

# Referring to the old, while navigating the new

Implementing past fundraising techniques with new approaches

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2022 Nonprofit Update

"The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

Socrates



## Powered by Professionals Who We Are



## Forming an Organizational Chart

Laying the foundation to a successful event



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## Oligo Nation Inspiration Event Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Ingo Mellinghoff, MD
Nobility in Science Award

**Mike Towers**Vision of Hope Award

Christina Battalia & Ollie Maggard
Co-Chair

Rachel (Wallins) Guberman & Jeff Guberman Co-Chair Natalie & Dominick Filocomo Co-Chair Patrick Hanlon /
Rob Rosania
Co-Chair

Spencer Greene, Jodi Kaye & James Perri Honorary Chairs

Jodi Kaye

Courage Award Presenter

AnnMarie Kaganovsky, other patients
Courage Award Recipients

Paul Girdler RN, BSN
Compassionate Care Award

**Heather Thomson**Mistress of Ceremonies

Alasdair Nichols Special Guest/Celebrity

#### **Inspiration Team**

Amy Bell, Lee Burnley, Richard Byrnes, MD, Christina Cerciello, Natalie Filocomo, Emma Fine, Steve Harrison, Mara Hatzimemos, Lauren Heidenry, Jodi Kaye, Sara Kimbell, Alyse Mandel, Michele Margolin Seiden, Michelle Marx, Amy Mines, Marianna Modlin Morris, Garbielle Nevin, Susi Nichol, Denise Puma, Stacey Rosenthal, Jeff Stillwell, Dawn Wilson

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Ashley Dabbiere, Jeff Fager, Brock Greene, Spencer Greene, Zachary Greene, Warren Guthrie, Patrick Hanlon, Jeff Hickling, Jodi Kaye, Alyse Mandel, Michael Towers, James Perri, Patrick Ronan, Rob Rosania

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#### 2022 CTBTA - Path of Hope - Saturday, May 14, 2022

Inam Urrehman Kureshi, MD
Lifetime Achievement Award

**Bryan Welsh**Vision of Hope Award

Susan Lemkuil and Jennifer Pace 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Melissa Bennett, RN, BSN OCN Compassionate Care Award

**Chris Cusano**Courage Award Presenter

Judith Lee, Scott Morey, DVM, Gilbert Pierog, Andrew Spada Courage Award Recipients

**Stephanie Simoni**Master of Ceremonies

David van Wees Run/Walk Chair Christy OKeefe Run/Walk Chair

Jeff Ayotte Run/Walk Chair

#### Committee

Heather DiMarzio, Johnathon Cribb, Patricia Davidson, Randell Stratton, Lisa Pierce, Jason Klein's Wife or Sister Chris Cusano, Maryellen Holden, Cheryl Italia, Jennifer Pace, Gregory Shimer

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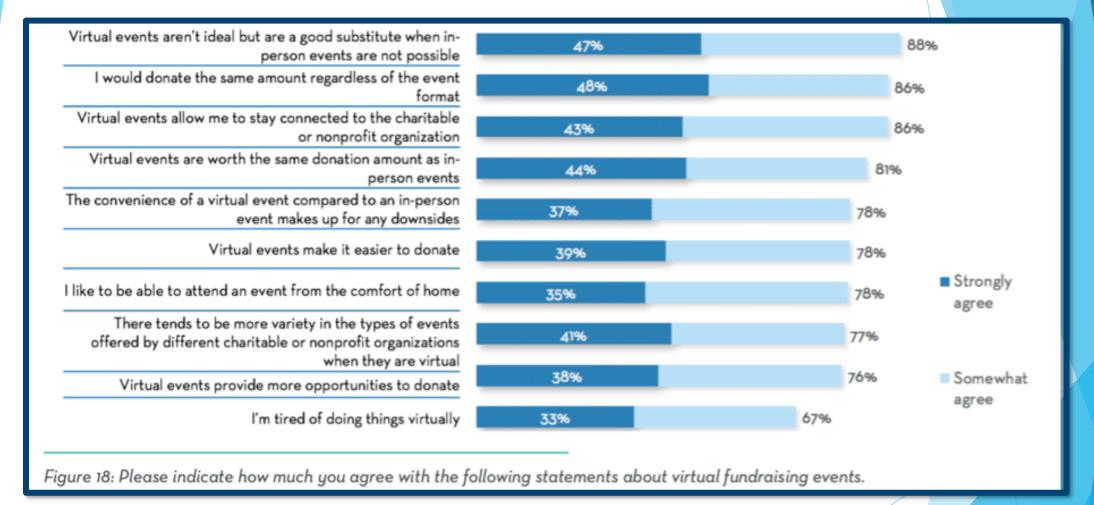
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## Implementing Old Techniques: Customizing Solicitation

