# PR, communications, and the internet

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# Plan for today

#### **Public relations**

#### Nonprofits and the internet

### Evaluating nonprofit PR

# Public relations

## **Public relations**

"Public relations (PR) is the practice of managing the flow of information between an individual or an organization and the public."

What your organization is communicating in all its interactions

# Every organization does it

#### Consciously



Jen Psaki, White House press secretary

#### Unconsciously



# Why do PR as a nonprofit?

Promote the nonprofit's mission and purposes

Create and promote a public image to develop and maintain a donor base and public support

Generate awareness of the organization's successes

Distinguish the nonprofit from others when competing for donor dollars, media attention, employees, and volunteers

### Audience matters

#### All PR should be aimed at specific audiences



#### EXAMPLE: MOLLY THE MILLENNIAL

FRUSTRATIONS

Social injustice

Poor customer service

• Inauthenticity, sales and classic advertising

Delayed gratification - waiting for anything

• Difficult-to-comprehend websites or con-

tent, needs things to be easy and fast

Age: 28 Education Level: Bachelor's Degree Marital Status: Single Preferred Media: Instagram, Medium Preferred Format: Smartphone Income Level: \$45k

#### **BEHAVIORS**

- Easily distracted
- Technology Early Adopter
- Juggles Multiple jobs with active social life and an active lifestyle
- Prefers to rent and share (home, movies, music, car) over ownership
- Frequently checks social media

#### MOTIVATIONS

 Contribution and meaning, rewarding experiences
Creative fulfillment
Being an influencer/looking good in front of peers
Being unique



# Who is your nonprofit PR audience?

	The pub	lic	Donors	Pa	artners	
<b>Board members</b>		rs	Employees		Volunteers	
Stakeholders		С	Constituents		Membership	
<b>Politicians</b>			Government agencies			

Everyone!

# Types of public relations

Front door

Maintenance

Outreach

Collaborative

## Front door PR

#### **First impressions matter**

#### Day-to-day encounters that leave a cumulative effect

Easiest and cheapest PR strategy, even if the nonprofit has few resources

Cheerful, helpful person answering the phone

Office with attractive and welcoming reception area

Website is user friendly and informative

Calls, e-mails, and social media requests are answered promptly

### Maintenance PR

# Information and promotion directed at those you already work with

Thank you messages

Recognizing and celebrating contributions

Annual reports

**Donor surveys** 

Collecting input

#### Outreach PR

# Information and promotion directed at **new people**

Press conferences and news releases

Brochures, posters, mailers

Website and social media

Newsletters and annual reports

Conferences, information fairs, workshops

**Op-ed** articles

### **Collaborative PR**

# Partnering with other organizations to further mutual goals

Conferences, symposiums, other special events

Awareness campaigns

**Educational materials** 

# Examples

Newsletters

**Press releases** 

**Annual reports** 

**Podcasts** 

**Social media** 

#### Newsletters



#### Subject: LHI - News from the Field - February, 2022 From: Lifting Hands International - To: andrewheiss@gmail.com - Cc: - Date: February 14, 2022 at 10:14



We envision a world where compassion compels individuals, families, and communities to lift hands, helping refugees achieve "the good life" through stability and self-sufficiency. We're here to show you how.

#### 💗 LOVE IS IN THE AIR 💗

Love is in the air at our Refugee Center in Greece! But hold up. This isn't exactly the sort of love we typically associate with Valentine's Day, but maybe something even greater—love for one another as human beings.

Sure, there are many benefits that come out of our programs in Greece. Learning new languages, developing job skills, psychosocial healing, leadership training, providing a safe haven for women, receiving seasonal aid supplies, and more. But what really drives our work there, and what we think is the ultimate outcome, is love.



