





# The fundamentals of sustainer/monthly giving

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## **About Erica Waasdorp**

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- •25+ years of Monthly Giving experience
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## What we will cover today...

- Monthly donors provide sustainable revenue!
- Donors want to help in a way that works best for them
- Monthly giving cost and resources are minimal
- Ways to ask to generate new monthly donors, especially NOW!
- Keeping the monthly donors you have
- Other ways you can keep your monthly donors engaged





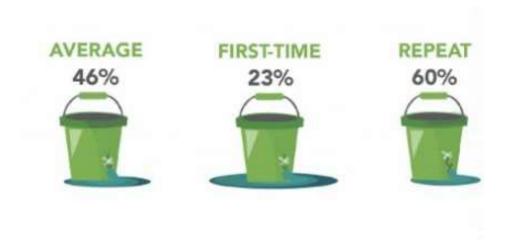




## Monthly donors provide sustainable revenue



### **Monthly Donors Improve Donor Retention**







Source: Donor Perfect users, Bloomerang, Fundraising Effectiveness Project 2017



## **Monthly Donors Give More Money**





Source: 2020 M&R Strategic Benchmarks, Network for Good, 2019 Bloomerang Study among monthly donors









## How many monthly donors do you have?





## What if You Had More Monthly Donors?

	# of Monthly Donors	Average gift	Average Yearly Gift	Cumulative
Totals	100	\$18	\$216	\$21,600
Totals	200	\$36	\$432	\$86,400
Totals	500	\$54	\$648	\$324,000



Source: 2020 M&R Strategic Benchmarks, A Direct Solution



## You can PLAN on the funds being there no matter what!









## Donors want to help in a way that works best for them





## **Monthly Giving is Donor Centric**

- Gifts can be small!
- Gifts fit their budget
- Gifts are easy to make







## **Small Gifts Are More Doable & Affordable Right Now**

P.P.S Or, if it's easier on your budget, <u>will you please consider a monthly dift of \$5 or more to</u> <u>help the animals during this continued crisis?</u> Thank you again!

Make a One-Time Donation

**Become a Recurring Donor** 





## **Gifts Are Easy To Make**

- Donor can give no matter what time of day
- No matter where they are
- Mobile or desktop









## Monthly Giving Cost And Resources Are Minimal!





## You Have The Tools and Processes!

- Online donation options
- Donor base
- Thank you processes







## **Online Monthly Donation Options In Place**

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#### Questions

Is this donation tax deductible?

How do I make a gift by phone or mail?

How do I make a gift of security funds, mutual funds, or stock?

▶ How do I give by a donor-advised fund?

How do I add Camp to my estate plan?

 Will my donation be matched by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation?



#### Select an amount

	DONATE ONCE			DONATE MONTHLY		
\$180	\$360	\$540	\$1,000	Other		









## Which payment processor are you using?





#### **Thank You Processes In Place**







#### You Don't Need Many Donors/Names To Get Started









## **Don't be afraid to** ask for monthly gifts Now





## Assign someone to be in charge







#### **Take Over Your Home Page**

#### St. Therese's Camp

HOME SUMMER CAMP CONTACT ABOUT US RETREATS & RENTALS APPLY MEDIA TESTIMONIALS SUPPORTERS DONATE





Source: sttheresescampak.com



## Add Monthly to your one-time Donation Page



Donate

#### Strengthen Saint Therese's Camp

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#### Source: sttheresescampak.com

## **Create A Special Monthly Only Page**



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Become a Trailblazer by making a recurring monthly gift! Your monthly gift will go towards paying off the camp and securing St. Therese's for generations of campers.



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### Show That Even Small Gifts Are Possible!





#### **Become a Monthly Donor**

Join a dedicated group of monthly donors who understand the importance of making a consistent commitment to our community through Jewish Federation. Impact Partners provide ongoing support to people in need in our community, opportunities for young people to stay engaged in Jewish life and support efforts to keep the community safe in a time when anti-Semitism is on the rise.



Together, We're Unstoppable!