- There has always been success to putting effort into customized solicitation based on what approach would be best for the prospective donor.
- Whether it sending a personalized letter in the mail with a sponsorship packet and following up with a printed invite or sending all event material electronically. It is important to evaluate what your audience responds best to and remembering that each participant involved can have a differing preferences.
- Providing options that best suit your volunteers in supporting their outreach success is important to achieve the best results to your solicitation.



### Donor Feelings and Feedback About Virtual Events





## Challenges Brought on by Virtual Events:

- With virtual events, your organization can lose touch with your donor base over time
- Donors can lose the responsibility to feel involved
- Not sustainable long term
- Gathering in a space as a community there is a stronger connection to the cause vs. attending an event through a device
- People get a case of the lazybones, having a harder time going back to attending in-person events
- Vendor costs have gone up after they had a long pause to many of their services



### Navigating New Approaches: Expanding Reach & Increased Attendance

- Expansion: Allows for growing your event beyond the venue doors.

  Donors can participate from all over the world!
- Inclusivity: You can offer a lower cost/free virtual tickets, allowing people to attend who might not have been able to previously



## Navigating New Approaches: Reusable Content/Evergreen

Much of the content you create for a virtual/hybrid event can be repurposed for post-event use. Including year-round marketing and promo videos. Many times, old footage can be pulled to incorporate again in other ways.







## Navigating New Approaches: Virtual Celebrity Participation

Celebrities are much more open to participating in an event that they can pre-record footage for or video chat into.

Costs can be saved by having a video vs an in-person appearance.











## Navigating New Approaches: Interweaving virtual and in-person guests





## Navigating New Approaches: Tying the hybrid audience together through technology & entertainment

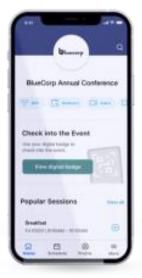


### Navigating New Approaches: Speed Up Event Check-In

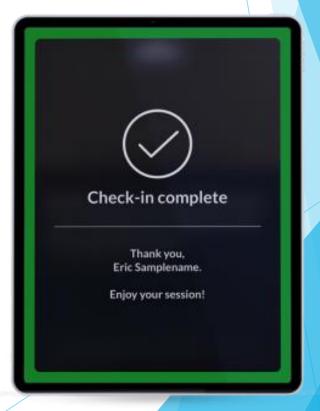
 New platforms that allow for guests to check-in from their phone prior to arriving to the venue

 Allows for a contactless check-in, speeding up the check in process and making for a more comfortable check in during COVID

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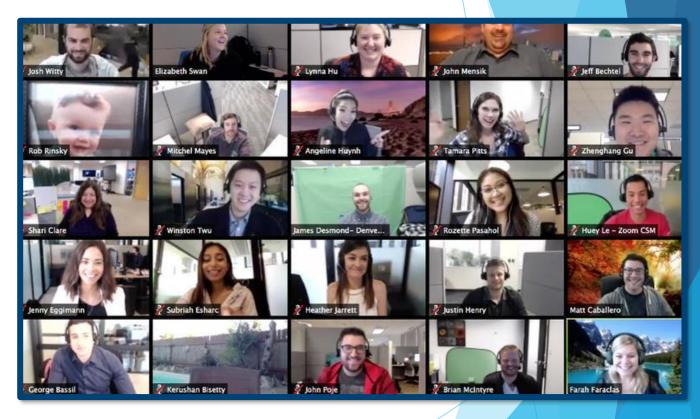






### Navigating New Approaches: Committee Calls via Zoom

- Although Zoom is not new, offering event participants to attend meetings via Zoom offers more flexibility and increases the meeting attendance rates.
- By having this become a standard practice, scheduling meetings has become easier and more productive.