The Carter Center

Lifting Hands International

#### Press releases

#### HIGH **PRESS RELEASES** VISIT 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 ART **EVENTS** LEARN JOIN + GIVE ABOUT LOGIN SHOP

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Media Alert: Ticket Reservations Open Today for "The Obama Portraits Tour" Free Admission Days at High Museum of Art

January 24, 2022

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Oliver Jeffers' Picture Book Art on View at High **Museum of Art This Spring** 

January 19, 2022

High Museum

# Annual reports



CARE











**Trees Atlanta** 

## Podcasts

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3	WITNESS TO ANY TO ANY	<b>My Heart Is Burnt</b> Witness from Amnesty International	26m
4	WITNESS - work to the state	The Road Witness from Amnesty International	22m

Amnesty International

### **Social media**



Instagram





Facebook

# Nonprofits and the internet

### You've never really known a world without the internet

# Internet-y things you should do

#### Have a website

Have a domain name

Have e-mail addresses using that domain name

Have social media accounts

Collect donations and/or sell stuff

Manage donors

Run ads

**Use internal services** 

#### Websites

A website is (typically) a set of HTML files that lives on a computer somewhere in the world

Use someone else's server or your own

# Site creation + hosting

#### Hire a designer

(paid; unlimited design choices)

#### **Squarespace**

(free/paid; ad-supported)

Wix

(free/paid; ad-supported)

#### **Google Sites**

(free; limited design choices)

WordPress

(free/paid; more design options)

Weebly

(free/paid; ad-supported)

### **Domain name**

# A domain name is an address that points at a server

sites.google.com/yournonprofit vs. yournonprofit.org

You can point a domain name at pretty much any hosting option

iwantmyname.com

# Top Level Domains (TLDs)



.com, .net

.charity, .site, .pizza, etc.

### **E-mail**

#### Have domain-specific e-mail addresses for staff & board

#### jimmy\_loves\_pizza2012@hotmail.com vs. james\_smith@nonprofit.org

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#### Google Workspace offers for nonprofits

Through Google for Nonprofits, eligible organizations get access to Google Workspace offers at discounted rates

	Google Workspace for Nonprofits \$0 USD /user/month	Business Standard \$3.00 USD /user/month 75% off standard pricing	Business Plus \$5.04 USD /user/month 72% off standard pricing	Enterprise 70%+ off standard pricing for Enterpris editions
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#### Microsoft 365 Business Premium grant cybersecurity, reduce costs, and empower staff and volunteers to work from Learn more Small & mid-sized nonprofit Large nonprofits Looking for more? Microsoft 365 Microsoft 365 Microsoft 365 Business Business **Business Basic** Get Started (Nonprofit Staff Standard Premium **Contact Sales** Pricing) (Nonprofit Staff (Nonprofit Staff Pricing) Pricing) Eligibility & Technica Support Grant Grant Free for up to 300 users Free for up to 10 users \$3.00 user/month \$5.00 user/month (annual commitment) (annual commitment) Best for small & mid-sized Best for small & mid-sized Best for small and midnonprofits that need nonprofits that need sized nonprofits that need email, cloud file-storage email. Office desktop email, Office desktop and sharing, web applications, cloud fileapplications, cloud fileconferencing with IM, storage and sharing, web storage and sharing, web

Google Workspace

Microsoft 365

### **Social media**

Use whatever your audience uses





# Collect donations / sell stuff

#### Donorbox

https://donorbox.org/

**Give Lively** 

https://www.givelively.org/

#### Shopify

https://www.shopify.com/

# Manage donors

#### Customer relationship management (CRM)

#### Kindful

https://kindful.com/

Donorbox

https://donorbox.org/

**Give Lively** 

https://www.givelively.org/

#### Run ads

 $\equiv$  **Google** Ad Grants



See more nonprofit offerings

Google Ad Grants helps nonprofits share their causes with the world.

Google Ads

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Nonprofits and NGOs

Support and grow your nonprofit or NGO using Facebook and Instagram tools.



Champion causes and build your community Use Facebook and Instagram tools to increase awareness of your organization, build

Meta (Facebook and Instagram) Ads

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### Internal services

#### Slack

Team communication/chat (Free for nonprofits)

> Zoom Video chat (50% off for nonprofits)

#### Asana

**Project management** (50% off for nonprofits)

Most other services Google "service nonprofits"

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