

# CREATIVE PEER-TO-PEER CAMPAIGNS

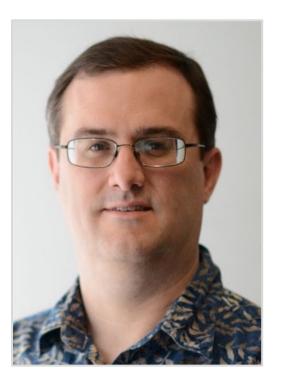
That Attract and Engage Donors







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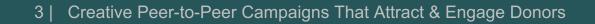
# AGENDA

Using Peer-to-Peer Fundraising for Your Nonprofit

Strategies for Maximizing Your Peer-to-Peer Campaign

Creative Peer-to-Peer Fundraising Examples

Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser in Action: Mars Planet Foundation









#### Are you planning a **peer-to-peer fundraiser** in 2021?

- 1. Yes, and it's pretty creative!
- 2. Yes, but it's a typical P2P
- 3. Yes, but we can use some creative ideas
- 4. On the fence, curious to learn more
- 5. No, hasn't been or isn't right for us

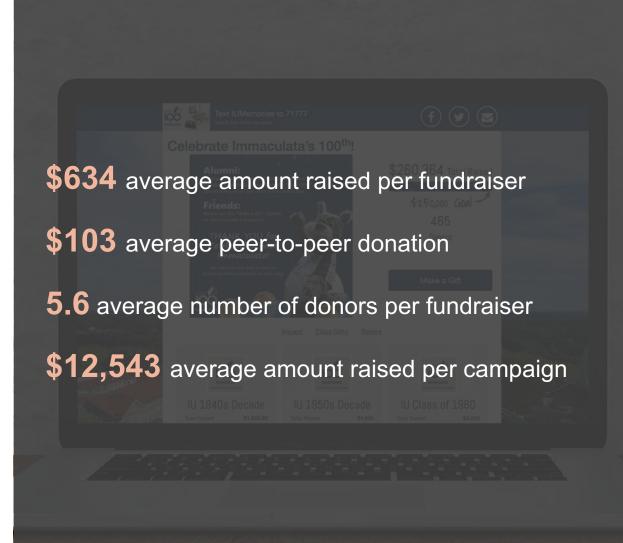


#### USING PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR NONPROFIT



# What Peer-to-Peer Can Do For You

- Leverages passionate ambassadors to fundraise on your behalf
- Expands reach beyond your immediate community
- Brings in new donors
- Boosts fundraising total
- Can be used for more than athletic events

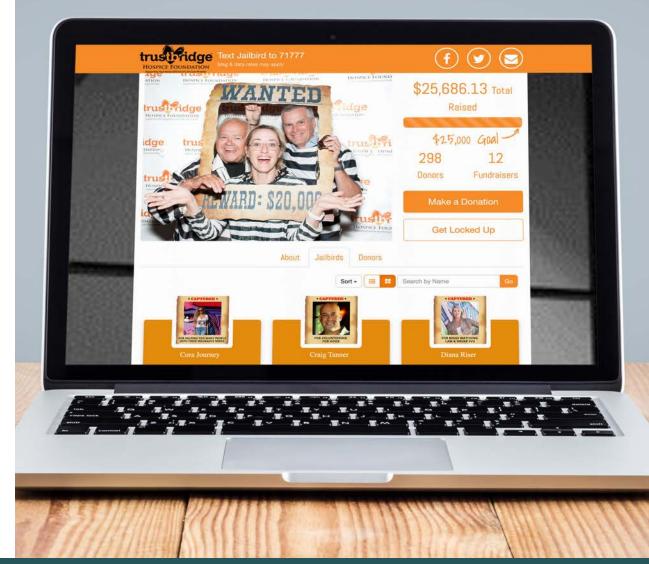


Source: MobileCause annual donor data year-ending 2020



# Strategies to Maximize Your Peer-to-Peer Campaign

- Recruit fundraising ambassadors early
- Make personalizing and sharing fundraising pages easy
- Provide sample messaging for email, social and text
- Encourage fundraisers throughout your campaign
- Ask fundraisers to share different ways to give: text-to-donate, links, checks





