

How to grow your consulting practice, smooth-out income peaks & valleys, and build residual income streams



HOW TO GROW YOUR CONSULTING PRACTICE

MARKETING FOUNDATION



- Develop your case
 Why hire you?
 What is your niche?
 Features + Benefits = Value
- FEATURES
- ✓ Experience
- ✓ Certifications
- ✓ Advanced degrees
- ✓ Honors / awards
- ✓ Etc.

BENEFITS

- ✓ Raise more money
- ✓ Build better board
- ✓ Improve retention
- ✓ Grow major gifts
- ✓ Etc.

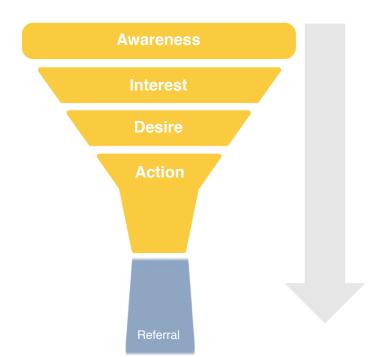
- □ Gather testimonials (social proof)
- Produce case studies (feature results)
- ☐ Get a database build a list
 Export LinkedIn contact emails & personal emails (i.e.- Gmail contacts)
- Establish social media presence
- ☐ Get a web site & landing page
- Email tool



HOW TO GROW YOUR CONSULTING PRACTICE

UNDERSTAND

- ✓ Your marketing funnel
- ✓ Your client's consideration process







HOW TO GROW YOUR CONSULTING PRACTICE

GIVE BEFORE YOU RECEIVE TO BUILD AWARENESS AND TRUST

LAW OF RECIPROCITY

- ✓ Give until it hurts
- ✓ Give with no expectations





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CREATE CONTENT

- ✓ Blog
- ✓ Post on LinkedIn
- ✓ Create reports

Gregory Warner
CEO and Founder at MarketSmart
Your recent activity

26 people viewed your profile in the past 3 days

47 people viewed your post in the past 3 days: "Are face to face meeting...

Write an article

What's the one thing you know better than anyone?

17 awful mistakes almost every nonprofit board makes and how to avoid them



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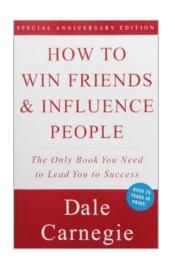
Engage on social media

Share your experience for free

✓ Be nice

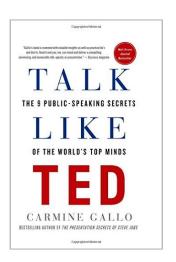
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- ✓ Don't be creepy
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- ✓ Like people
- ✓ Drive back to your content



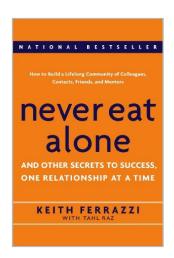
Speak at events





Network







HOW TO GROW YOUR CONSULTING PRACTICE

GAIN REFERRALS

- Be awesome!
 - ✓ Do great work!
 - ✓ Get results!
 - ✓ Do more than is expected (within reason)
 - ✓ Provide value
- 2. Make sure it's easy for people to contact you
 - ✓ Photo on LinkedIn
 - ✓ Phone # and/or form on web page
- 3. Ask!
- 4. Use a survey
 - ✓ Ask for feedback
 - ✓ Probe for opportunities
 - ✓ Ask for referrals
- 5. Look at who's connected to whom on LinkedIn... then ASK for an intro!
- 6. Enable sharing of your content
- 7. Thank your network (clients, friends, bloggers) by sending gifts!
- Give referrals



HOW TO GROW YOUR CONSULTING PRACTICE

GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR

ASK ME ANYTHING

FREE 1-HOUR CONSULTATION

SELL AN AUDIT OR UP FRONT DISCOVERY

SMALL PROJECTS FIRST





SMOOTH OUT INCOME PEAKS AND VALLEYS

LUMPY REVENUE?

- 1. STRICT PAYMENT TERMS / BAN DORMANCY
- 2. RECOMMEND LONG-TERM PROJECT PLANS
- 3. PROVIDE VALUE NOT TIME (STOP COUNTING HOURS)
 - ✓ Sell retainer contracts
 - ✓ All you can eat/as needed retainers.... Less cost, more risk
 - ✓ Prove your value every month or quarter
- 4. ALLY WITH MARKETSMART







BUILD RESIDUAL INCOME STREAMS

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LUMPY REVENUE?

Seek out partner programs that pay



















BUILD RESIDUAL INCOME STREAMS

LUMPY REVENUE?

Sell stuff!