\$10 a Month







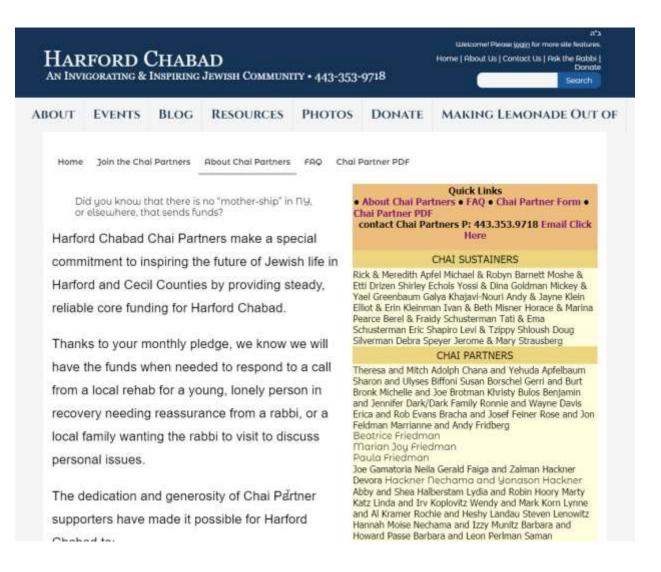




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## **Give recognition if permission**







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#### **Offer Other Ways to Send in their Gift**

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Chai Partner Sign Up Form Yes, I'll join as a Chai Partner and

support the Harford Chabad

community with a monthly gift of

\$18 G \$37.50 G \$75 G \$150

from my checking account and have included

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date

Name

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to be recognized as a Chai Partner

do not wish to be recognized as a Chai Partner

Thank you for joining as a Chai Partner!

Please send completed form to:

I want the following credit or debit card

I want to set up a monthly draft

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to be charged monthly

Email Address

Signature:



#### Chai Partners Automatic Monthly Giving

Becoming a Chai Partner is as easy as 1.2.3 and is a convenient and efficient way to make your support of the Jewish community go further.

 Decide on the amount you'd. Die to contribute
Fill out the Chail Partner Sign Up Form – Complete both sides of the form, following the instructions for your chosen payment method, and return it to Harford Chabad P.O. Box 393 Bei Air, MD 21014

3. Sit back and relax, knowing you are inspiring a community and making a difference in the future of Jewish life in Harford and Ceol Countes. The monthly gift you select will automatically be contributed to Harford Chabad through your credit card or checking account (like an automatic check), on the first of the month (or next business day).

If you need to change your amount or have any guestions, please contact the Chai Partners department

#### To Contact Chai Partners

Phone: (443) 353-9718 Fax: (877) 334-3565 Email: info@HarfordChabad.org online at www.HarfordChabad.org/Contact Or send a note to: Harford Chabad Attn: Chai Partners, P.O. Box 393 Bel Air, MD 21014

#### THANK YOU

for becoming a Chai Partner and for your continued support of Harford Chabad

#### Frequently asked questions

#### What if I wish to change the amount of my monthly contribution?

You are welcome to change the amount at any time. Simply call, send a letter or email us and we will be glad to assist you.

#### What if there's a change with my credit card or my card has expired?

Please mail us a note informing us that you changed credit cards and we'll update the information.

#### What if I change banks?

Please mail us a note informing us that you changed checking accounts and include a voided check from your new account.

#### When will contributions be withdrawn from my account?

Charges and withdrawais take place on the first of the month. If you prefer a different day, let us know and we will accommodate accordingly. Note: if the first falls on a weekend or legal holiday the withdrawals will occur on the following business day.

#### How long will it take for withdrawals to begin?

Depending on the date we receive all your information, generally on the first of the following month e.g., if we receive your information on December 15th, the next withdrawal will be January 1st.

#### What do I use for tax purposes?

We will be mailing you a giving receipt at the beginning of each year, if at any time you would like a summary of your contributions, please contact us and we would be glad to send one to you.

#### Do I need to pledge each year to renew

my Chai partnership? No, your monthly draft will continue at the current. Level unless you'd like to change it or cancel.