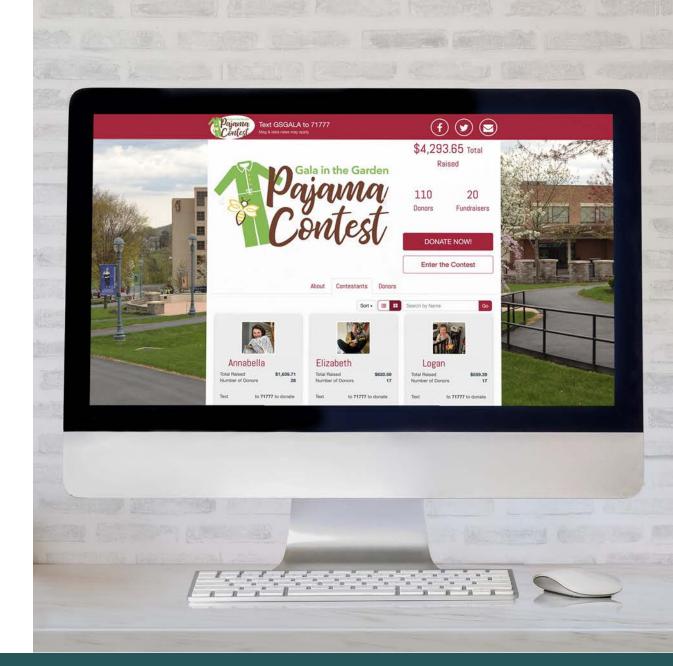
#### CREATIVE PEER-TO-PEER CAMPAIGNS THAT ATTRACT & ENGAGE DONORS

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### Good Shepherd Rehabilitation: Gala in the Garden Pajama Contest

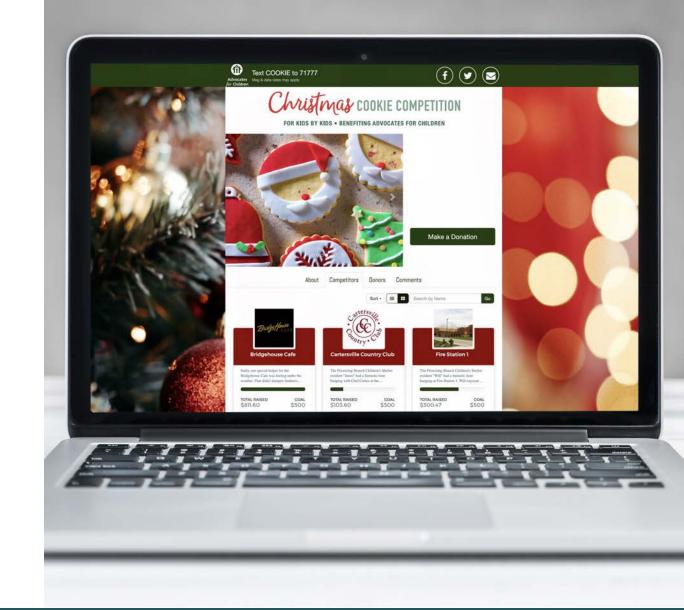
- Contestants wear their best pajamas in the fundraiser photos
- Individuals customize their fundraising page with their story, photo and connection to the cause
- Friends and family "Donate to Vote" for their favorite pjs
- Prizes awarded for who raises the most and gets the most votes





#### Advocates for Children: Christmas Cookie Competition

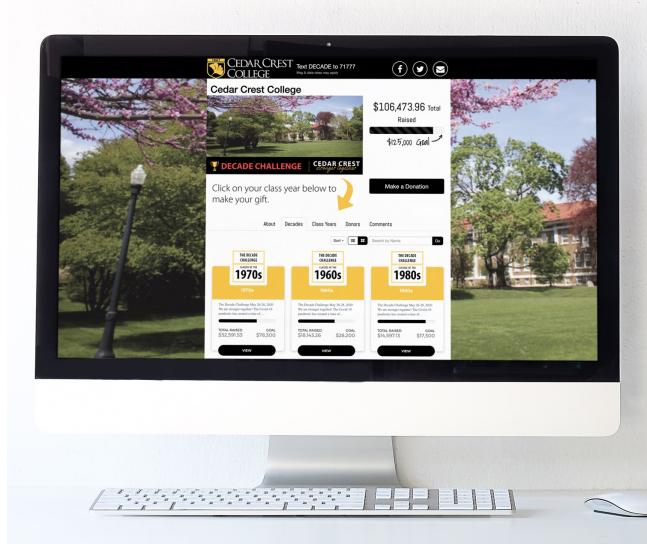
- 6 local chefs were paired with a child from Flowering Branch Children's Shelter
- Children range in age from 10-17
- Teams spent two weeks developing and decorating a cookie together
- \$1 donation = 1 vote
- Final score = 50% votes / 50% judges





