2017 CORPORATE PLAYBOOK

HOW COMPANIES CAN WIN #GIVINGTUESDAY

Are you ready for some giving?

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#GIVING TUESDAY

the Super Bowl of Charitable Giving

GAME DAY NOV. 28, 2017



#GivingTuesday Formation

#GivingTuesday is becoming the Super Bowl of Charitable Giving! Don't sit on the sidelines. NOW is the perfect time to start planning for the big day, November 28th.

#GivingTuesday was founded in 2012 by New York's 92nd Street Y in partnership with the United Nations Foundation. Held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.A.), #GivingTuesday follows the buying frenzy of Black Friday and Cyber Monday to kick off the holiday giving season. The purpose of #GivingTuesday is to inspire people to collaborate to improve their local communities and to give back in impactful ways to charities and causes they support.

The goal of this playbook is to help you understand the basics of #GivingTuesday, cover the Xs and Os of activation and provide useful coaching tips from the Pro Bowl Roster at For Momentum.



New Game Changing Research

Your fan base just got larger. New research by For Momentum and The PARAGRAPH Project reveals that consumers, especially millennials, expect companies to participate in #GivingTuesday. **53% of people surveyed who are aware of #GivingTuesday**, **want companies to participate in #GivingTuesday**. The percentage is even higher among millennials, of whom 61% want companies that they purchase from to participate.

#GIVINGTUESDAY SCOREBOARD



of people surveyed* want companies they purchase from to participate in #GivingTuesday

Millennials aged 18-34 who participated in the survey expect companies to join #GivingTuesday



*For Momentum & The PARAGRAPH Project survey, August 2017

Consumers Expect Corporations to Get in the #GivingTuesday Game in Multiple Ways:



^{*}For Momentum & The PARAGRAPH Project survey, August 2017

Preseason Planning

Draft a quarterback in the first round to serve as the main contact person on #GivingTuesday. A good quarterback will be ready to call an audible or respond to trending news.

Build a strong team by recruiting employee playmakers with special skills. Your starting line-up should include leaders from Marketing, Human Resources and IT. Get buy-in from top management to ensure that everyone knows where the goal line is and recruit cheerleaders from every department.





BASIC PLAYBOOK

The most important factor to your success will be an effective game plan. Here are our top 10 basic formations for your #GivingTuesday playbook:

- Identify your Goal(s): These might include some or all of the following increased social activity, attracting new followers, reaching a defined fundraising goal, and boosting employee engagement by enlisting them in your campaign.
- Select a Partner: You could feature a charity you already support or identify

 a new partner elected through a vote amongst your employees. When making your
 final pick, try to select a charity partner with a strong social presence to help you activate.
 Be sure to clearly identify the charity partner and their mission so donors know where their
 money is going.
- **3. Create a Theme:** Create a catchy or emotional hook that will help your message break through the clutter. Creative statements such as "Help us feed grandma" will get the attention you are seeking.
- 4. Establish a Fundraising Goal: Identify a specific charity partner so everyone knows where the goal line is. As they say, team work makes the dream work, but everyone needs to know the goal. Consider "social math" that ties donations to outcomes, such as: "More than 5 million seniors in the US face hunger. Help us raise \$10,000 to help provide meals for 250 hungry seniors for a month." Your nonprofit partner can provide some relevant goals for your campaign.

Stick to simple plays. Carefully select a few key plays that you can successfully execute.

Coaching Tip

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- 5. Promote a Clear Call to Action: Make sure your audience knows how to join in. Keeping with the example goal above, a clear call to action language might be: Click this link to donate \$10 to help "charity partner" feed a senior citizen for a week. Other effective activations include "Text 'FEED' to xxx-xxx to donate..." or "for every \$1 donated, we will match" or "we'll donate \$5 for each xyz product sold today."
- **6. Establish a Donation Process:** If fundraising is new to your organization, there are multiple ways for collecting and protecting the dollars you raise. These include linking to your charity partner's donation pages or creating turnkey solutions like text to give, FB fundraising pages or a campaign microsite.
- 7. Develop Campaign Content: Create a variety of messages for employees and consumers to tell them about your campaign and inspire them to action. Include photos or videos to embed in their messages. Promote through all your available communications channels as outlined in play #9.
- 8. Integrate Essential Hashtags: At a minimum, tag all your messages with #GivingTuesday, your company # and your partner's #. Consider other hashtags as appropriate, but don't draw a penalty by using too many.
- **9. Prepare a Communications Plan:** #Giving Tuesday takes place primarily online, so be sure to establish a plan for all of your social media channels. If you have a customer database, schedule several emails throughout the day. If you have retail outlets, promote via in-store signage. Bottom line, the more ways you can get the message out, the more points you will score!
- **10. Plan for Tracking:** Be sure to track progress throughout the day and communicate milestones along the way. Images such as a thermometer or a scoreboard will help everyone see the ball moving towards the goal line.

