## Multi-Channel Donor Communications: What You Can Learn from 119 Nonprofits

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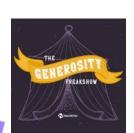


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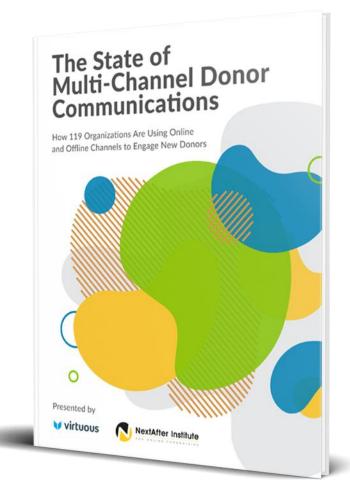






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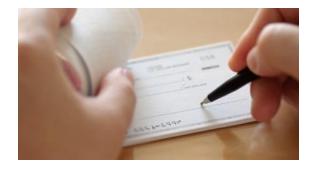
### MULTI-CHANNEL?



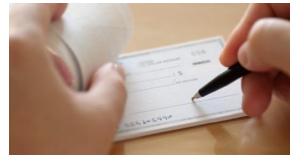


#### **Main Donor Cohorts**

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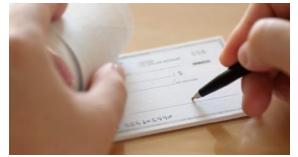




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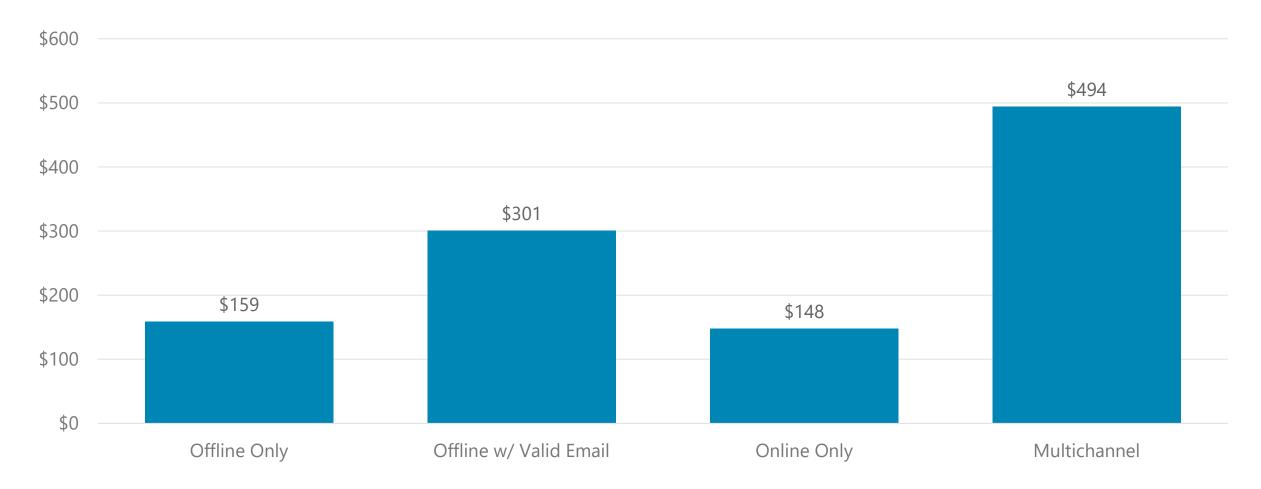


### WHY MULTI-CHANNEL?





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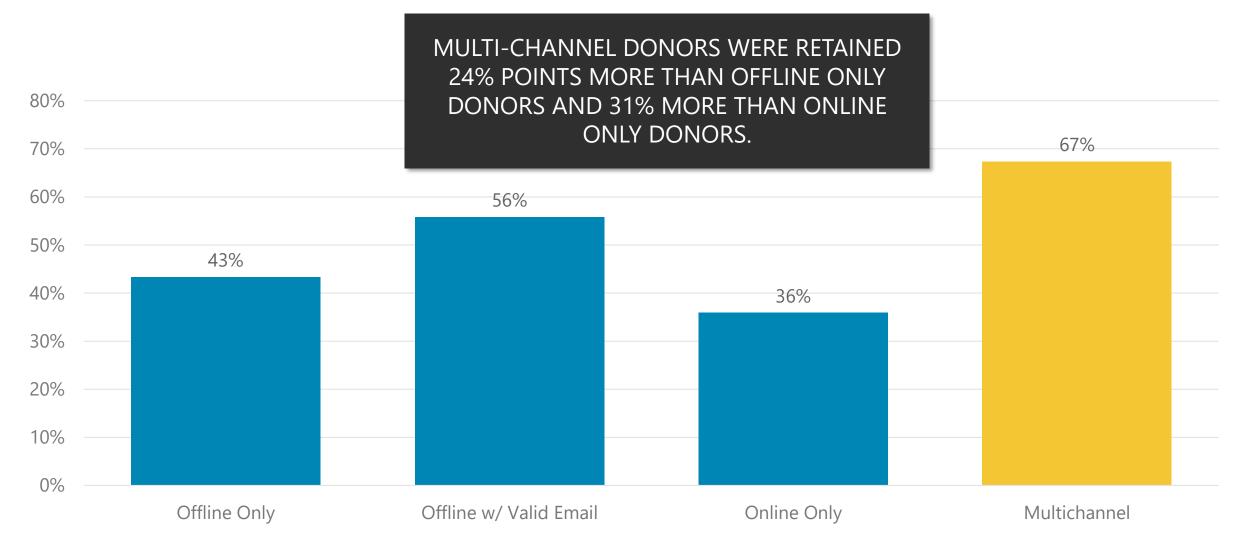