Thank You Calls E-Book + Script

This practical book tells you everything you need to know about making dynamite donor thank you calls that increase donor loyalty. As a stand-alone piece, it's perfect for staff, Board and volunteers. In fact, it's a great introduction to getting on the phone and connecting directly with your

supporters - a non-threatening way to introduce folks to fundraising.

You can grab a "Bargain Bundle" of all six for just \$106 - more than 30% less than buying them separately. If you want the bundle bargain - all 6 donor retention road maps for one low price - click below.





BONUS

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- ☐ Client selection is key
 - Review your case
 - Make sure there's a fit
 - FIRE CLIENTS!















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AFP DC, Washington D.C. Metro Area Chapter: AFP DC **Consultant's Affinity Group**

July 23, 2014

Join us for

CONSULTING SUCCESS

More Clients, Income and Success

www.consultingsuccess.com

AFP DC Consultant's Affinity Group for a brown bag lunch

March 21 - Meyer Foundation

May 16 - Foundation Center

July 23 - Meyer Foundation

September 19 - AWHONN

November 21 - AWHONN



HOW MARKETSMART CAN HELP YOU





HOW MARKETSMART CAN HELP YOU

- 1. WHY CONSULTANTS PARTNER WITH MARKETSMART
- 2. WHAT WE DO
- 3. HOW YOUR CLIENTS BENEFIT
- 4. HOW CONSULTANTS, NONPROFITS & MARKETSMART WIN TOGETHER



HOW MARKETSMART CAN HELP YOU

- ✓ Need major gift and planned gift lead generation
- ✓ Need to uncover hidden bequests
- ✓ Need to cultivate and steward supporters at low cost

Nonprofit

- ✓ RAISE MORE MONEY AT REDUCED COSTS
 - ✓ Grow their practices
 - ✓ Stay on cutting edge
 - ✓ Smooth-out lumpy contract work revenue
 - Cinch-up long term projects
- **Consultant** ✓ Find ways to generate residual income
- ✓ Software

MarketSmart

- ✓ Technology-enabled services
- ✓ Marketing research
- ✓ Multi-channel engagement expertise
- Testing



HOW MARKETSMART CAN HELP YOU



Many "marketing/technology firms" have consultants on staff











We won't compete with you, we'll help you win!











Free stuff



Paid stuff

CONTENT



WIDGETS & TOOLS







PRODUCTS:

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TARGETED CULTIVATION CAMPAIGNS









Analytics & Insights for Nonprofits

Compelling charts. Actionable insights. Free forever.



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How we help you and your clients

1. Zero-in on people who are ready to engage with you now

2. Cultivate tons of prospects effortlessly



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But the traditional ways end up creating some new challenges:

"OVERWHELMED BY THE DATA"



"MOSTLY WENT UNUSED"



"DONORS WERE NOT READY TO MEET OR GIVE RIGHT NOW"

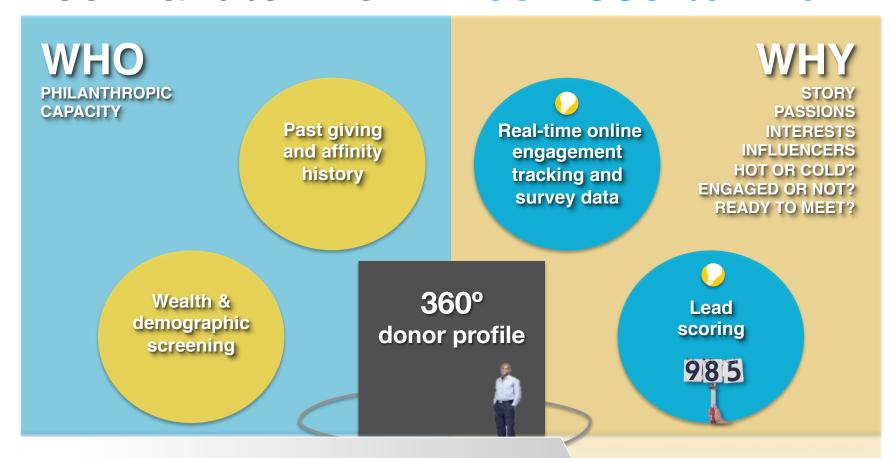


"NEED MORE ACTIONABLE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH PROSPECT"





You want to know You need to know



MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROSPECTS
MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED LEADS
MORE MEANINGFUL MEETINGS

MORE MAJOR GIFTS
MORE EFFICIENTLY



1. Who is **ready** to engage **now?**

"Actionable intelligence"



