





Session Two: Mapping Your Network & Engaging Your Fundraising Advocates

Meet Your Trainers



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In one word, how would you describe your personal network/community?



OBJECTIVES

- Start a network map for your organization

- Identify fundraising advocates within your network and prepare them for success

- Thank your donors using the Thank You Notes Manager on your GlobalGiving Dashboard

Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Network Mapping Fundamentals & Activity
- 3. Fundraising Advocates & the Fundraiser Tool
- 4. Thanking Your Donors on GlobalGiving
- 5. Your Next Steps + Q&A



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Posting Your GlobalGiving Project & Setting SMART Fundraising Goals

Donors need the motivation to give! And you need a plan. To set yourself up for success, outline your SMART goals before the crowdfunding campaign begins. Need help posting your project? We'll walk you through the steps.

VIDEO

PDF

Recorded on August 30, 2021

3 Mapping Your Network + Engaging Your Fundraising Advocates



You already know the most likely people to donate to your cause—they are your friends, family, colleagues, and acquaintances! Focus on how to inspire the people around you to donate to your cause and invite them to reach out to their networks on your behalf.

Upcoming: August 31, 2021

PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submitting your project is <u>required</u>

September 3

5 p.m. ET





"The power of crowdfunding isn't in the funding, it's in the crowd."

MARI KURAISHI

GlobalGiving Co-Founder



Network Mapping

A visualization of your connections in an effort to grow your base of supporters



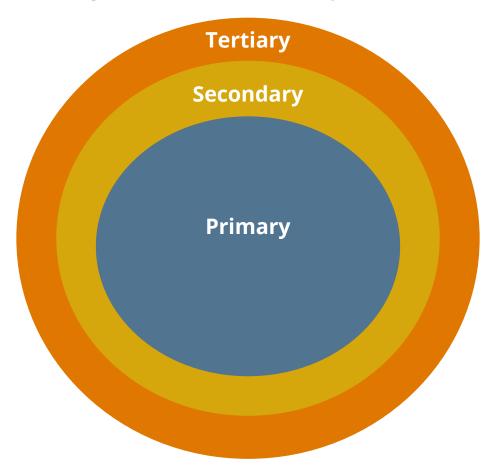
Who is in your network?

Your network is bigger than you think!

- Board members
- Staff + Alumni
- Volunteers
- Local businesses
- Family + Friends
- Community Foundations
- Diaspora
- Religious Institutions



Primary → Secondary → Tertiary



We sat down with our whole team and completed a network map using everyone's contacts. It took hours. By the end, we had over 400 first person contacts ready to go. We assigned these contacts to different people, and we also segmented how we would talk to each potential donor, depending on how we knew them.

DANIEL LARIOS

March 2020 Accelerator Graduate

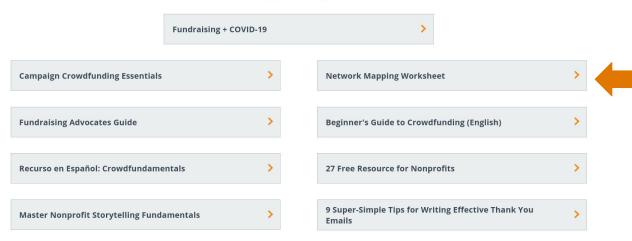
Raised \$35,796 from 307 unique donors (including 32 recurring donors!)

Network Mapping Tips

- Useful beyond your crowdfunding campaign
- Do as a team!
- Set aside at least an hour
- Repeat every 6-12 months or when a new person joins the organisation

Activity Network Mapping

Crowdfunding Tools, Tips, and Guides



Companies	Individuals
Example: Mark Smith, RPI Corporation, \$	Example: Lea Wang, P
Media	Board Members
Example: Sue Pete, CNN, C	Example: Amrita Singh, I
Volunteers	Government Representatives
Example: Marten Lemma, T	Example: Yani Jones, City Council, I
Constituents	Foundations
Example: Lawrence Halle, E	Example: Sara Paul, Paul Family Foundation, \$



ACTIVITY

Part One

Write down the **names** of people you know in the following three categories: Individuals, Board Members, Volunteers.