## IT'S NOT JUST GIVING IN A YEAR...





#### **Average Donor Retention by Channel Cohort**







# MULTI-CHANNEL DONORS GIVE MORE AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO GIVE YEAR OVER YEAR.



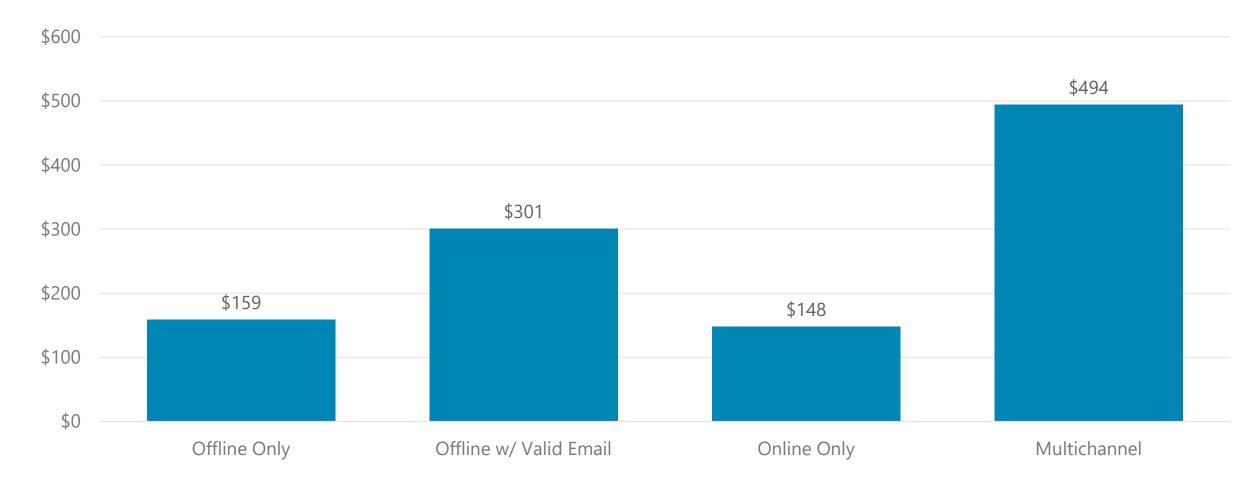


## AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HOW PEOPLE CHOOSE TO GIVE ...





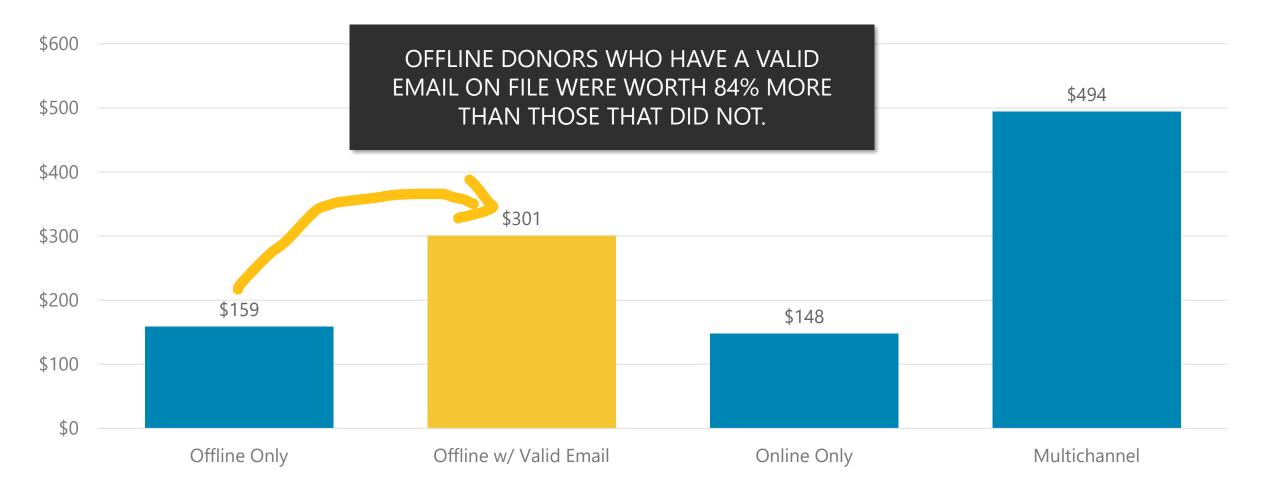
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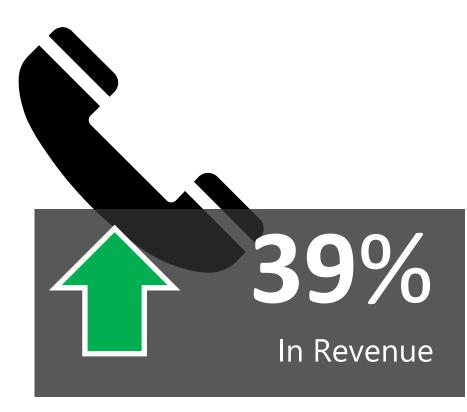


#### From Penelope Burk's "Donor Centered Fundraising"

#### **NO THANK YOU CALL**



#### **THANK YOU CALL**







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## WHERE DO MULTI-CHANNEL DONORS COME FROM?





#### **Multi-Channel Conversion Rate by Cohort**

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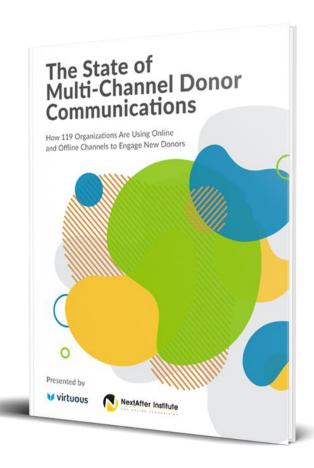


# SO WHAT ARE NONPROFITS DOING WHEN IT COMES TO MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS?





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CAPTURED 12 DATA POINTS ON THE GIVING PROCESS, THANK YOU SCREEN, AND WAYS TO GIVE PAGE.