"Verbatims"
Self-reported
donor data

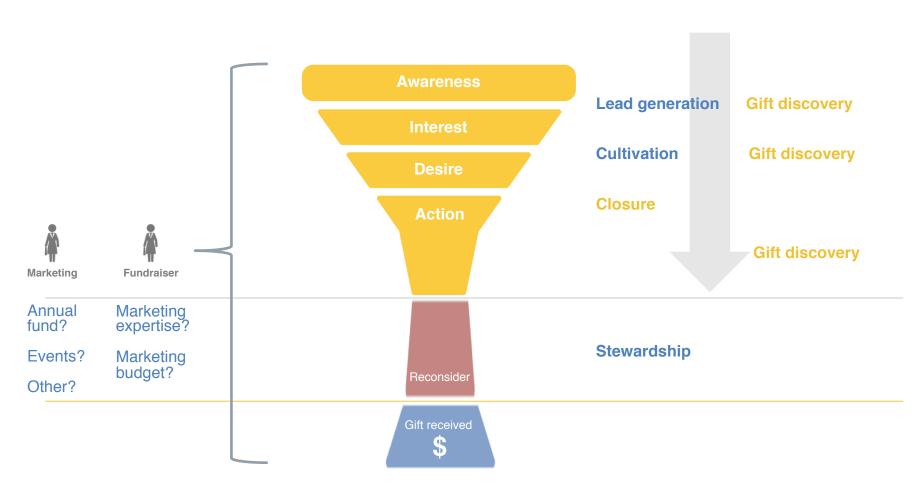


"Digital body language" Tracked online & email engagement

Better prospect qualification



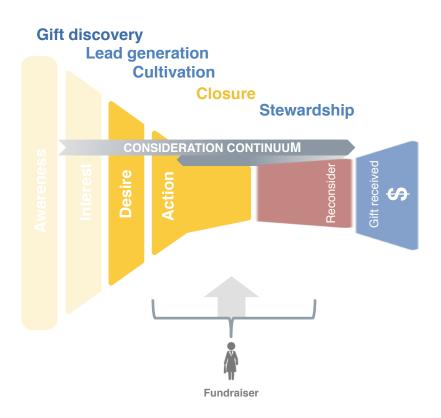
Major & legacy gift marketing basics





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Engagement Fundraising

Our process

Online opt-in forms or surveys

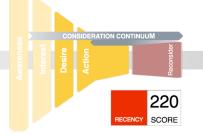
We usually start with a donor survey

Online landing pages

Use the data to nurture the relationships and

Use the data to nurture the relationships and drive engagement with automated emails and targeted "booster" campaigns

Engagement builds interest and desire

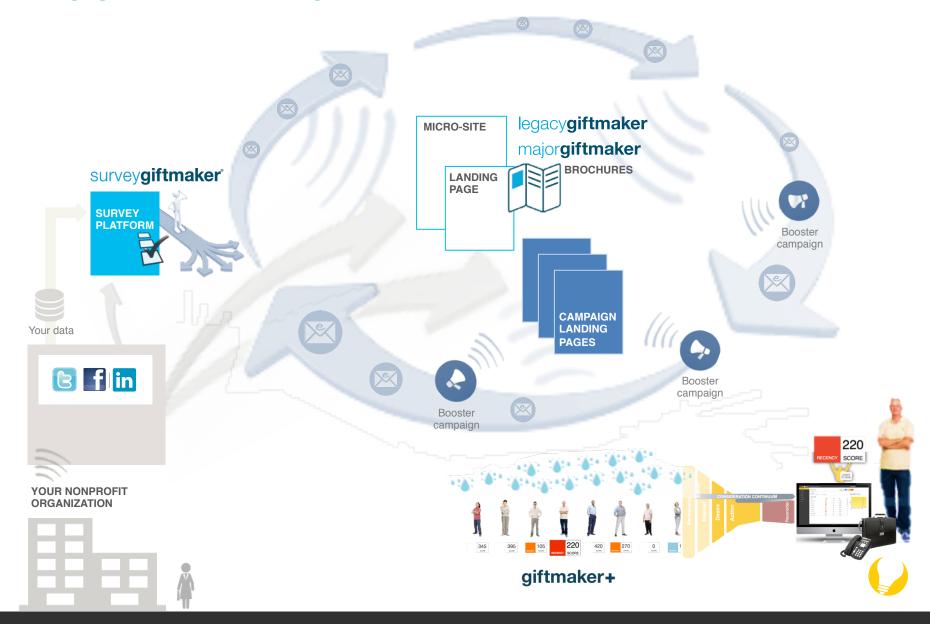




Prioritize your efforts thanks to the actionable insights found in your dashboard



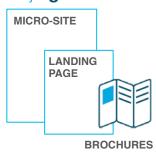
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