# Planning for Sustainable Success

Building a Development Plan for Museums

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- 2. Philanthropic Trends
- 3. Components of a Development Plan
- 4. The Development Cycle
- 5. Who Gives, How Much, Why?
- 6. The Team
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## Philanthropic Landscape

Where has giving increased? Decreased? Who can give more?





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Giving declined to \$499.33 billion in 2022, a year influenced by the stock market and economic uncertainty

**TOTAL GIVING, 2012-2022** 





Giving by individuals experienced declines after two of the most generous giving years on record

#### GIVING BY INDIVIDUALS, 2018-2022



### Giving by foundations is growing as a share of total giving





#### Sources of giving had mixed results

#### CHANGES IN GIVING BY SOURCE 2021-2022



# Giving for some subsectors declined from highs reached in the pandemic era

#### 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS: \$499.33 BILLION BY RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS\* (jn billions of dollars - all figures are rounded)



\* Total includes unallocated giving, defined as the difference between giving by source and recipient categories. Unallocated giving totaled -\$28.54 billion in 2022.

\*\* Estimates developed by Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

Recipient category	Percent change in 2022 (current dollars)
Religion	5.2%
Education	-3.6%
Human services	-0.6%
Foundations	10.1%
Public-society benefit	-8.4%
Health	5.1%
International affairs	10.9%
Arts, culture, and humanities	2.9%
Environment/animals	-1.6%

#### Next Gen Philanthropic Engagement

Here's what we heard from the Next Gen in our study in partnership with Campden Wealth, The Next Generation of Wealth Holders in the United States.





agree sustainable investing is a connection to other generations with 56% already actively engaged in sustainable investing



are engaged in impact investing (investing in organizations generating positive social/ environmental impact and financial returns)



are engaged in thematic investing (investing in particular areas of interest, e.g., clean energy, gender equality, healthcare)



give directly to causes vs. through the family foundation like their families

Source: The Next Generation of Wealth Holders in the United States, BNY Melion Wealth Management and Campden Wealth.

### Development Plan Components

- 1. Case statement
- 2. Annual budget over a 3-year period
- 3. Financial goals for each area of fundraising
- 4. List of activities that will take place
- 5. Communication activities
- 6. Plan for acknowledgement and stewardship
- 7. Detailed timeline
- 8. Budget and staffing
- 9. Volunteer support

### The Development Cycle

Identification Cultivation Solicitation Stewardship



#### Engagement

5	Serves on the Board or a Committee, volunteers on a regular basis, attends most events, knows staff well, museum is highest giving priority, long history of giving/involvement.
4	Attends events and programs, knows the work of the organization, museum is a priority in giving and involvement, 3+ years of giving.
3	Knows some features or programs of the museum; has renewed a membership or gift.
2	Knows about the museum and has visited. First transactional membership.
1	Not aware of the organization, no history of giving. May have made a tribute gift.

#### Financial Capacity for an Annual Contribution

5	Annual gift of \$25,000 or more
4	\$5,000-under \$25,000 annual gift
3	\$1,000-\$5,000 membership levels
2	Mid-level membership
1	Basic transactional membership level(s) 13



#### Next: Who knows them? What are the best next steps?

DONOR NAME	STAFF MANAGER	VOLUNTEER LEAD	PHASE	REQUEST	ASK DATE	NEXT STEP
Amy Smith	Sarah	Bob	Cultivation	\$10,000	Q3	Invite to lunch with senior leader
Raj Singh	Richard	Kim	Solicitation	\$100,000	Q1	Request visit at home to share proposal
Sarah Hudson	Marie	Susan	Solicitation	\$50,000	Q1	Susan is calling to schedule an ask meeting
Ana Lopez	Sarah	Ralph	Stewardship	\$30,000	?	Share report on exhibit attendance
Warren North	Marie	Alexis	Cultivation	\$20,000	Q3	Invite to upcoming chair dinner