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#### Download a form





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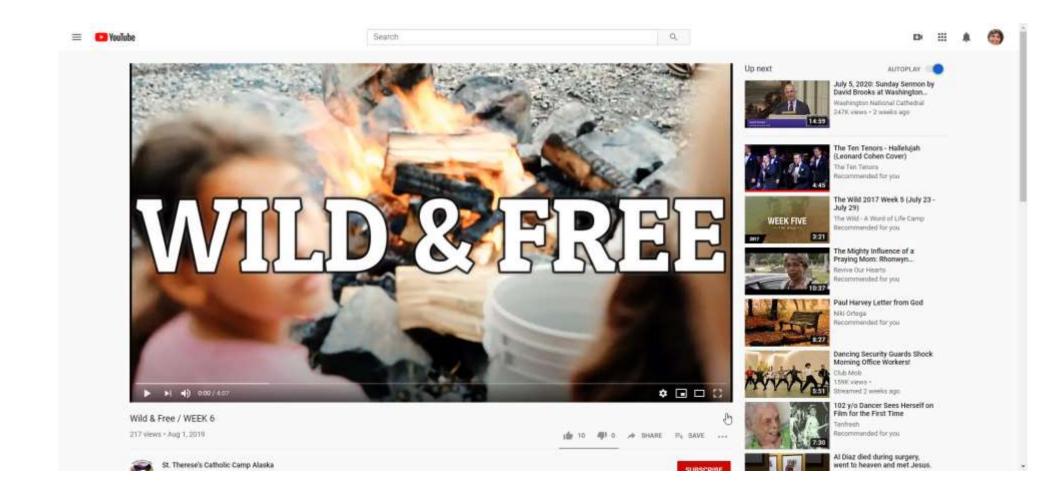


## Who is giving to you now?





## Share the good times ...





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## Repurpose, Repurpose!



A lot has been written about the incredible power of Jewish Camp. A summer at GFC is an





## Use Social Media to Engage, Call To Action, Ask







#### Make It Clear You're Looking for Monthly Gifts

Cant view this? <u>Bead it on line.</u> GIVE MONTHLY

From: Sent: To: Subject: Elizabeth Nielsen, Feeding America ≺info@feedingamerica.org ≻ Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:04 AM erica waasdorp Make a difference for hunary families on #SivinaTuesdavNow



Dear erica,

Cars are in miles-long lines at food banks across the country. Thousands of families are reaching out for help for the first time.

This is our new reality, and it is unprecedented. But so is the support we've received from people like you.

Today is **#G ivingTuesdayNow** – a day dedicated to generosity and caring in the midst of crisis. With so many Americans visiting food banks and many likely to need extra help for weeks and months to come, the urgency is clear.

In the spirit of this special day, please consider making a \$10 monthly gift to Feeding America. Monthly donations are the most effective way to help provide meals for kids and families in the months ahead.

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#### #GivingTuesdayNow

Give monthly to help get food to kids and families now and in the coming months

#### START MY MONTHLY GIFT

The parents and seniors who come to food banks are facing some of the worst days of their lives, and the moment they receive food is such a relief.

We expect the increase in Americans needing help to last for many months. I can't stand the thought of having to turn people away – we are counting on our monthly donors to help us feed anyone who comes through the door.

#### Please make a monthly gift for #GivingTuesdayNow to let families facing hunger know that you care.

These are challenging times, but our communities are meeting this moment with such incredible generosity.

I'm humbled by your support and kindness.

Stay safe,

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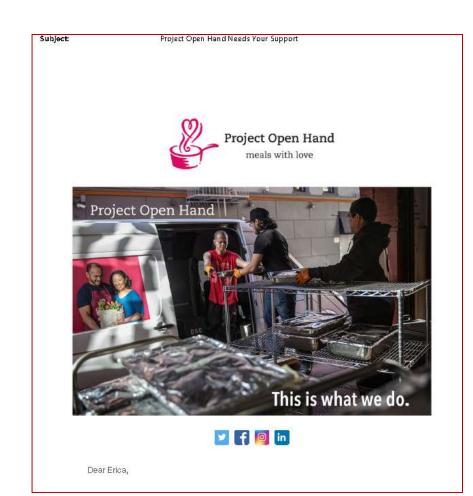


Elizabeth Nielsen Senior Vice President Feeding America





## Add Ask To Give Monthly In Your Email



I need you. We need you. Our clients need you.