Advanced Plays

• Triple Option: Use Multi-Channel Communications to Reach Broad Audience Base

Build excitement and awareness through emails, social media posts, and text messages. With a 98% open rate, text messages are more likely to be seen than other forms of communication (Dynmark Mobile Intelligence Review).

• Special Teams: Build It for Mobile

Nearly 92% of all social activity happens on a smartphone. Your game plan for engaging consumers and employees should include user-friendly ways to make donations and share your campaign from a mobile device.

• Fan Spirit: Create Emotion Via Video

Embed an emotion-packed video that shows potential donors the anticipated impact of their gifts. Bonus coverage- Adding a video to your email can boost your click rates as much as 300% (Wistia).

• Drive Up the Score with #UNselfies

#UNselfies are pictures of #GivingTuesday participants holding signs that show why they gave to a particular cause. See sidebar for ways to post.

• Kickoff Early: Extend Your Play Time

If you can, start at midnight. Your #GivingTuesday team should work in shifts during off-peak hours. The entire team should be on the field during peak giving hours from 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.





Encourage your #GlvingTuesday participants to take and post an "unselfie." Here's what you should encourage them to do:

1) Take a piece of paper and write "our charity partner's" name on it.

2) Take your picture holding up the piece of paper.

3) Upload the photo to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest and other social media channels and remember to include the hashtags #GivingTuesday and #Unselfie

Keeping Score

• Create a Scoreboard

Display a real-time fundraising thermometer to track donations and create a sense of urgency. Share campaign progress before, during, and after your day of giving to motivate ambassadors and inspire donors.

• Postgame Analysis

Learn from your performance on Game Day. What worked and what didn't? Evaluate your campaign reach using social metrics. The only way you can lose on #GivingTuesday is if you don't measure your results. Evaluate your fundraising performance to inform next year's goals.

Announce MVPs

Remember to thank everyone for their participation. Broadcast results in ways that engage employees, customers and suppliers, and makes them feel good about their generosity.

Technology drives #GivingTuesday's success. Online giving has increased by **20% since 2015.**

In 2016 the average online gift exceeded \$126 and 22% of online donations were made on a mobile device. (*Blackbaud*)



Team For Momentum

For Momentum's Pro Bowl team is a nationally recognized cause marketing agency that unites leading nonprofit organizations, corporations and agencies to form and strengthen strategic social impact partnerships. Founded in 2003 by innovative advertising and nonprofit executive Mollye Rhea, For Momentum has been recognized by *Corporate Responsibility Magazine* as one of the top five cause marketing firms in the U.S. <u>Download additional copies of For Momentum's #GivingTuesday Playbook and additional resources</u>.



#GivingTuesday Game Plan *Powered by For Momentum*

Don't be forced to throw a Hail Mary. It almost never works. For Momentum's Pro Bowl roster is made up of experienced cause coaches who focus solely on cause marketing and corporate social responsibility.

Let us help create your #GivingTuesday Game Plan

Whether you're just starting out or looking to improve, we'll deliver a customized game plan to enable you to take the ball and run with it. It's a cost effective and quick way to get you in the game.

Your Custom Game Plan will include recommendations for:

- Tailored #GivingTuesday strategy that aligns with current CSR efforts
- #GivingTuesday theme concept and supporting key messages
- Recommended activations based on your assets and audiences
- Communication and promotional plan
- Donation mechanism recommendations
- Implementation timeline
- Measurement tracking scoreboard

Championship Coaching Tip Leverage For Momentum's #GivingTuesday Game Plan Service

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