### STAGES OF A MAJOR GIFT

	DISCOVER	CULTIVATE	BRIEF	ASK	STEWARD
DEFINITIO N	More information is needed for donors in the discovery category. Use Wealth screening and board intel	A potential donor needs more touches before solicitation	A pre-ask meeting to prepare for the solicitation meeting	An in-person meeting with a potential donor to ask for a specific gift/pledge	Active follow up to close the gift and thank the donor
IDEAL FOR	Uncovering new prospects though research and list review – work in close collaboration with Membership & Major Gift	Those with limited knowledge of the museum, particularly newer donors with unrealized capacity or longtime members of leadership society members who have fallen away	All prospects who require more information before the solicitation meeting	All prospects who are ready for a request	All prospects who have been solicited.
GOAL	Identify and qualify new donors, upgrading them throughout the process. This should be well documented.	Engage prospects and bring them closer to the museum.	Confirm donor interests at the museum and explore giving ranges	Personally request a specific amount and designation (if different than unrestricted)	Close the gift and appropriately thank the donors
POTENTIA L ACTIVITIE S	List review sessions with other teams, board members, and other stakeholders Director, Donor Society	1:1 meetings, personal tours, invitations to special events, access to a curated video series of donor's favorite areas of interest	1:1 meetings, personal tours	1:1 in-person meeting with donor and solicitor	Written documentation of pledge, thank you letter, recognition, phone call from executive staff, impact report

Why do people give?

Because they want to To make a change for the good People don't give unless they are asked People give to people People give to opportunity, not needs People give to success, not distress

#### Donor types: Outcome, Brand, Transactional



### THE ASK

For successful solicitation the donor is asked:

- 1. By the right person
- 2. In the right way
- 3. At the right time
- 4. For the right amount
- 5. To support the right thing



### TRACKING PROGRESS

	MONTH	YTD	YTD TOTAL \$	BUDGET GOAL
NEW DONORS	30	120	\$5 <i>,</i> 000	\$20,000
RENEWING DONORS	75	300	\$20,000	\$100,000
LAPSED DONORS	18	38		
GRANTS	3	25	\$100,000	\$200,000
SPONSORSHIP	2	3	\$20,000	\$50,000
EVENTS	1	2	\$15,000	\$75,000
TOTAL DONORS	220	400		
RETENTION RATE	70%	65%		

### The Team

Board Members CEO Development Staff Other Staff



### THE BOARD'S ROLE

- 1. Make an annual contribution that is meaningful to you.
- 2. Identify who you know among the museum's members and make introductions.
- 3.Spread the word about what the museum is doing.



### CASE EXAMPLE: BROOKFIELD ZOO CAMPAIGN PLANNING & ACTIVATION: TIMELINE

	2022 Q4	2023 Q1 - Q4		20 Q1 -	 2025 Q1 - Q4			2026 Q1 - Q4			
<ul> <li>INTERNAL PLANNING &amp; ACTIVATION PHASE</li> <li>Finalize case for support</li> <li>Identify, recruit, and train Campaign Leadership Team</li> <li>Build staff capacity and secure campaign manager</li> <li>Hold 7-10 briefing meetings with top prospects, begin Leadership Phase</li> </ul>											
<ul> <li>"QUIET" LEADERSHIP PHASE</li> <li>Focus on major gift solicitations ranging from \$250K - \$1M and securing all board contributions</li> <li>Conduct monthly portfolio review sessions</li> <li>Conduct weekly Campaign Committee meetings</li> <li>Continue development staff alignment &amp; encourage professional development opportunities</li> </ul>											
<ul> <li>MAJOR GIFT PHASE</li> <li>Close major gifts ranging from \$50K - \$250K</li> <li>Begin strategic collaboration for public launch with Membership, Guest Relations, and Marketing</li> </ul>											
<ul> <li>COMMUNITY PHASE</li> <li>Focus on gifts \$15K and below and gear up community support</li> </ul>											

### REFINE AND STRENGTHEN THE CASE FOR SUPPORT

#### A COMPELLING CASE FOR SUPPORT WILL:

- Provide a framework to inspire donors and encourage giving at the highest levels
- Clearly outline the project plans, timelines, budget, etc.
- Build a narrative above and beyond capital support
- Find pathways for donors to feel like their interests are reflected in the campaign
- Be tailored to engage unique audiences (individuals, foundations, family foundations, government, corporate, etc).



#### CREATE A SUITE OF ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS

Once a strong case for support is developed, a suite of campaign materials will be necessary for use in donor meetings and internally to inform Brookfield Zoo staff. This includes developing white papers, FAQs, proposal templates, gift acknowledgements, and more. Details are offered below.

#### ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS SHOULD INCLUDE:

✓ A gift proposal template, pledge form/gift intent form, and thank you letters:

- These should be developed in coordination between the Campaign Manager and Brookfield Zoo development staff
- ✓ Tailored proposals for solicitations
  - Led by the Campaign Manager with feedback from the Case Task Force, staff leadership, and development staff
- ✓ Internal research profiles, strategy memos, and relevant insights from the study
- ✓A matrix of naming opportunities
  - To be determined by staff leadership, Campaign Leadership Team, and Master Planning team

✓ FAQ document

- Created specifically for Guest Relations, Membership, and Marketing for general community and press inquires
- ✓ Campaign volunteer handbooks/manuals
- ✓ Donor appreciation reports
- ✓ Email campaigns / e-blasts
- ✓ Social media communications
- ✓ Gift acknowledgements

The case for support and supplementary campaign materials will be ever-changing and strengthen as plans mature. New impact data, more informed goals and milestones, and continued learnings will only enhance Brookfield Zoo's case for support.



#### OUTLINE A CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

- **1.IDENTIFY AND RECRUIT THREE CORE TEAM MEMBERS (OR "TRI-CHAIRS").** The Core Team will be acknowledged as volunteer leaders of the campaign. They must be focused, thoughtful, and engaged throughout the entire campaign lifecycle. The Core Team will operate as a subset of the broader Campaign Committee.
- 2.CONVENE A CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE. The Campaign Leadership Committee will include 4-6 community leaders and operate in concert with the Core Team. The Committee will engage in campaign strategy development and promote the philanthropic vision throughout the community. Committee members will meet on a regular basis to align on strategy and, where impactful, may be asked to conduct donor outreach or attend solicitation meetings. The committee will have additional support and guidance from Brookfield Zoo Board of Trustees, as well as the Brookfield Zoo executive team. Committee recruitment would take place during the campaign planning and activation period and can be influenced by provided names recommended throughout the study interview process, included in the Appendix.

#### 3.BROADLY, RECRUIT DIVERSE AND REPRESENTATIVE LEADERSHIP. The

composition of the Core Team, and Campaign Leadership Committee, should blend newer board members with legacy donors, and should make strong efforts to reflect the racial, age, gender, and professional diversity. In fact, it is our hope that the Tri-Chairs hail from different Chicagoland area and suburbs.

**4.STAFF LEADERSHIP.** Staff leaders will play a central role in guiding the planning and policy phase of the campaign effort, coordinating campaign volunteer leadership, and developing and advancing prospect strategies that build momentum through the campaign.

#### DEFINING LEADERSHIP ROLES



GROUP	ROLE
TRI-CHAIRS	<ul> <li>3 individuals to lead decision-makers and solicitors in the campaign fundraising effort. Campaign Leadership Committee and Board of Trustees point of contact to activate major gift strategies.</li> <li>Meets monthly to align on campaign priorities.</li> <li>Tri-Chair's have the option to phase out of the campaign at a natural point (ex: yearly)</li> </ul>
CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE	<ul> <li>6-8 people total. This group would remain intact throughout the entirety of the campaign.</li> <li>Primary public owners of the effort who act as advocates, solicit campaign support, guide strategy, and make elevated commitments to the effort.</li> <li>Prepare for and advance campaign gift strategy in bimonthly meetings, and as needed in a 1:1 context, and would engage with the Case Task Force in the first 3 months.</li> </ul>
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	<ul> <li>Provide necessary approvals for the campaign and funding elements within it to move forward.</li> <li>Receive regular updates and support the effort by acting as spokespeople for the vision, giving, and helping open doors. Notably, these groups intentionally overlap with Committee leadership to foster communication and transparency.</li> </ul>
CEO	<ul> <li>Elevate the campaign effort as an institutional and philanthropic priority among leadership and in the community.</li> <li>Participate in the key solicitations, primarily for the top 7-10 prospects in the first 4-6 months of the campaign launch.</li> <li>Additional details are outlined on the next slide.</li> </ul>
DEVELOPMENT STAFF AND ADDITIONAL STAFF	<ul> <li>Coordinated by the SVP, Development and the campaign manager, meet weekly and communicate daily to advance campaign priorities across a dedicated timeline.</li> <li>Coordinate and empower campaign leadership.</li> <li>Cultivate and solicit donors in a phased approach and guided by readiness.</li> </ul>
WOMEN'S BOARD, GOVERNING MEMBERS, CHICAGO ZOOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES	<ul> <li>Leverage the campaign to open new doors, make introductions, and host small receptions to cultivate donors.</li> <li>This group will receive regular updates and support from the Development Staff, and occasional presentations from the Campaign Leadership Committee.</li> </ul>

#### LAUNCH DONOR ENGAGEMENT

As Brookfield Zoo begins to engage the top prospective donors in the campaign, the development team should follow a disciplined donor engagement process for campaign prospects that includes the following stages: discover, cultivate, brief, ask, and steward.