TRACKED 2,297 MESSAGES ACROSS EMAIL, MAIL, PHONE CALLS, AND TEXT OVER 4 MONTHS AND CLASSIFIED AS CULTIVATION OR SOLICITATION.

DID A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS ON 47 DIRECT MAIL APPEALS AND 64 EMAIL APPEALS.





### WHAT DID WE LEARN?

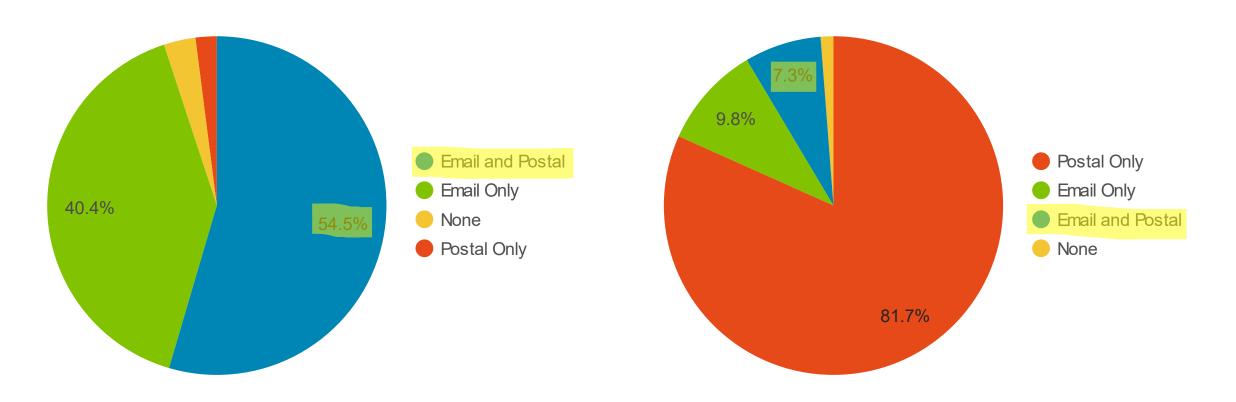




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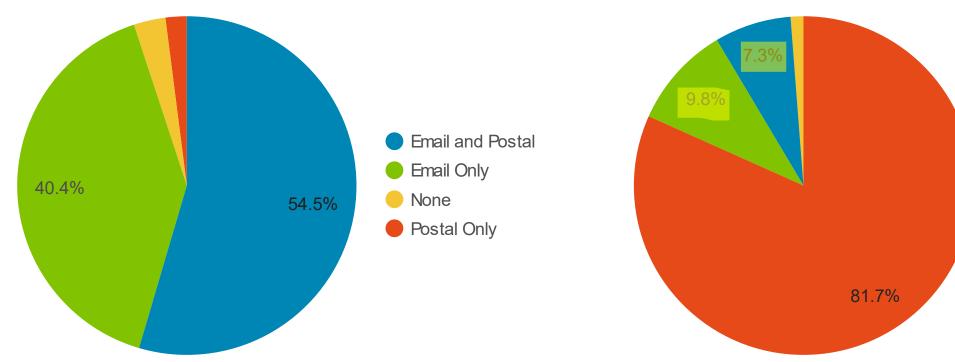


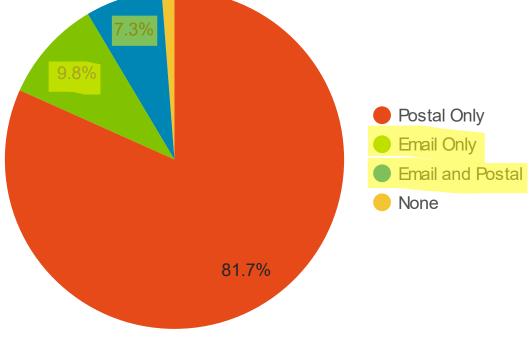


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# 2 OUT OF 10 ORGANIZATIONS DID NOT COMMUNICATE TO THE OFFLINE DONOR AT ALL IN 4 MONTHS.











# JUST 3% OF ORGANIZATIONS SENT MESSAGES TO BOTH THE OFFLINE AND ONLINE DONOR VIA EMAIL AND THE MAIL.









### KEY FINDING #1

VERY FEW ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMMUNICATING TO THEIR SMALLER ONLINE AND OFFLINE DONORS IN MULTIPLE CHANNELS





## KEY FINDING #2 OFFLINE DONORS ARE GETTING LOST





### **Offline Donors Are Getting Lost**







#### **Number of Total Communications**

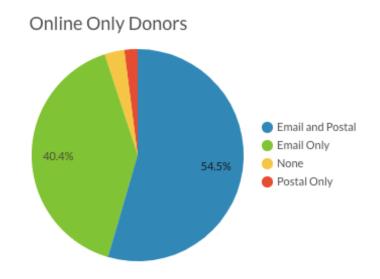
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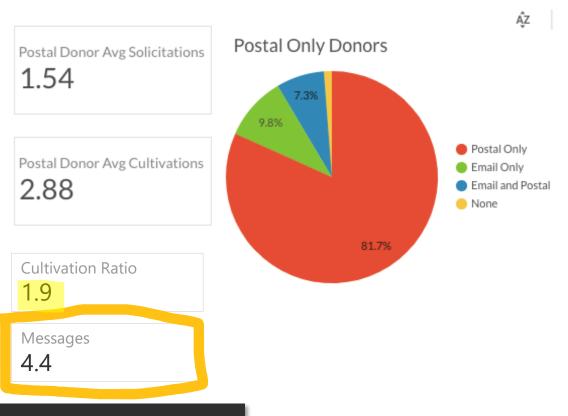
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Cultivation Ratio
1.7