## Navigating New Approaches: Utilization of QR Codes

- QR Codes provides organizations with a variety of ways guests can make a contribution or view event information at ease.
- A great marketing tool to include on event décor (napkins, signage, programs)
- In addition to viewing the e-journals on the event screens, guests can scan a QR code and view the journals or evening programs on their phones





On Saturday, May 14th, 2022, the Connecticut Brain Tumor Alliance, Inc. ("CTBTA") will host the ninth annual Path of Hope Event, Presented by Saint Francis Hospital, a member of Trinity Health - New England, at Elizabeth Park, Hartford, CT from 8am – 12pm. The Path of Hope is an inspiring 5K walk, run, and family fun event that raises funds and awareness to support the brain tumor community, celebrates survivorship, and honors those whom we remember.

I am very excited to share that this year I will be the **Run/Walk Chair** at The Path of Hope event in support of my father's battle with brain cancer.

As many of you know, my dad was diagnosed with glioblastoma in October of 2019. My family was devastated and had to sit down and research what this disease exactly was, turning to CTBTA's website for information. We would later learn that glioblastoma was the most complex and aggressive form of brain cancer out there. A month later, my dad underwent brain surgery in NYC and came out stronger than ever - you would never know the pain he endured if you saw him out on the streets. He was still the lively, caring, sarcastic man we all addored, but was now fighting a silent battle with cancer. From radiation to chemo, he continued to come out on top and defy the odds.

Throughout these past two years, CTBTA has been an eye-opening organization for our family. From their stories of courageous survivors to fundraising events to expand the research of brain cancer cures, they have taught us so much. We are not in this alone, and together we can provide a better quality of life for future patients while advancing brain tumor awareness.

I will continue to advocate for this cause as much as I can, and joining together with CTBTA for this event is something I am extremely proud to take part in. We all know we cannot fight the battle for him, but we can take part in amplifying the voice of the brain timpor community.

The Path of Hope event is a perfect opportunity to become involved - and I hope many of you can make it there with mel We also have an O'Keefe Family team that will be walking/running together to support my dad. Please consider registering to attend the event, making a donation, becoming an event sponsor, or joining my team at the following link: ctbta.rallybound.org/path-of-hope-2022/OKeefe-Family.

You can also scan the QR code below to be taken to my team's page on your mobile device:



Your support will help the CTBTA facilitate support and awareness programs, provide crucial patient assistance funds, and advance critical research that will lead to better treatments, and eventually, a cure.

Please contact Kara DeBaene at kdebaene@poweredbyprofessionals.com or 401-497-3876 with questions

Thank you in advance for your support, and for all the prayers you have sent our family these past years!

Sincerely

Christy O'Keefe 2022 Run/Walk Chair

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### Navigating New Approaches: Peer to Peer (P2P) Fundraising

- Outdoor events like Run/Walks are a great way for people to feel comfortable during COVID with plenty of fresh air and open space to social distance.
- Use a cell phone or digital camera to take pictures and videos at your P2P event. This can be use in post event Thank You emails and social media posts.





- Offering a virtual registration option for your P2P events brings your fundraiser to those who are normally out of reach.
- Share your event on social media! Empower
  Team Captains and event participants to share
  the fundraising information to their social
  media accounts by providing graphics, copy,
  and hashtags for easy posting.

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## Navigating New Approaches: Virtual Elements are Event Engagement Tools

How else can you increase engagement using your virtual event toolbox?



Videos included in pre and post event emails



Virtual photo booths can be used for in-person and virtual guests

RSVP cards that include a QR code for easy responding





Virtual Raffles & Wheel Spins



## Presentation Takeaways:

The past few years has thrown a wrench in in-person fundraising events, though it has forced us to navigate new waters in how to reach our audiences.

The silver lining has become re-evaluating what has long worked in producing successful fundraisers, and where we need to shift with the times.

By restructuring our approach, we have been able to provide guests with simplicity to their participation, save costs, reach a larger network and cultivate new creative approaches.





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