(2 minutes)

Individuals

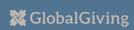
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Board Members

Example: Amrita Singh, I

Volunteers

Example: Marten Lemma, T

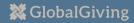


Not everyone in your network will be a donor



Key

I = Influence | P = Passion | \$ = Cash | T = Time | C = Contacts | E = Expertise



ACTIVITY

Part Two

For each name you've written down, assign a letter from the key (30 seconds)

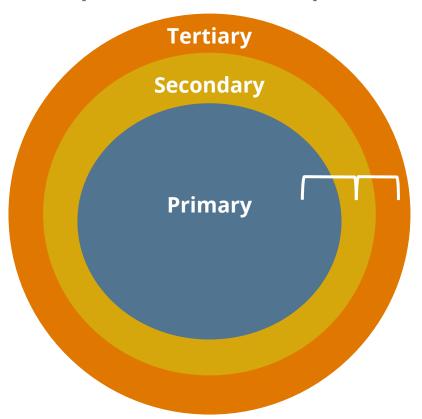


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Fundraising Advocates Build Bridges to Your Secondary and Tertiary Networks



Who is a fundraising advocate?

Individuals who become part of your team

- Help build trust
- Attract new supporters
- Act as your brand ambassadors
- Examples of potential fundraising ambassadors: Enthusiastic board members, your most engaged social media followers, former colleagues, friends + family



Biggest piece of advice is if you have a board of directors, get them involved early and get actual commitment to actionable steps they'll take to support the campaign when it is underway. We had that support and it made a huge difference during these tough global times to ensure we achieved the graduation milestones.

KELLY BRANTNER, Business for Better Society
Raised \$5.866 from 48 donors in the March 2020 Accelerator

Characteristics of a Great Fundraising Advocate

1

They have a large network of friends, family, etc

2

They are passionate and positive about your cause and interested in your work

3

They know your story and can act as brand ambassadors 4

You are comfortable asking them to help

5

They have the time and willingness to work

ACTIVITY

Part Three

Star the network members who could serve as "fundraising advocates" for your organization (15 seconds)

How to Approach and Prepare Advocates

Draft Your Request and Pitch

- How will you make each individual feel invested and excited
- Keep it personal
- Answer any questions they might have
- Provide them with resources and tools they might need to make it as easy as possible for them!
 - Fundraising Advocates Guide



Sample Email Messages for Advocates

Tailor the email templates below to your organization and share them with your advocates on a Google or Word document. Remind your advocates to periodically send email appeals to their network throughout the campaign, and encourage them to personalize all of their communications as much as possible. Their friends and family will be more likely to make a donation to your cause if they understand their friend or family member's personal passion and commitment to your cause. When you communicate with your advocates, share helpful fundraising tips and messages of encouragement and gratitude.

TOOL YOU CAN USE:

Advocate Email Template: Week 1

Hi [Name].

I am passionate about [Theme or issue area of organization] because [Personal story about connection to the cause].

It would mean the world to me if you would support [Name of organization].
Their team is trying to raise [Fundraising goal] in order to [Primary objective of campaign]. Because I believe in what they do, I committed to personally raising [Advocate's fundraising objective] for this important cause by [Date].

Can you help me? You can donate today at [URL where donation can be made].

Sincerely,

[Advocate's name]

Fundraising Tool for Advocates (optional)

A fundraiser page is different from a project page.

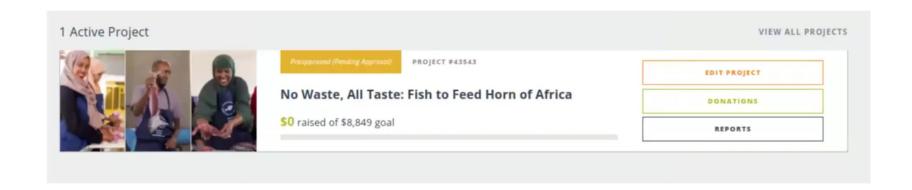
A fundraiser page allows an individual in your network to fundraise on behalf of your project in a personal way.