Messages 19.5



#### **OFFLINE DONOR**

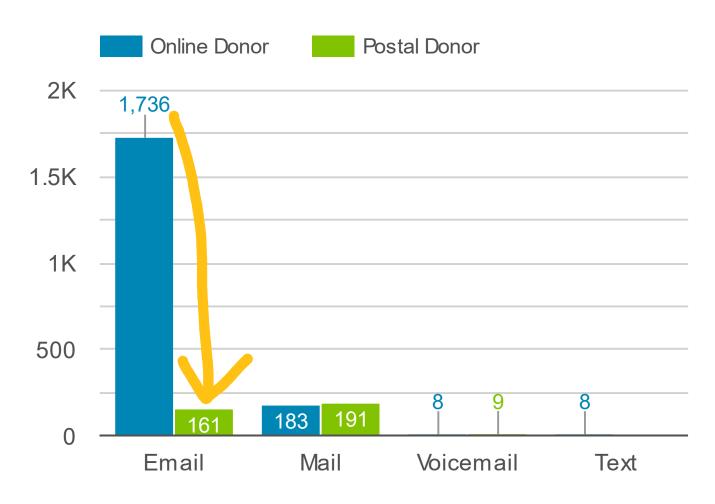


THE ONLINE DONOR RECEIVED 5X MORE COMMUNICATIONS ON AVERAGE.





# Number of Messages by Channel and Donor Type



 The offline donor received 10 times fewer messages overall than the online donor driven by the huge discrepancy in email volume





# SO WHO IS DOING IT?



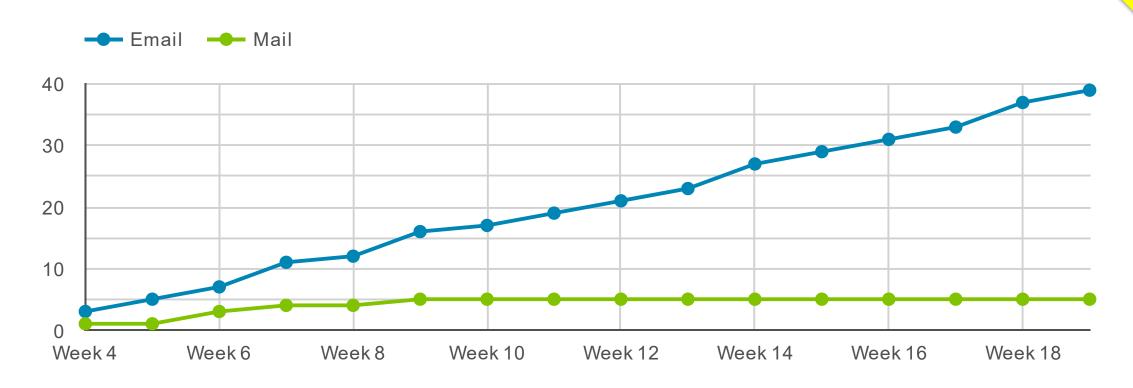


# A MULTI-CHANNEL OFFLINE JOURNEY.



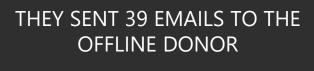


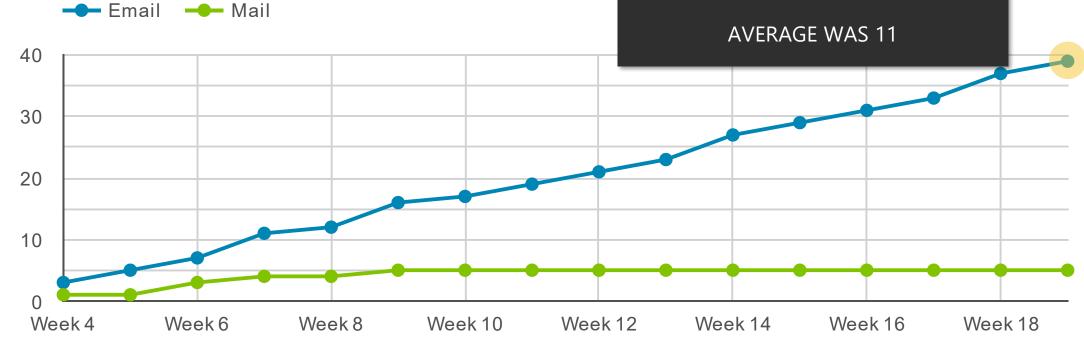
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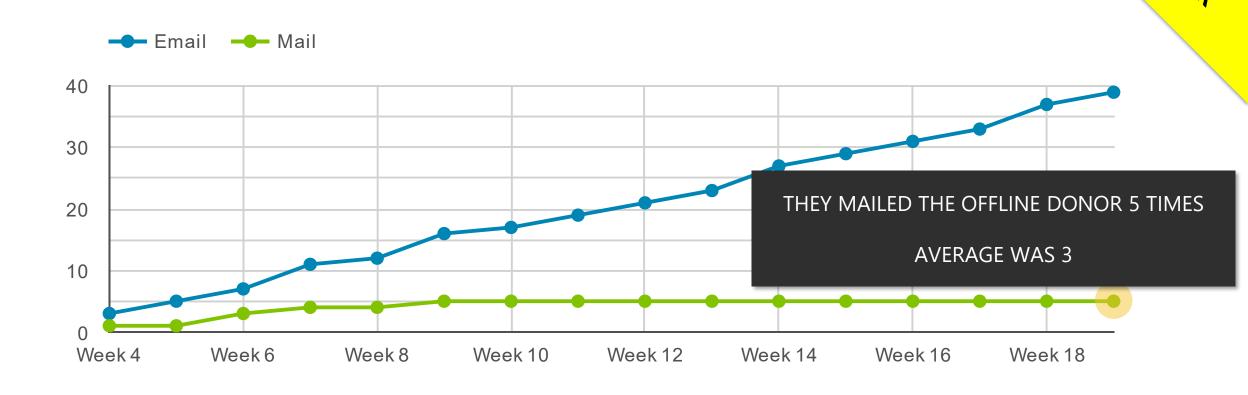