#### Cedar Crest College: Decade Challenge

- Alumni fundraising challenges for graduation decade and year
- Graduation classes from 1950-2019 to capture the broadest audience
- Raise the most or highest percentage of goal
- Winners awarded from both decade and year
- Prize includes an engraved paver for winning class
- Raised over **\$106,438**





#### Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Program: 6th Annual Abilene Music Awards

- Upcoming on June 17th at the Abilene, Texas Convention Center
- 10 performers competing for votes to be named the best singer, as they fundraise for the organization
- Competitors introduce themselves on 'Performer' peer-to-peer pages
- Prizes for best singer and top fundraiser
- Already raised over \$101,359





#### EasterSeals Oregon: Bloomfest Annual Fundraiser

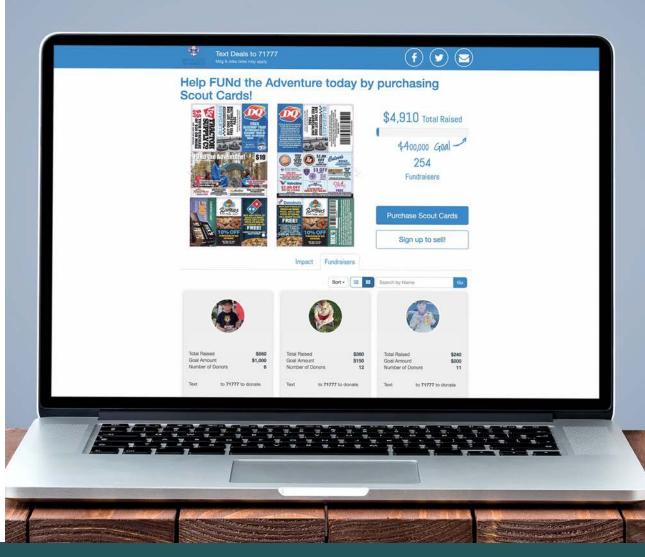
- Selling tulip bouquets to celebrate spring
- Team fundraisers were both families and businesses
- Hosted a "day of" tulip sale in person
- Sent text reminders about the deadlines
- Surpassed their goal and raised **\$78,982**





#### Boy Scouts of America Lincoln Heritage Council: Scout Cards

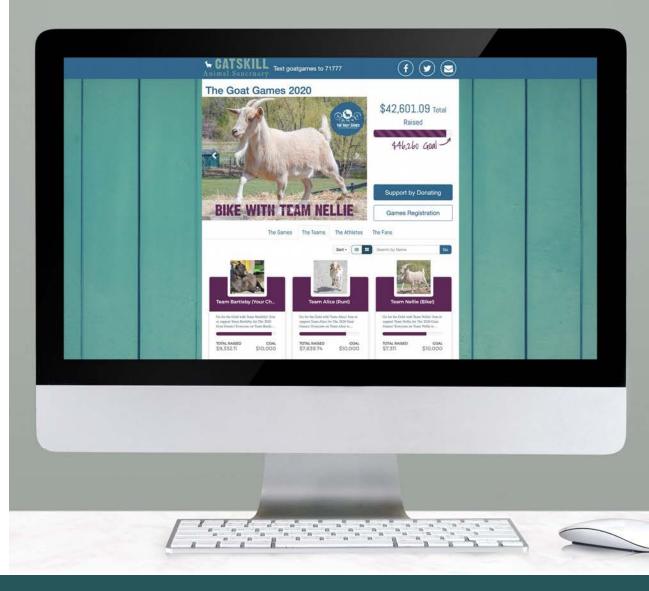
- Purchase Scout Cards with discounts to local stores and activities
- Promotion on Facebook spurred friendly competition
- Shared unique individual text-to-donate keywords for each individual fundraiser