There is **no pressure** to ask your network to create fundraiser pages.

This is an **option** for you to add to your toolkit!:)

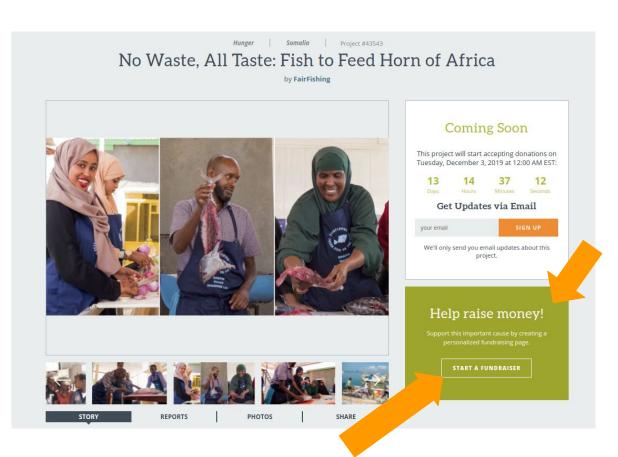
STEP 1

You need to submit your project and have it approved first!



STEP 2

Direct your fundraising advocate to the green "Help raise money!" box on your project page.





STEP 3

Your advocates can customize their fundraiser.





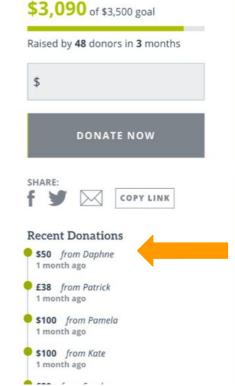
Kris' Marathon

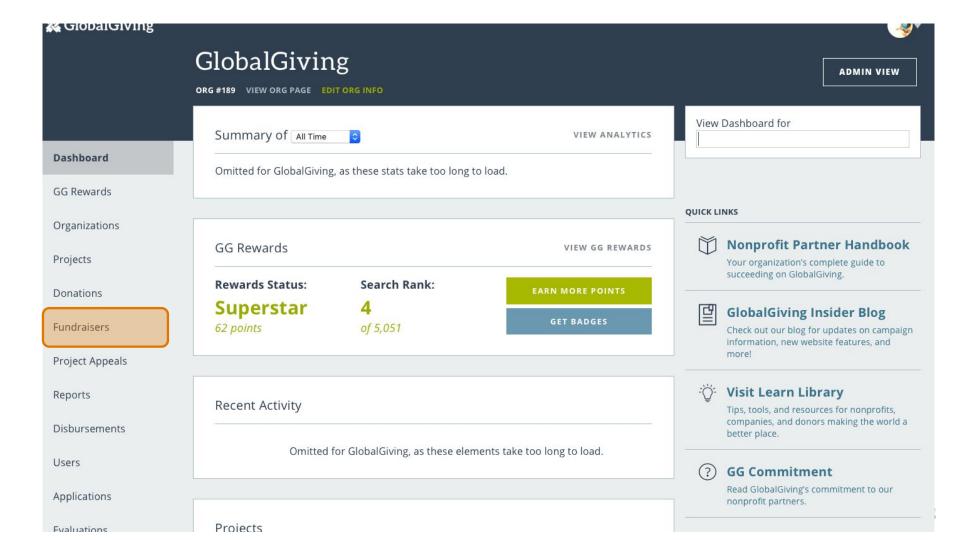
A fundraiser by Kris L.

Fundraiser pages look different from project pages. All fundraiser pages will say "A fundraiser by "[NAME OF PERSON WHO STARTED FUNDRAISER]"



I'm running my first marathon to raise enough money to build and run a new school for orphaned and vulnerable children in Swaziland. Having spent a month volunteering with these amazing kids, I was deeply moved by the challenges they face





RECAP: Fundraising Advocates

Your voice in the crowd

Pick Your Team

Make a **personal ask** to fundraising advocates.