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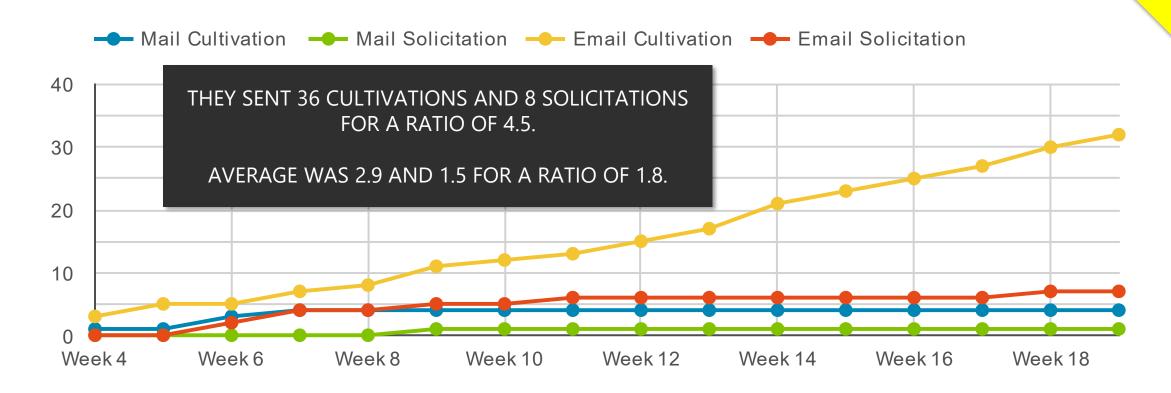








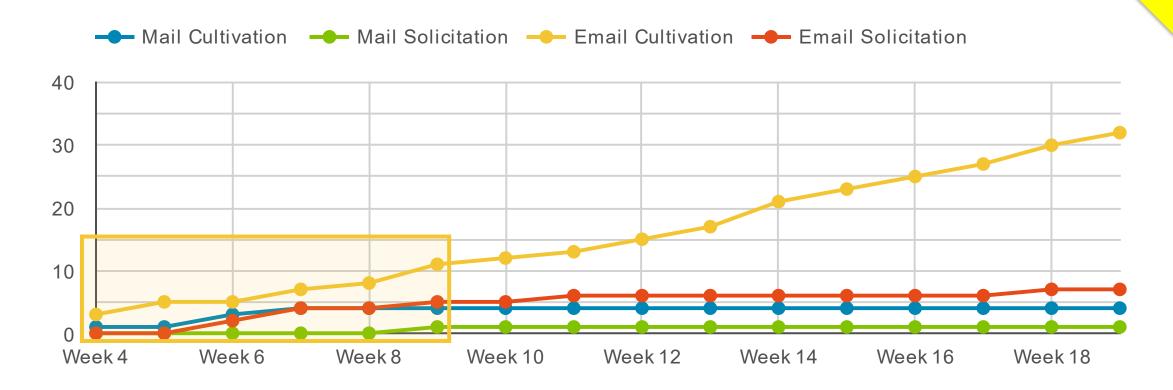
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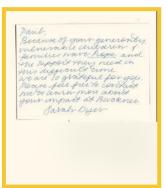
#### 1 – THANK YOU & RECEIPT





#### 2 – THANK YOU POSTCARD











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#### 3 - IMPACT POSTCARD









1 WEEK

#### **3 – IMPACT POSTCARD**





#### 4 – IMPACT POSTCARD







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#### 4 - IMPACT POSTCARD





#### **5 – APPEAL LETTER**





1 WEEK





52 DAYS

17 DAYS 35 DAYS





# REMEMBER... IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ASKING!





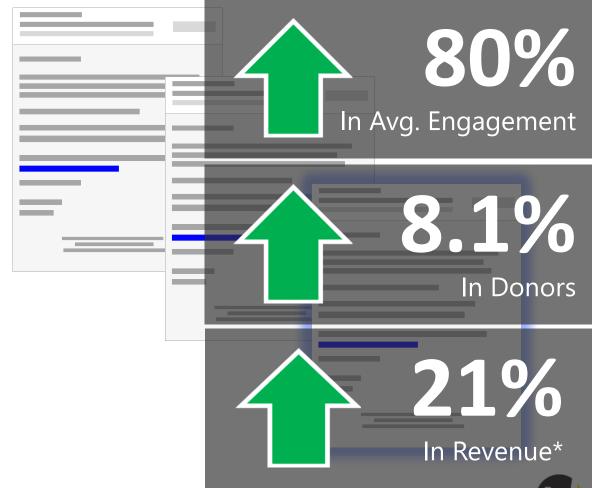
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#### **CONTROL**