Project Open Hand can only serve thousands of clients and can only provide life-saving meals to the critically ill and vulnerable in San Francisco and Alameda Counties with your help.

Now, the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the recent "shelter-in-place" order have drastically impacted our operations.

Normally, 125 daily volunteers fill our facilities, helping to prep and package meals. Now we are dependent on paid staff, finding volunteers who do not fall within the groups at risk of contracting the coronavirus, and we can only purchase expensive, pre-processed ingredients to prepare meals.

Most importantly, this health crisis has impacted the way we deliver these life-saving meals to our clients, many of whom are seniors or have a chronic illness — the most vulnerable groups to catching the virus.

These are uncertain times, and perhaps, one of the most challenging this organization has ever faced. We must be committed to the communities we serve ...and we need your help to do it.

#### Will you give monthly to support us during this critical time?

By supporting us with a **MONTHLY DONATION**, you will help alleviate the increased costs we are facing in the weeks and months ahead to ensure that we continue to get these nutritious meals in the hands of those who need it most.

#### Yes, I'll make an emergency gift

If you can't give monthly, a ONE-TIME DONATION of any size will help us.

We are at a critical moment when action is needed and with your help, Project Open Hand can be ready to respond to do whatever it takes. Will you help?



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Thank you for your support!

#### Use a match

#### **Special Update**

A few weeks ago, I told you about this tremendous challenge. If we generate 50 new monthly donors by September 30th, a generous donor will give us an additional \$10,000!



I'm excited to tell you that we already have 15 new monthly donors. One more month to go!

Will you make a difference to a child with a monthly gift today?

It's easy and convenient. You'll make a small gift through your credit card. You can budget your donations and it's a great way for us to plan our programs, because we know the funds will be there.

Just think, how many more kids we can get off the streets with that additional \$10,000.



Thank you!





### Get and Share testimonials Consider redesignation of tuition

-Thank you for providing a wonderful week of faith, fellowship and fun for our son and the campers during the first week of camp!! As a parent, I am thrilled and feel so blessed that he had the opportunity to grow in his faith at camp with his friends (old and new) with the guidance of passionate, dedicated staff.

-Thanks again for all of your work for the youth of the church. My girls had a wonderful week and I'm so thankful for this break in the summer for them to grow in their faith and create lasting friendships.

-It was so wonderful to hear the kids talk the whole way home about their amazing week at camp!! Thank you for providing such a fun filled, spiritual strengthening, relationship building week for these three! Thanks again for an unforgettable week!

This is just a small sample of the positive feedback I receive in the course of my conversations with parents. YOU make these wonderful stories possible. Thank you for your critical support for St. Therese's Camp. Here at the end of the year, it's a great time to support the ministry of St. Therese's. Click <u>HERE</u> make a secure online donation for St. Therese's. Your support today will create lifelong impact in young lives.

Thank you again, and feel free to contact me.

