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Fundraising Effectiveness Project 2023 Review

**Sector Trends and What To Do About Them** 



#### Your presenters





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#### Topics for Today

- What is the Fundraising Effectiveness Project?
- 2023 The Year in Fundraising
  - Donation and Donor Growth
  - Retention
  - Other key findings
- The Fundraising Fitness Test
  - How to use the data



#### The Fundraising Effectiveness Project











**Data Providers:** 















Data Reporting:













Levis Research Grants and Research

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Ruth K. Hansen, Ph.D and Lauren Dula, Ph.D

Interaction of Gender and Personal Values in Donor Response to Appeals

More Grants and Research Every Year!





# GIG/FEP analysis reports, articles, etc., are available at: https://afpglobal.org/FundraisingEffectivenessProject









# Fundraising Trends 2023







# 2023 Change in Giving Overall Donations



~-2.8%







#### Dollars by Donation Size:

\$ <del>0</del>	20°	20°	200°	20%
MICRO (\$1 - \$100)	<b>SMALL</b> (\$101 - \$500)	MIDSIZE (\$501 - \$5K)	MAJOR (\$5K - \$50K)	SUPERSIZE (\$50K+)
-6.8%	-4.0%	-5.9%	-7.1%	-6.3%
YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change
1.9%	5.4%	16.4%	25.2%	51.2%
% of total dollars	% of total dollars	% of total dollars	% of total dollars	% of total dollars

- Dollars donated decreased across donors of all sizes, dropping between -4.0% and -7.1%.
- Donors contributing over \$5K accounted for 76.4% of all dollars donated, despite only representing 2.6% of all donors.









NEW DONORS

-11.6% YOY Change

18.1%

% of total dollars



NEW RETAINED DONORS

-14.7%

YOY Change

7.3%

% of total dollars



REPEAT RETAINED DONORS

-3.5% YOY Change

62.0%

% of total dollars



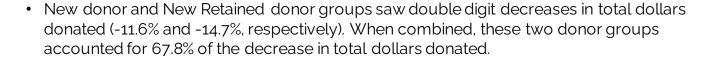
RECAPTURED DONORS

-6.3%

YOY Change

12.6%

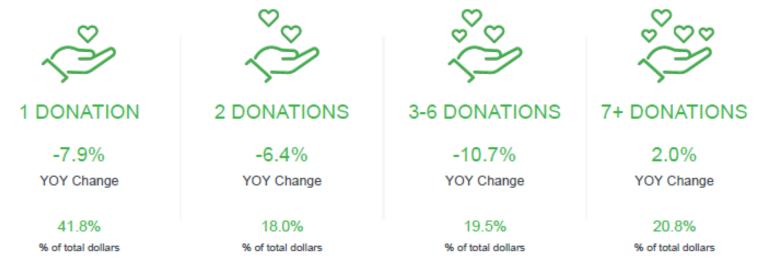
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#### Dollars by Donation Count



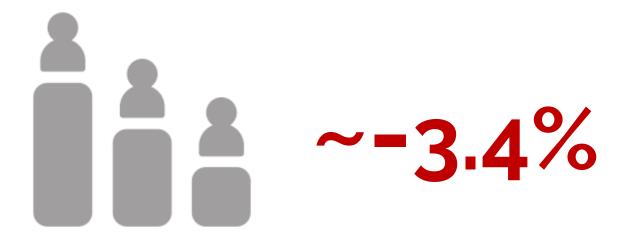


- Even though the one-time donors accounted for 70.6% of donors, they only contributed 41.8% of the dollars donated.
- 3-6 time donors gave -10.7% less compared to last year, experiencing the largest year-over-year decrease in dollars donated.
- Donations from the 7+ donor group were the only ones to increase in terms of total dollars donated. Combined with donors contributing 3-6 times per year, these groups accounted for only 16.3% of donors yet accounted for 40.3% of all donations.