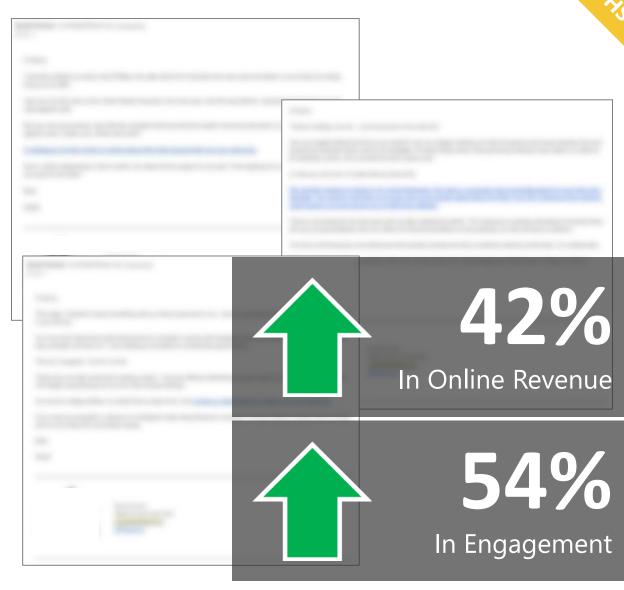




#### With Additional Cultivation











# KEY FINDING #2 THE LOST OFFLINE DONOR



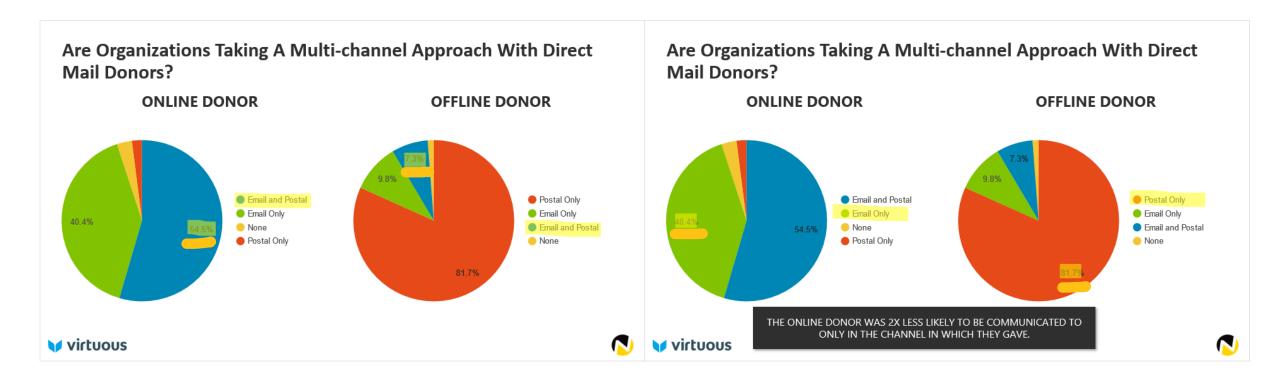


# KEY FINDING #3 ONLINE DONORS ARE MORE LIKELY TO GET MULTI-CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS (BUT IT'S STILL VERY EMAIL HEAVY)





# The Online Donor Was More Likely to Receive Communications in Multiple Channels and Not Just in the Channel in Which They Gave





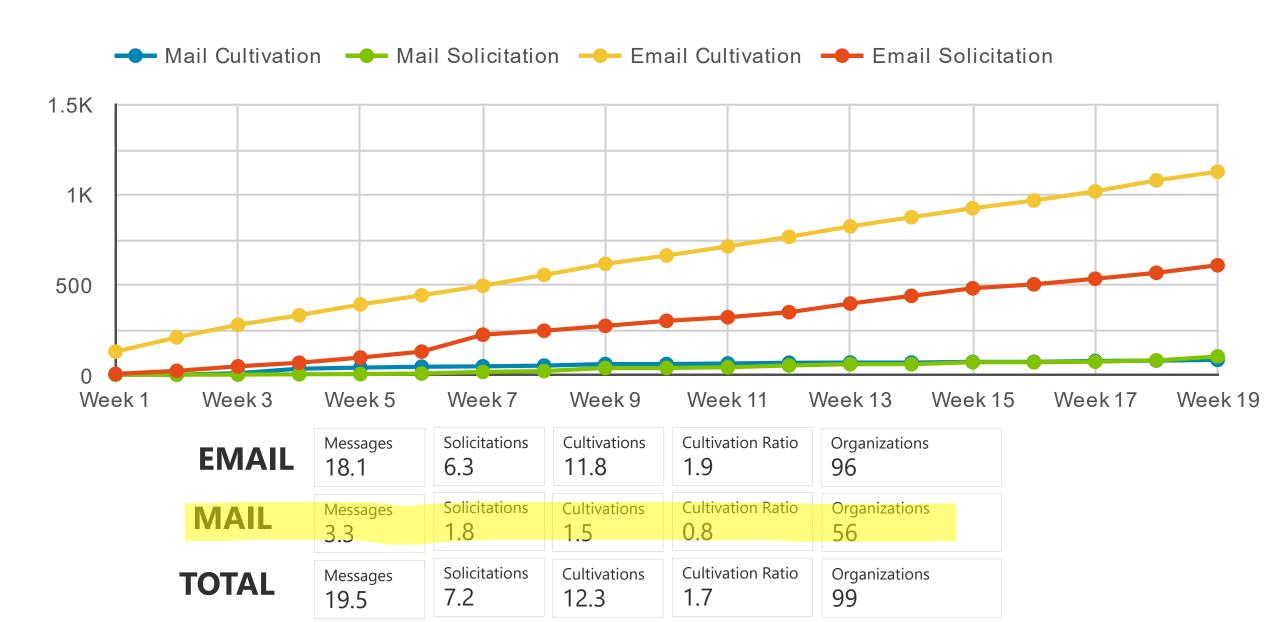


# THAT'S GOOD BUT...





#### **Multi-Channel Journey - Online Donor**



# 6 OUT OF 10 OF ORGANIZATIONS SENT ONLY 1 COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE MAIL TO THE ONLINE DONOR.