### Catskill Animal Sanctuary: The Goat Games 2020

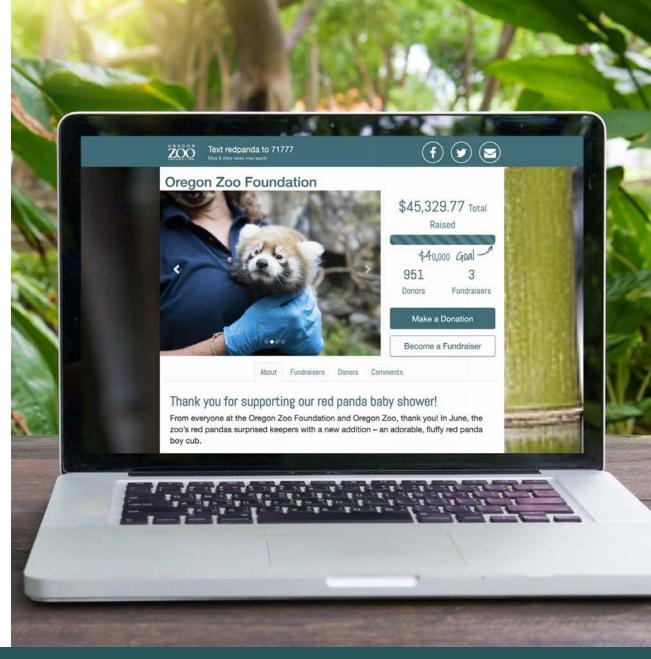
- Goats used as mascots for Team activities
- Activity categories: hiking, biking, running, swimming and "everything else"
- Used Team, Athlete and Fan pages for fundraising





# Additional Creative Peer-to-Peer Fundraisers

- Oregon Zoo Foundation:
   "Red Panda Baby Shower for Mei Mei"
  - Exceeded goal of \$40,000 in just five days
- Westford Friends of East Boston Camps: "Walk on the Wild Side Challenge"
  - Donate fixed amount or based on number of miles or trails hiked
- Friends of Children's Hospital: "Over the Edge"
  - Used Teams and individual "Edgers" fundraising pages





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- No Dogs Left Behind:
   "Bring Them Home" campaign
  - Used dogs' names and photos to represent fundraising teams
- Advocates for Children:
   "Gourmet Graze and Raise"
  - Peer-to-peer voting on best chef
- Safe Haven: "Dancing with Statesboro Stars"
  - Peer-to-peer voting on best dance duo with live competition





#### GRAND AVENUE

#### PEER-TO-PEER FUNDRAISER IN ACTION: THE MARS PLANET FOUNDATION



#### Wyatt Lee

Vice President Mars Planet Foundation





# About Mars Planet Foundation

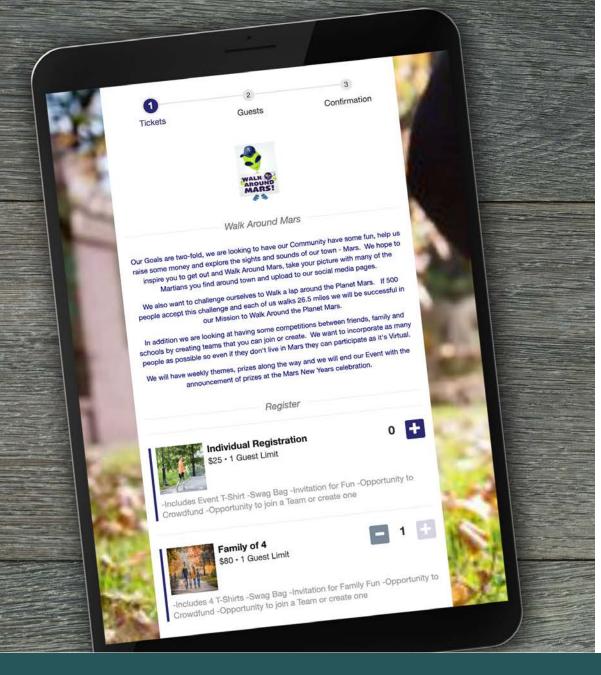
- The Mars Planet Foundation is a community based, educational foundation that is dedicated to enriching, enhancing and supporting the students of the Mars Area School District.
- Provides Teacher Grants, Scholarships or Special Projects through fundraising efforts.