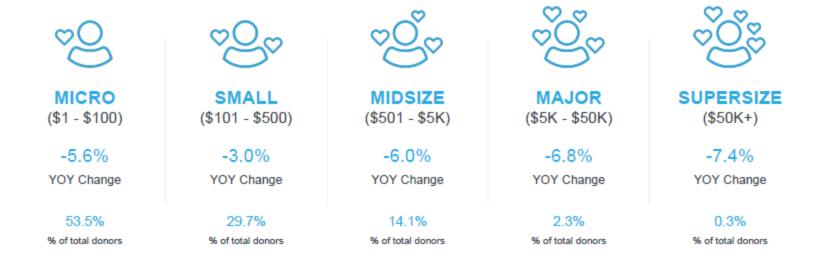
# 2023 Change in Number of Donors







#### Donors by Gift Size

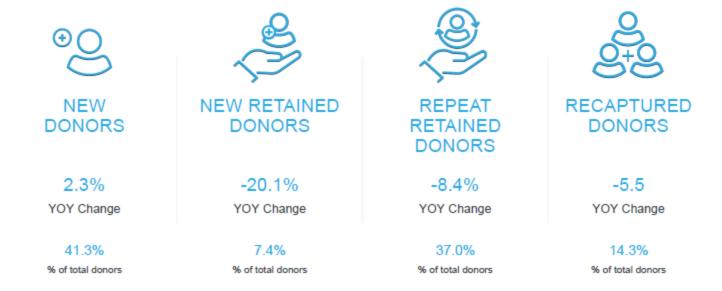


- The observed decrease in donors contributing less than \$500 was responsible for 79.3% of the overall decrease in donors.
- While the number of donors fell across donors of all sizes, supersize donors experienced the largest decrease, falling by 7.4% year-over-year.





#### Donors by Life Cycle



- Repeat-retained donors constituted 37.0% of all donors, dropping from 41.9% in Q3.
- New-retained donors dropped by -20.1%, now representing just 7.4% of all donors, down from 8.5% in Q3.
- The number of new donors rose year-over-year, increasing by 2.3%. This is the first time new donor counts have risen since Q1 2021.





#### Donors by Donation Count



- One-time donors were the largest donor group, accounting for 70.6% of donors.
- The number of donors who gave 2 or more gifts declined at nearly twice the rate as those giving 1 gift.





#### Retention Rate by Donor Type



NEW DONOR RETENTION RATE

> -7.5% YOY Change

> > 18.5%

retained YTD



REPEAT DONOR RETENTION RATE

-1.1%

YOY Change

58.2%

retained YTD



RECAPTURE RATE

-8.7%

YOY Change

5.5%

retained YTD

- Retention decreased across all donor types captured in Q4.
- While Repeat Donor Retention rates remained stable from 2022 to 2023, Recapture rates had the largest decrease of -8.7%.





#### Retention Rate by Donor Size

00	20°	20°	200°	~ <u>~</u> ~
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-4.2%	-5.1%	-5.4%	-6.0%	-5.6%
YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change	YOY Change
31.4%	50.6%	61.7%	65.8%	67.9%
retained YTD	retained YTD	retained YTD	retained YTD	retained YTD

- All donor size segments had a lower retention rate compared to last year.
- Major and Supersize donors, which together constituted 76.4% of all dollars donated, suffered the biggest decreases, although these donors were the most likely to be retained year-over-year.





#### Retention Rate by Donor Count

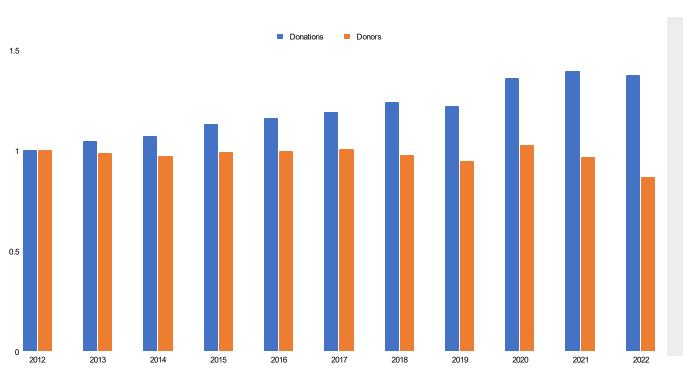


- Retention decreased across all donation count groups.
- Overall, the most active donors still had the highest retention rate.





#### Long Term Trend in Dollars and Donors as a % of 2012 Levels



#### **Key Takeaways**

There is a long-term trend of fewer donors donating more money

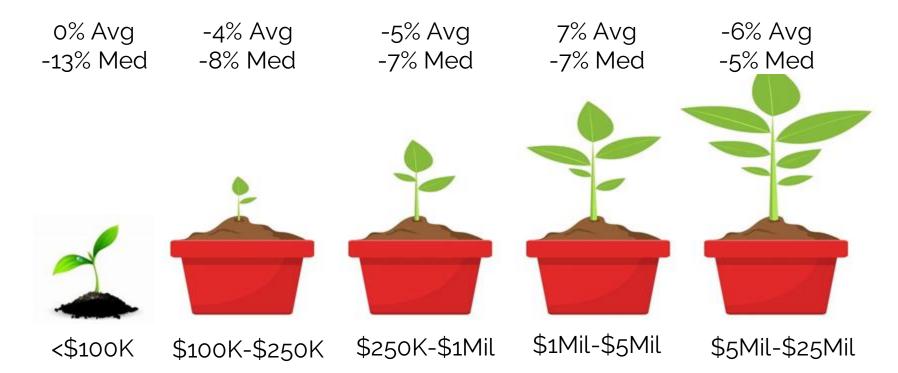
#### **Contributing Factors:**

- Continued widening of the wealth gap
- Continued Expansion of the number of nonprofits
- Expansion of ways to give
- Cost to acquire and retain donors has risen





