### Essentials Only—Basic Segmenting of Donor Communications

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#### **Meet the Speaker**



#### Laura Kruisenga | President & CEO, Kennari Consulting

Laura Kruisenga, President & CEO, Kennari Consulting - Laura works with clients to build their annual fundraising programs with a particular focus on events, communications, and staffing. She is regularly featured as a presenter at local workshops and seminars on fundraising. Laura graduated from Adrian College with a degree in business administration and has over 20 years of fund development experience and is certified in the use of several databases, including Raiser's Edge and Giftworks.

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## Introduction

- Laura Kruisenga, President & CEO with Kennari Consulting
- Services in Campaign consulting, Grant writing, Project/Program Development, and Annual Giving consulting
- Instructor in Fundkit online learning platform for fundraising professionals







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### Why Segment?

- Increased donor engagement
- Better understanding of your work, impact, and needs
- Leads to higher fundraising results
- Renews donors and helps fight lapsing



# What prevents you from segmenting? Type your answer in the chat!





## Common Barriers to Donor Segmentation

Systems

Messy data

Time





#### Start with these steps:

Prioritize
Make a plan
Engage other people





### Groups to Segment In order of priority

Major Donors

- Monthly/Recurring Donors
  - Event Donors
  - Lapsed Donors
- Other specific groups!



#### Major Donors

- Donor/Household giving is \$1,000 or more in a year
- Individualized cultivation and solicitation plan
- Appeals should work into that plan and the timing the donor typically gives in
- Live signature, hand addressed enveloped, and personal note



## Monthly/Recurring Donors

- Ask so recurring donors are ongoing until they say otherwise
- ALWAYS acknowledge their current giving before asking again
- ▶ Remind them of their impact
- ► After 12-18 months, ask for an increase
- Consider a "branded" monthly giving club/program



#### **Event Donors**

- ► Typically renew the way they come in
- Plant the seed ahead of the event
- ► Make sure they will attend
- ▶ If not attending, make a plan
- Do mission-centered events and share updates throughout the year on what was shared at the event



#### Lapsed Donors

- ► First, prevent them from lapsing!
- Quickly try to recapture
- Definition: Gave in a time period and hasn't given at all in the following 12 months
- Be clear "we miss you and hope you'll give again"
- Overall average donor retention in 2020 was 35%



#### Other Segments

- Break down existing segments into two groups based on gift size
- ► Additional Groups:
  - ► Volunteers
  - Members
  - ► First-Time Donors
  - Memorial Givers
  - Crowdfunding Donors
  - ► Direct Mail Donors
  - Specific program/interest area supporters
- Track outcomes





Segmenting takes extra time, increases data collection/tracking, and generally costs more.





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# **Questions?**



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