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Source: NextAfter clients





# KEY FINDING #3 THE ONLINE DONOR OPPORTUNITY



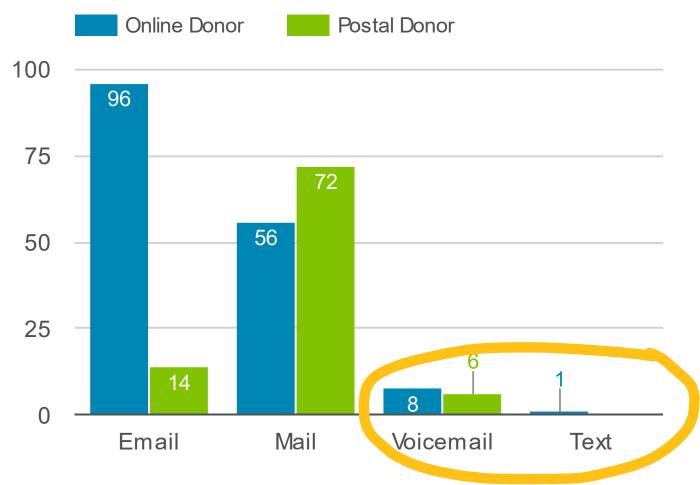


# KEY FINDING #4 VERY FEW ORGANIZATIONS ARE USING THE PHONE (CALLS, VOICEMAILS, TEXTS)





#### Number of Organizations Communicating by Channel

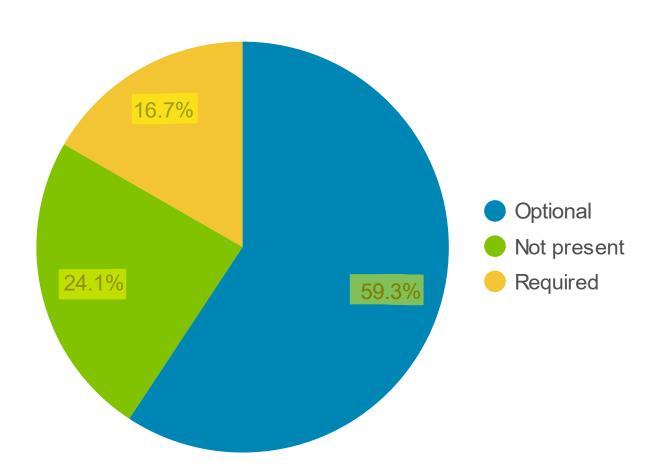


 Less than 10% of organizations left a voicemail for either the online or offline donor\* and just 1 organization out of the 102 sent a text message





# How Were We Asked for Our Phone Number While Giving Online (if at all)?



- 24% had no way for us to give our phone number online
- But 76% still had our phone number and 17% required it from us





# BUT WHAT DID THEY SAY?





## **Not This**



kevin 11:39 AM

All but one organization that called the Postal donor were calling to determine gift designation. None of them said the words "Thank You"





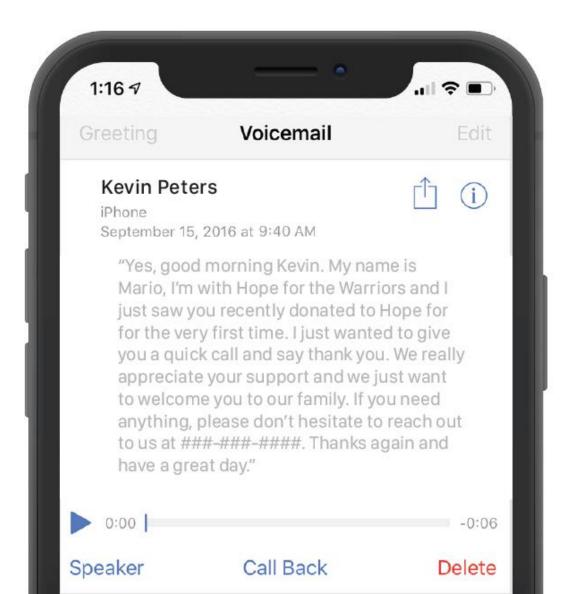
### **Not This**

# THIS IS A CULTURAL PROBLEM, NOT JUST A STRATEGIC ONE.





### **But More Like This**







# SO WHO IS DOING IT?





# A MULTI-CHANNEL ONLINE DONOR JOURNEY.





#### **Doctors Without Borders**

ONINE DONOR



ONLY 1 ORGANIZATION SENT A TEXT MESSAGE TO EITHER DONOR





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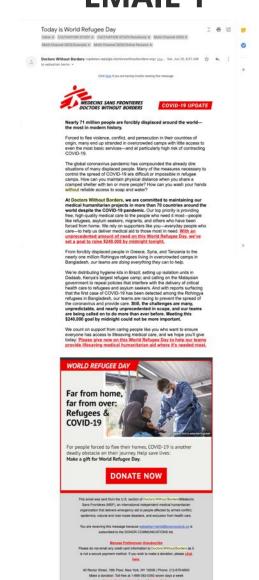
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### EMAIL 2







#### EMAIL 3

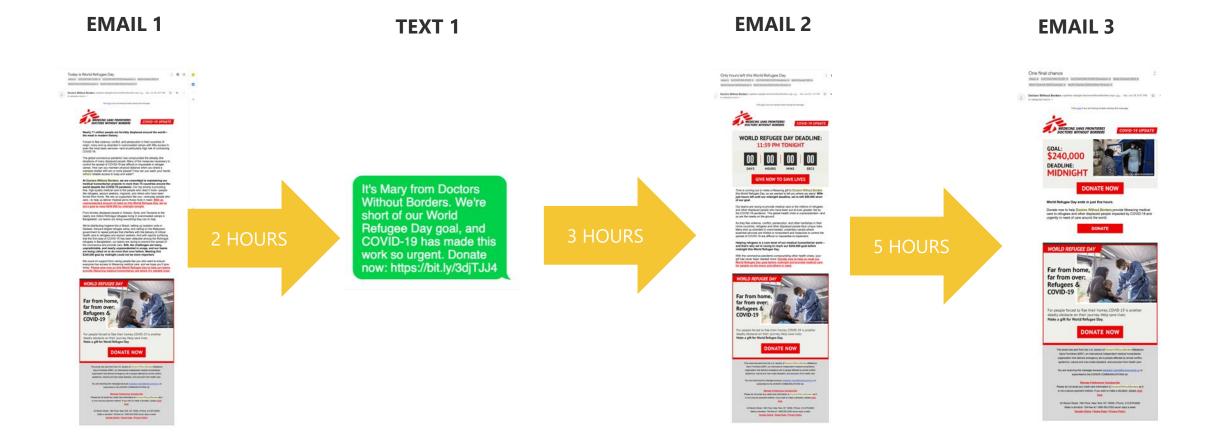




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# KEY FINDING #4 THE LACKING PHONE STRATEGY





