the nonprofit cohort, but Twitter has made gains in the ability to reach the nonprofit target audience



Targeting Tip



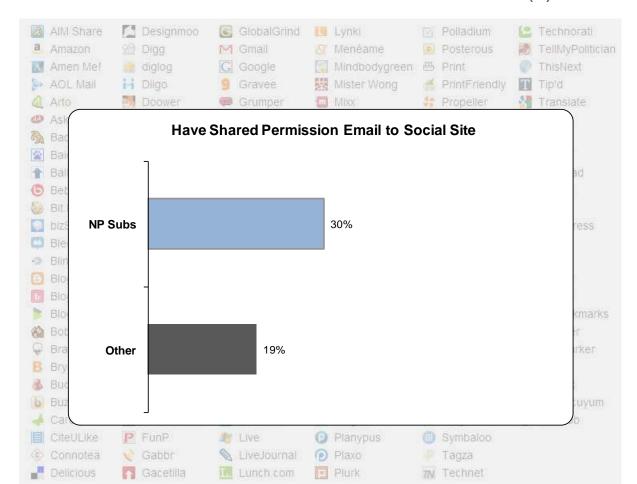
Not only are nonprofit subscribers 13% more likely to be a regular Facebook user, they have become a fan of 6 additional organizations or brands (15.5 vs. 9.4)

Base: all respondents

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Social Sharing

 Nonprofit social subscribers are more likely to share something they've received in commercial email to their social site(s)



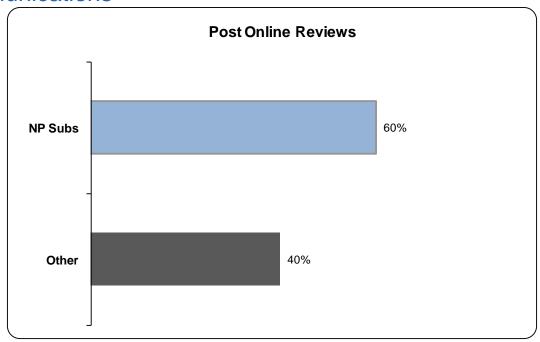
Targeting Tip

Ensure all emails with a call-to-action have a "post to social" feature

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Social "Critics"

- Sixty percent of the nonprofit subscribers have posted online reviews, compared to 40% of the remaining online population
 - This online audience segment is not only involved, as demonstrated in their nonprofit subscriptions, they are vocal!
 - This point reinforces the need for a social component in email communications

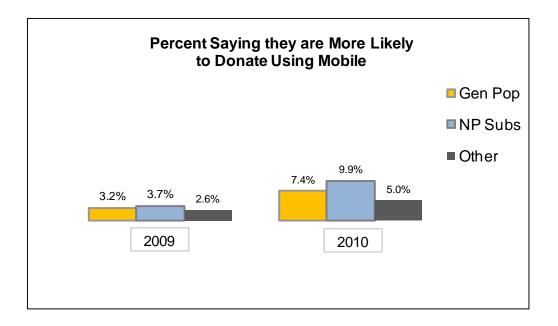


Base: all respondents

VIEW FROM THE DIGITAL INBOX

Mobile Donations

- Newer, mobile methods of giving like Text2Give, are quickly gaining traction among the general online population and existing nonprofit constituents
 - Interestingly, the gains in openness seem to be coming from the decrease in those saying they are not likely to donate this way (down 8 pts. To 72%). The undecided group is about 20% across all groups shown (increased YOY)



Targeting Tip



There is an edge for this donation strategy among the younger crowd: those who are open skew about five years younger than those who are not likely to use this method



Base: text messaging respondents