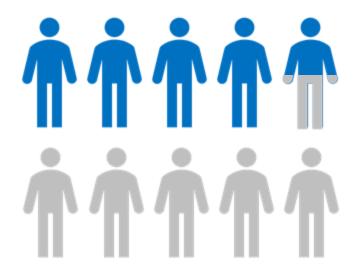
#### What size is your organization?







### 2023 Overall Donor Retention



42%







New Donor Retention 2023

Repeat
Donor Retention
2023

Recapture Rate 2023







19%

-8%
YOY Change

58%

-1% YOY Change 6%

-9% YOY Change







2023 New Donor Acquisition

+2.3%







2023 Lapsed Donors Reactivated -5.5%





# Some Thoughts on the 2023 FEP Report Findings...





### A Major FEP Premise!

Gains - Losses = Net Growth

**Donors AND Dollars!** 





Donors that gave in 2022 AND in 2023







Donors that gave in 2022 but NOT in 2023

**Lapsing Donors** 

578







392 **New Donor** Acquisition Retained **Donors** Lapsing 422 **Donors** 578 **Lapsed Donors** 

136

Lapsed Reactivation

5/







= 529

Donors Lost = 578

Gain/Loss +529 - 578 = -49/100 = -4.9%



### 2 Ways to Increase File Size

#### Add more water

- Acquire more donors
- Reactivate more donors

#### Decrease the size of holes

 Improve response / engagement

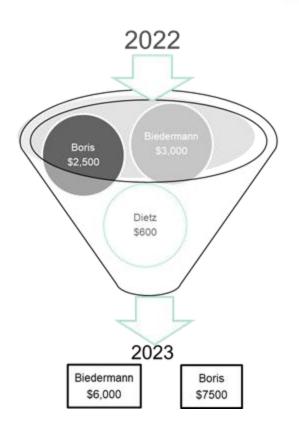




Another way to look at it!

Understand the sector...
and compare against...yourself!

- Donor Retention
- Gift Retention
- Upgrades
- Downgrades
- Lapsed Donors







## Fundraising Effectiveness Project Fundraising Fitness Test





# How does the Fundraising Fitness Test work?

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860	100133	4/14/2022	2000									
61	100133	6/17/2021	2000									
862	100134	4/14/2022	45									
863	100135	10/28/2020	7250									
864	100136	5/7/2018	25									
65	100137	4/14/2019	2500									
66	100138	6/30/2022	1500									
67	100139	10/31/2021	34.5									
68	100139	1/18/2021	34.5									
69	100139	6/6/2021	34.5									
70	100139	6/30/2021	34.5									
71	100139	8/10/2022	18.67									
72	100140	12/16/2022	1382									
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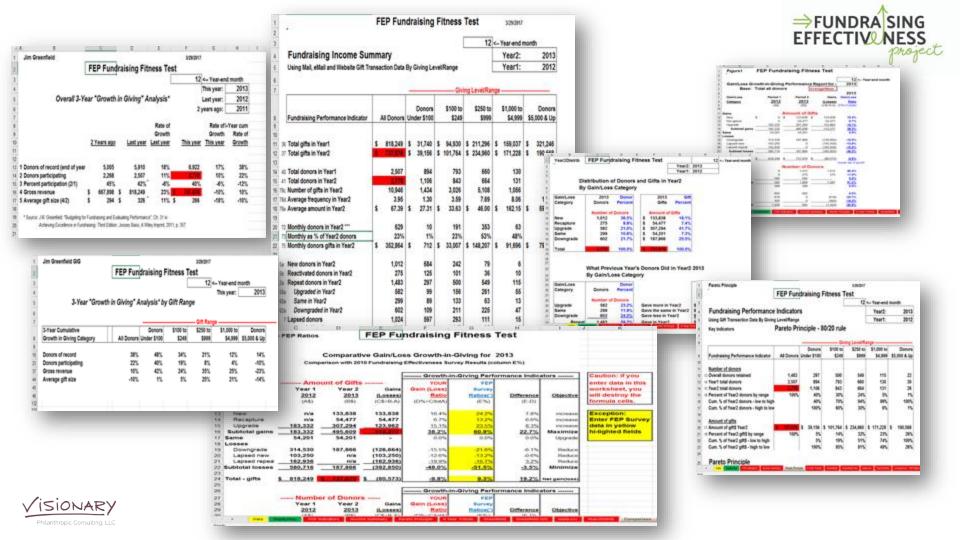