DISCOVER CULTIVATE BRIEF ASK STEWARD

	DISCOVER	CULTIVATE	BRIEF	ASK	STEWARD
	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	• TIMELINE: SEPTEMBER 2022 – JANUARY 2023,		
S	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>included in the Internal Planning &amp; Activation Phase</li> <li>Personal meeting with Dr. Mike, Tri-Chairs, and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>TIMELINE: SEPTEMBER 2022 – MARCH 2023, included in the Internal Planning &amp; Activation Phase</li> </ul>	• TIMELINE: ONGOING
UENT	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Campaign Leadership Committee to share progress of the campaign	Prospect is ready for personal and direct gift	Close gift
CONSTIT	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Share final case for support, draft custom proposal for consideration. Explore naming opportunities and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>request</li> <li>Develop personalized solicitation proposals and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Thank donor – celebrate and share with board/staff as appropriate</li> </ul>
8	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	options for blended gifts	conduct 1:1 in person meeting	Provide open and constant
	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Highlight urgency and need for early transformational gifts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Present proposal and make ask, give clear indications and timelines for support</li> </ul>	communication on campaign status
	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Gauge interest, potential gift level, and timing	Document follow-up and next steps	

#### MUSEUM ABC ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#### ANNUAL GIVING

Goal: Build renewable revenue through membership acquisition, retention, and upgrades. Redevelop upper level membership program to encourage organization affinity and philanthropic support.

		FY23											
STRATEGIES	ACTIVITIES												
Membership [\$1,000,000]													
Acquire 2,000 new members campaigns (\$250,000)	Create a gift chart for member (prospect lists, budget, projections) Review all prospect groups, segment solicitation method and schedule												
	Create and distribute direct mail campaigns												
	Work with guest services to enhance on- site sales, develop quarterly goals and commission rates												
	Assign staff to make thank you calls to new members within 24-48 hours of gift receipt												
	Develop communcation and stewardship plan												
Retain 50% of previous fiscall year campaigns dollars (\$250,000)	Create gift chart for member (renewals, budget, projections)												
	Review renewal plan, evaluate performance and determine mailing calendar												
	Create and distribute personalized direct mail and email renewal campaigns												
	Coordinate personal follow-up calls to soon to lapsed donors												
	Coordinate retention and cultivate events												
	Collaborate with marketings on member materials												

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Goal: Build renewable revenue through membership acquisition, retention, and upgrades. Redevelop upper level membership program to encourage organization affinity and philanthropic support.

	Collaborate with volunteer chair		 		 	 
	Assign staff to make thanks you calls within 24-48 hours of gift receipt					
	Develop communcation and stewardship plan					
Secure increased gifts from members who have interest and strategy giving potential (\$100,000)	Standardize upgrade					
	Create gift chart for member campaigns (upgrades, budget, projections)					
	Review prospect lists, evaluate performance and determine mailing calendar					
	Draft targeted donor list, prioritizing number of years at giving level, event attendance					
	Create and distribute personalized direct mail and email campaigns					
	Develop communcation and stewardship plan					
Retain 90% of upper level donors members, and aquire new members determine (\$400,000)	Review giving history of current assign solicitors as needed and request amount					
	Invite prospects to stewardship events Develop donor e-newsletter for upper level donors			 		
	Create and distribute personalized direct mail and email renewal campaigns					
	Coordinate personal follow-up calls to appeals					
	Assign staff to make thanks you calls within 24-48 hours of gift receipt)					
	Coordinate with volunteer chair	 	 	 	 	 
	Develop communcation and stewardship plan					

#### MUSEUM ABC ANNUAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

STRATEGIES	ACTIVITIES	STAFF LEAD	DEADLINE



#### FUNDRAISING MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING MUSEUM WORLD

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# THANK YOU!