



# Anatomy of an Ask

#### WHY

- Value: Nonprofit news makes society better, makes your life better
- Financial: Funding comes from individuals

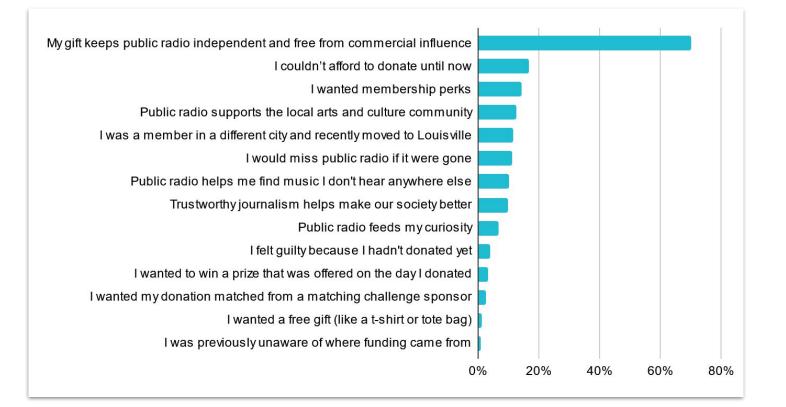
#### WHY ME

• Not just other people... I need to donate

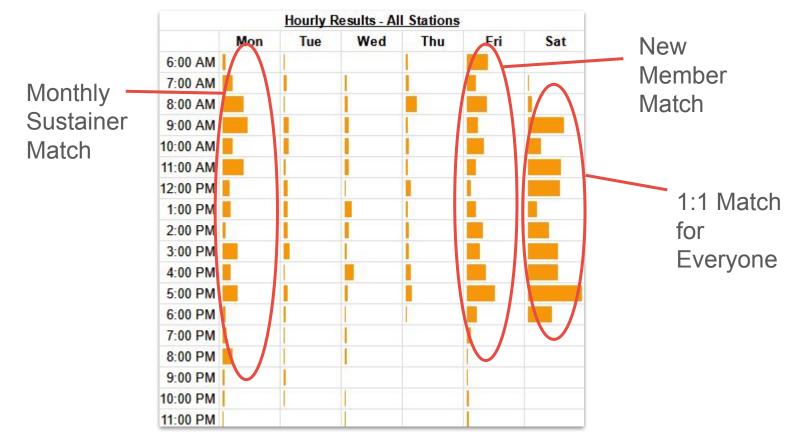
#### WHY NOW

• Matching funds, premiums, sweepstakes, goals, deadlines

#### Why vs. When



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## **Matching Funds**

Works for new donors, renewing donors, monthly increases and additional gifts.

Use them at the beginning and end of a campaign. They work best in tandem with a deadline.

Sources: NewsMatch, foundations, business sponsors, major donors, board of directors, additional gifts from current donors.

## **Premiums**

- Only available for short periods of time
- 19% of eligible donors requested a free gift
- Use leftovers for monthly donor stewardship
- 16% of monthly donors requested a gift
- Max spend on premium = 1 month donation
- Fulfillment is great for volunteer engagement
- Spend \$5,000 to raise \$60,000
- First-time donors get a discount!



# **Gift of Membership**

Ask current donors to give a donation on behalf of a friend/family member.

Recipient gets perks for a year + a premium.

Tech can simplify notifying the recipient and allowing the recipient to pick their own free gift.

Ask recipients to renew 12 months later.

43 new members per year for us.



## **Acquisition + Increases**

December campaigns often focus on LYBUNT and single payment gifts.

December is also a great time to focus on **acquisition** and **monthly** donors.

Retention:

- Monthly Sustainers: 90%
- Single Pay Donors: 59%
- New Donors: 63% (1x + monthly)

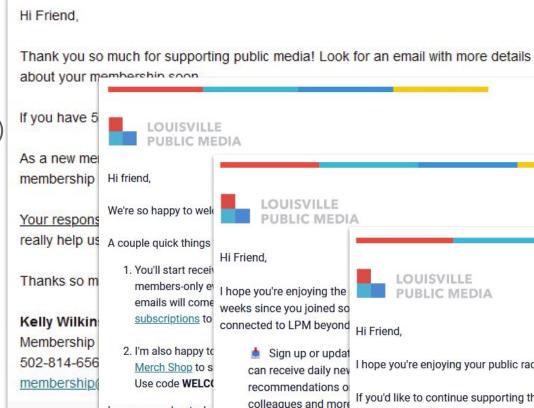


# **Post Campaign Follow Up**

New donor welcome series

- 1. Survey
- 2. Perks (1 day later)
- 3. Social/newsletters (10 days later)
- 4. Become a Sustainer (90 days later)

60% open rate! 9% click rate!



# Good Luck this Year-end!