## **State of Multi-Channel Donor Communications Recap**

1. Very few organizations are communicating to their smaller online and offline donors in multiple channels

2. Offline donors are getting lost

3. Online donors are more likely to get multi-channel communications

4. Very few organizations are using the phone (calls, voicemails, texts)





## WHAT CAN YOU DO?





- ☐ Try emailing your offline donors and mailing your online donors
  - ☐ Don't be afraid to ask but make sure it's not ALL asks
  - ☐ Consider an online and offline welcome series for new donors
- ☐ Try calling your new online and offline donors within 48 hours of a donation
  - ☐ Be sure to say thanks if/when you do
- ☐ Ask for emails on direct mail reply devices
- ☐ Point specific emails and direct mail appeals to specific donation/landing pages





## **Multi-Channel Fundraising**

- ☐ Try sending text messages in a campaign
- ☐ Send a postcard 2-3 weeks before an online campaign
- ☐ Automate thank you voicemails
- ☐ Show Facebook ads to direct mail recipients 2-3 weeks before they get an appeal and 2-3 weeks after
- ☐ Send an email 2 weeks before an appeal, on the day of send and 10 days after

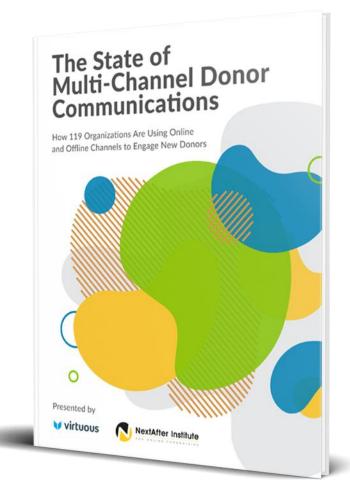




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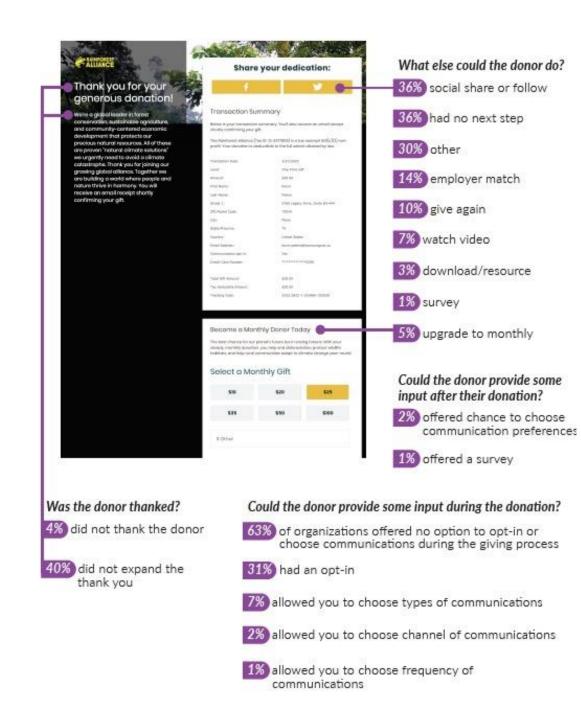






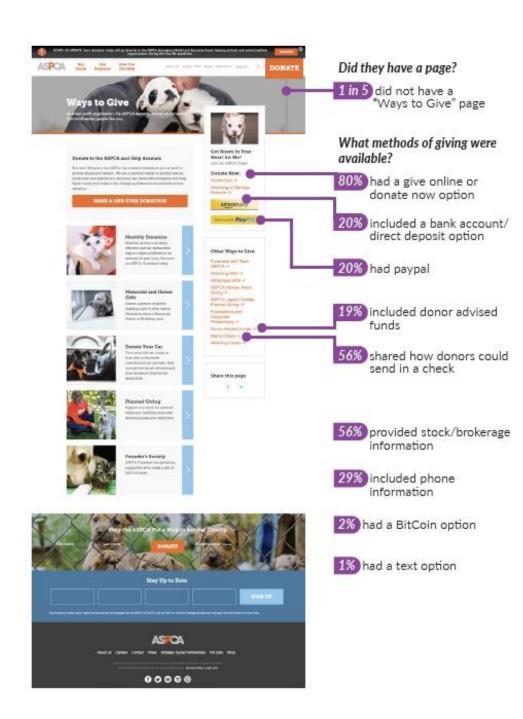




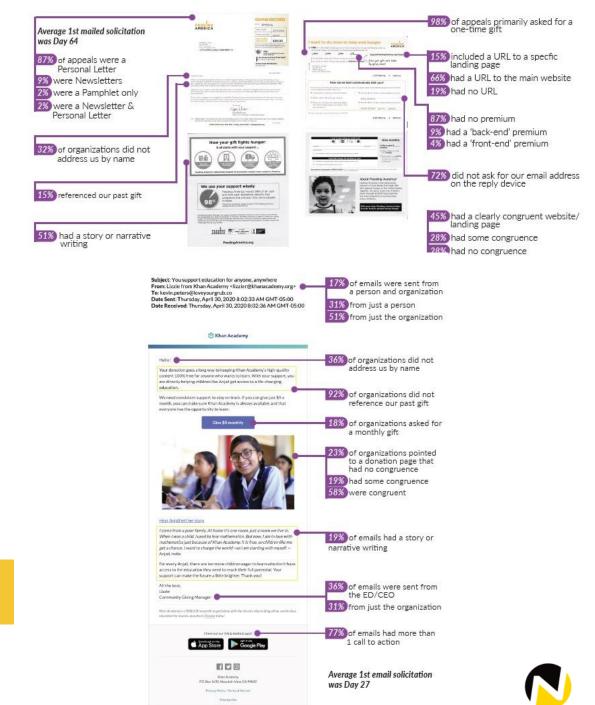














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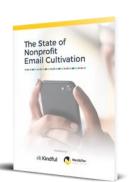






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- Email Fundraising
- Donation Page Optimization
- Copywriting With Amy Harrison
- A/B Testing For Nonprofits
- Google Analytics With Chris Mercer
- Year-end Fundraising
- Intro To Online Fundraising Optimization
- Turning Facebook Likes Into Donors
- The Bold Training with Dan Pallotta\*

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