Rudy Poglitsh, Camp Director campdirector@stthereseak.com (907) 232-2066

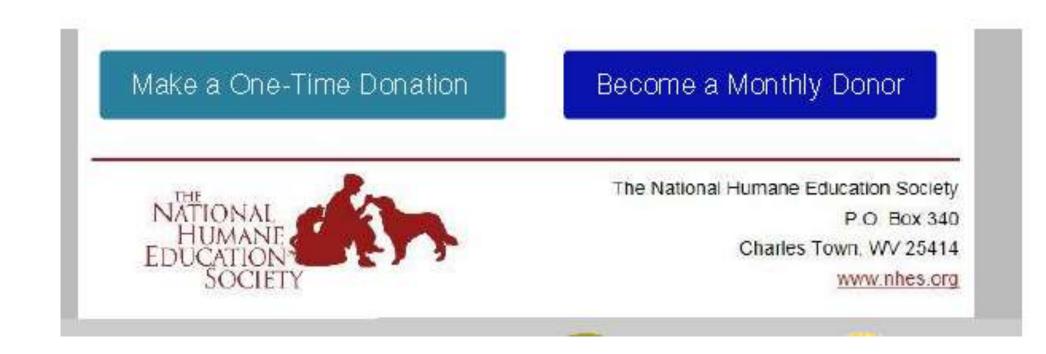
Thank You

Link to monthly only page





### **Try An Extra Button in Every Email**







#### Ask To Give Monthly In Your Email Signature

Help provide more nutritious, life-saving meals to the critically ill in our community by joining The Supper Club

Follow us on 🗵 f 🛅 💙 at @ProjectOpenHand / #FoodisMedicine #Meal*s*withLove

FOOD=LOVE







# Keeping The Monthly Donors You Have





#### **Recognize Your Monthly Donors, even in Extra Gift Ask**

From: Sent: To: Subject: Virginia Briggs Dungan ≺development@nhes.org> Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:19 AM erica waasdorp Dory needs you, erica



#### **NHES Spring Matching Gift Challenge**

#### **Right Now:**

Double Your Impact \$25 becomes \$50 \$50 becomes \$100 \$100 becomes \$200 \$250 becomes \$500



Dear erica,

Thank you so much for your ongoing monthly gifts. Because of you, we're able to be at the ready for the animals, especially during this coronavirus crisis.

Today is GivingTuesdayNOW, a global day of giving to support all organizations struggling with the impact from Covid-19.

I hesitate to ask because you already do so much. But would you consider an extra gift to support NHES and the animals in our care on this special day of giving?

Even with the shelter closed for the general public, we continue to receive animals and we must be there for the dogs and cats you and I care so much about.

The good news is that your gift today will be worth twice as much, thanks to the Spring Match. Will you please consider a special gift today?

Thank γou,





#### **Use the Phone!**



## Just call to say Thank You, especially Now!





### Write Thank You Notes

- Don't worry about branding
- Personal looking is best
- It shows you care about your donors









### What do you do when monthly donors stop?





#### Look at Annual Value At Risk

	# of Monthly Donors Reactivated	Average gift	Average Yearly Gift	Cumulative
Totals	10	\$18	\$216	\$2,160





#### **Pay Extra Attention To Your Soft Cancels**



### **Donors Want To Keep Giving!**





### Make That Courtesy Call to Follow Up on Soft Cancels

- Thank
- Offer solution
- Thank again
- If voicemail, leave a message of thanks









#### **Have a Phone Script Ready**

Telephone script to leave a message with donor

If you can't reach a live person, here's the preferred message to leave:

Hello, mr./mrs. Last name,

I'm name of caller of Duffy Health Center.

First, I'd like to thank you so much for your ongoing monthly gifts. You're helping those at risk of becoming homeless, right here on Cape Cod.

I'm also calling because I tried charging your card for your monthly gift of \$amount, but it did not seem to go through for some reason. Perhaps you have a new card?

Would you please give me a call at your earliest convenience at 508-771-7517, ext. 169 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., so we can update your information? That would be terrific.

Thank you so much for your continued support with your monthly gifts as a member of our Community of Hope. Have a wonderful day!



Source: <a href="https://www.adirectsolution.com/go/ebook-monthly-donor-retention-play-book/">https://www.adirectsolution.com/go/ebook-monthly-donor-retention-play-book/</a>



#### **Even One Call A Day Can Make A Difference!**

"I began calling lapsed monthly donors. Of 48 completed calls, 24 re-activated. Some had been lapsed for 5 years or more.

"The calls don't take very long. I schedule one per day, and if I miss a few days it's easy to catch up. I stay a half-hour late one day a month to try to catch people who I can't get hold of.

"I've gleaned valuable information from people who say 'no'. "







# The Next Step Is Up To You!





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## Monthly Donors Can Truly Be Your Friends for Life! Start asking now!





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"The **best time** to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second **best time** is now." - Chinese Proverb





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