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### Event: Walk Around Mars

- Replaced annual golf outing that would raise \$15-20,000
- First time hosting Walk Around Mars
- 6 week campaign
- Goal to walk around town of Mars and equal one lap around planet Mars
- Entrants pledge to walk 26.5 miles over 6 weeks
- Goal to raise \$25,000

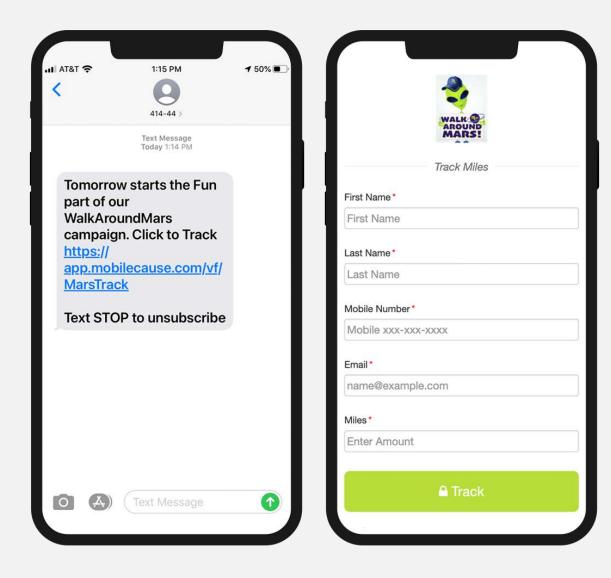




# **Event Set Up**

- Supported both Teams and Individual fundraisers
- Default donation set to monthly to boost recurring giving
- Included the option to Pay Processing Fees for registrations and donations
- Set up a form for participants to enter miles walked
- Targeted community businesses as sponsors





# **Event Promotion**

- Leveraging social accounts: Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Posted QR code on signs for easy registration
- Sent campaign information via text message
  - How to convert steps to miles for accurate computation
  - Reminders to participants





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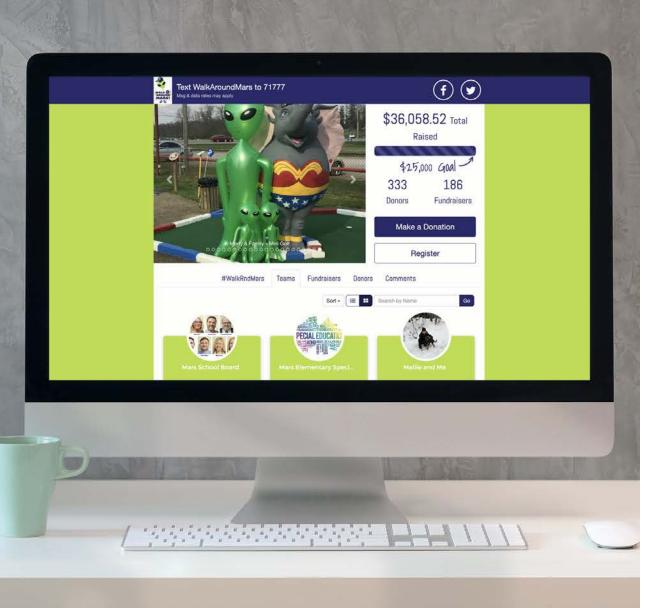
Marty thought he'd pick up some birdseed and gardening gloves at Mars Agway!



# Weekly Challenges

- Goal is to keep people engaged week to week
- Crazy Costume Week win prizes for most likes
   on the photo
- Find Marty the Martian Week Marty hidden in local businesses for \$50 donation
- Show Us Where Spring Has Sprung Week share pics on social
- Alumni Spotlight week showcase Mars graduate participation

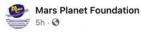




# **Campaign Results**

- Raised **\$36,247.09** from 333 donors
- Engaged 186 peer-to-peer fundraisers
- **\$35-36,000** from walk, ~\$4,000 from other donations to the organization
- Raised \$21,000 from sponsors
- Added new likes to Facebook page to grow our presence





Marty is sad that this is the last week of our virtual walk. He has enjoyed meeting everyone over the past six weeks and has admired all the pictures that have been posted by our walkers and alumni! To keep the Marty spirit alive, he wanted to do something that would continue the theme of getting out and walking around Mars! So he has painted some rocks, a few in his likeness, others with a Martian/space theme, and hidden them all through the Mars Area. Whether it be Adams Ridge, Treesdale, the Middlesex Playgrounds, or downtown Mars and the surrounding area, Marty hopes when you find one of these treasures you'll think of him, take a picture, and send it to admin@marsplanetfoundation.org so we can post. Then feel free to keep or hide for someone else to find! Have fun!!

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# **Going Forward**

- Want to hold this event every year or every other year
- Will try going higher with sponsorship levels



We hope these creative **peer-to-peer campaign ideas** have inspired you to try out new ways to boost your fundraising with volunteer ambassadors.



# **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



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