Give Them Tools

Provide them with **tool + resources** to set up a **fundraiser**.

Say Thanks

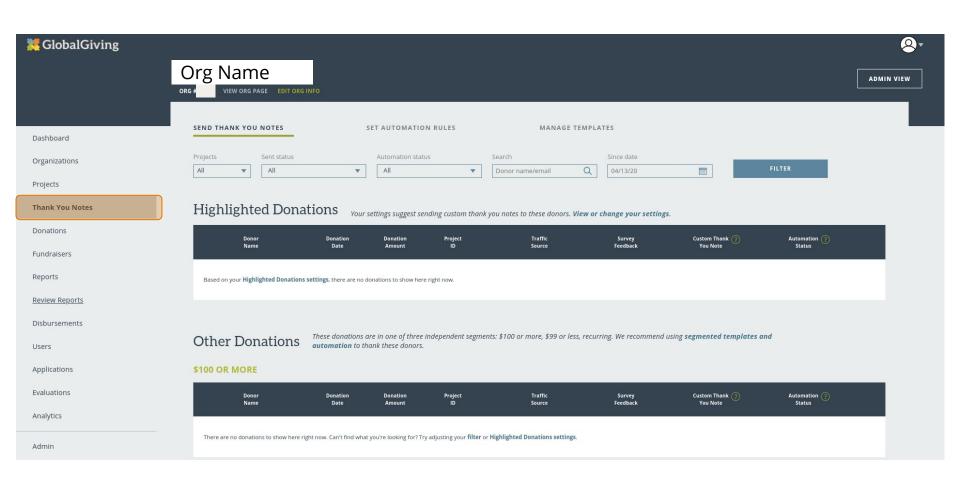
Check in with your advocates and say *Thank you!*





Thank Your Donors, Especially Now

- Thanking donors soon after they give is key to forming a long-term relationship with them.
- Use the **Thank You Notes Manager** on your GlobalGiving Dashboard to thank your donors easily, quickly, and meaningfully.
- Automate your thank you notes and segment based on the type of donor.



1 \$100 OR MORE

2 \$99 OR LESS

3 RECURRING

Create New Women's Schools in Kabul

Segments Automation Rules (?)

\$100 OR MORE

Automation

Automatically send a note using template Default Thank Yo ▼ after 3 ▼ day(s).

Preview ✓

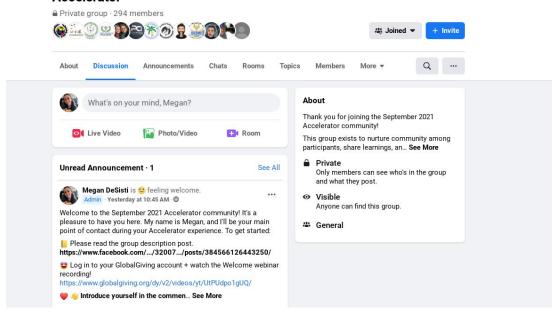
Also apply this rule to donations made within the last 30 days.



Accelerator



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Next Steps

Finish mapping your network using the Network Mapping Worksheet available on the Accelerator Hub.

Optional: Create a post in the Accelerator Facebook group and share your main takeaway from completing the network mapping exercise. What did you learn from this exercise? Did anything surprise you?



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4 Storytelling to Inspire Your Donors!

Good stories inspire donors to act. So whether you want to inspire your nonprofit supporters to donate, sign a petition, or share a social media post, storytelling is key. But it doesn't just happen, and planning is required.

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5 Connecting with Your Network

Prepare to ask for donations from your target audience in multiple ways throughout your crowdfunding campaign. To determine what and where to share, know your audience! It will be much easier to motivate your donors if you know where they spend their time and what type of content appeals to them.

Upcoming: September 2, 2021



How are you feeling about today's session? (Aug. 31)







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