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See "All Indicators" worksheet for details & formulas by "Indicator Number"						- 7		12	4-	Year-end	mo	onth
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No Fundraising Performance Indicator	All	Donors	Un	der \$100	5	100-\$249				000-\$4,999	5	5,000 & Up
Donor retention rate										1100		1000
New donor retention rate	1	27%		16%		32%		69%		73%		33%
9 2 Repeat donor retention rate		77%		56%		75%		87%		91%		89%
1 3 Overall donor retention rate		63%		37%		63%		86%		90%		86%
Donor acquisition rate			ľ.	00000		22000				100000		
5 % New donor acquisition rate	1	24%		45%		24%		7%		5%		149
7 6b Repeat donor re-acquisition rate		14%	b	19%		16%		8%		10%		6%
6 Overall donor acquisition rate		39%	1	64%		40%		15%		15%		20%
Donor gains, losses & net	1											
1 5 Donor gains		1,166		605		393		126		32		10
7 Donor losses	1	1108		600		359		120		22		133
7 Sa Net gain in donors		58		5		34		6		10		3
9 12 Net gain in donors (%)		5%		1%		9%		5%		31%		309
Number of donors								1,000		-		
1) 1) Overall donors retained		1,918		346		623		708		198		43
4 16 Percent of Year2 donors by range		100%		31%		33%		27%		7%		2%
6 Amount of gifts												
7 18 Percent of Year2 gift\$ by range		100%	l	3%		10%		23%		24%		40%
8 19 Average gift size in Year2	\$	399	\$	37	\$	115	\$	344	\$	1,289	\$	9,324
Dollar gains, losses & net	I .			oner Ed		71 W STG						
20 Dollar gains		514,690	\$	24,372	\$	60,579		78,056	\$	80,115	\$	271,568
s 22 Dollar losses	\$	474,882	\$	23,103	\$		\$	64,483	\$		8	281,966
0 27 Net gain in dollars (%)		8%		5%		15%		17%		32%		-4%
1 Growth in giving (GiG)												
5 39 Overall rate of growth in gifts.		3%		4%		9%		5%		10%		-2%
6 Growth in donors				0.70						56511		
5 43 Overall rate of growth in donors	1	2%		1%		3%		1%		5%		6%
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Six Year Trend Analysi	s	_			Year2:	2016	
,					Year1:	2015	
Fundraising Performance Indicato	201	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	6-Year ROG
	201	2012	2013	2014	2010	YID	ROU
36 Total gifts in Year1	\$ 667,917			\$ 967,703	\$ 981,302	\$ 1,189,944	
37 Total gifts in Year2	\$ 818,368	\$ 738,495	\$ 967,703	\$ 981,302	\$ 1,189,944	\$ 1,229,752	84%
40 Total donors in Year1	2,267	2,505	2,768	2,541	3,023	3,026	
41 Total donors in Year2	2,505		2,541	3.023	3,025	3,026	36%
7% Number of gifts in Year2	10,314		11,207	12,425	12,791	13,207	30 /4
78s Average frequency in Year2	4.12		4.41	4.11	4.23	4.28	
70- Average amount in Year2	\$ 79.36			\$ 78.98	\$ 93.03	\$ 93.11	
)				70.50			
72 Monthly donors in Year2 ****	608	628	657	683	700	716	
75 Monthly-donor gifts in Year2	\$ 355,365		\$ 391,405	\$ 431,082	\$ 453,532	\$ 473,325	
~~ Net change in monthly donors'		103%	105%	104%	102%	102%	
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4							
5 New donors in Year2	904	1,010	658	967	823	734	
Reactivated donors in Year2	254		311	407	358	432	
7 2a Repeat donors in Year2	1,347		1,572	1,649	1,845	1,918	
1 Sto Upgraded in Year2	642		688	600	737	738	
Same in Year2	293		385	456	534	579	
1 62» Downgraded in Year2	412		499	593	574	601	
7 Lapsed donors	920		1,196	892	1,178	1,108	
7a New in Year1	600		725	437	674	597	
76 Repeat in Year1	316	404	471	455	504	511	







#### Practical Matters

- Using reports for benchmarking
- Identifying areas for improvement or growth





12 <-- Year-end month

This year:

2023

Overall 3-Year "Growth in Giving" Analysis\*

Last year: 2022

2 years ago: **2021** 

Fundraising Performance Indica	<u>.</u>	2 Years ago	<u>Last year</u>	Rate of Growth Last year	<u>This year</u>	Rate of Growth This year	3-Year cum Rate of <u>Growth</u>
1 Donors of record (end of year)		50,912	62,324	22%	96,501	55%	90%
2 Donors participating		21,237	17,895	-16%	43,278	142%	104%
3 Percent participation (2/1)		42%	29%	-31%	45%	56%	8%
4 Gross revenue	\$	3,598,951	\$ 3,151,886	-12%	\$ 8,130,575	158%	126%
5 Average gift size (4/2)	\$	169	\$ 176	4%	\$ 188	7%	11%





# What Previous Year's Donors Did in Year2: 2023 By Gain/Loss Category

Gain/Loss		Donor
Category	Donors	Percent
	Number	of Donors
Upgrade	2,456	13.7%
Same	1,448	8.1%
Downgrade	1,103	<u>6.2%</u>
Repeat	5,007	28.0%
Lapsed new	9,635	53.8%
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Lapsed repeat	3,253	<u>18.2%</u>
Attrition	12,888	72.0%
Total	17,895	100.0%

		Gift
	<u>Gifts</u>	Percent
	Amount o	f Gifts
Gave more in Year2	\$ 518,612	16.5%
Gave the same in Year2	\$ 279,443	8.9%
Gave less in Year2	<b>\$ 435,331</b>	<u>13.8%</u>
Gave in Year2	\$ 1,233,386	39.1%
Did not give in Year2	\$ 1,261,749	40.0%
Did not give in Year2	<b>\$</b> 656,751	<b>20.8%</b>
Did not give in Year2	\$ 1,918,501	60.9%
	\$ 3,151,886	100.0%



#### Comparison with National Average



				Growth-in-Giving Performance Indicators					
	Am	ount of Gif	ts	YOUR	FEP				
Gain(Loss)	Year 1	Year 2	Gains	Gain (Loss)	Survey				
<u>Category</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	(Losses)	<u>Ratio</u>	Ratios(*)	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Objective</u>		
Gains									
New		5,502,469	5,502,469	174.6%	24.2%	-150.4%	increase		
Recapture		991,946	991,946	31.5%	13.2%	-18.3%	increase		
Upgrade	518,612	1,123,377	604,765	<u>19.2%</u>	<u>23.5%</u>	4.3%	increase		
Subtotal gains	518,612	7,617,792	7,099,180	<u>225.2%</u>	<u>60.9%</u>	<u>-164.4%</u>	Maximize		
Same	279,443	279,443	-			0.0%	Upgrade		
Losses									
Downgrade	435,331	233,340	(201,991)	-6.4%	-21.6%	-15.2%	Reduce		
Lapsed new	1,261,749		(1,261,749)	-40.0%	-13.2%	26.8%	Reduce		
Lapsed repeat	656,751		(656,751)	<u>-20.8%</u>	<u>-16.7%</u>	<u>4.1%</u>	Reduce		
<b>Subtotal losses</b>	2,353,831	233,340	(2,120,491)	<u>-67.3%</u>	<u>-51.5%</u>	<u>15.7%</u>	Minimize		
Total - gifts	\$ 3,151,886	\$ 8,130,575	\$ 4,978,688	<u>158.0%</u>	9.3%	<u>-148.6%</u>	Net gain(loss)		





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Gains							
New		34,177	34,177	191.0%	46.2%	-144.8%	increase
Recapture		4,094	4,094	22.9%	15.2%	-7.7%	increase
Upgrade	2,456	2,456	<u>-</u>		0.0%		increase
Subtotal gains	2,456	40,727	38,271	<u>213.9%</u>	<u>61.4%</u>	<u>-152.4%</u>	Maximize
Same	1,448	1,448	-		0.0%		Upgrade
Losses							
Downgrade	1,103	1,103	-		0.0%		Reduce
Lapsed new	9,635		(9,635)	-53.8%	-31.7%	22.1%	Reduce
Lapsed repeat	3,253		(3,253)	<u>-18.2%</u>	<u>-21.6%</u>	<u>-3.4%</u>	Reduce
<b>Subtotal losses</b>	13,991	1,103	(12,888)	<u>-72.0%</u>	<u>-53.3%</u>	<u>18.7%</u>	Minimize
Total - donors	17,895	43,278	\$ 25,383	<u>141.8%</u>	<u>8.1%</u>	<u>-133.7%</u>	Net gain(loss)





# Thank You!

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