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# How to Amplify Your Endurance Event's Story with Technology and Data



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#### **Agenda**

How to Amplify Your Endurance Event's Story with Technology and Data

- 01 Introductions
- All About Endurance
  Events
- O3 Telling Your Event's Story
- O4 Before, During, and After the Event
- O5 Beyond Your Endurance Event

#### **Mission**

# Mobilize and Empower the World for Good



#### **Meet your presenters**

# Decades of nonprofit and tech experience.



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CEO
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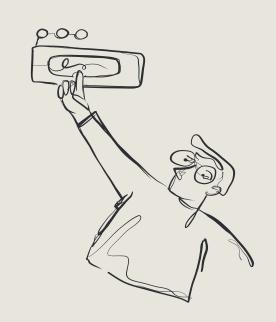


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Senior Account Strategist
Mittun

- Premium website & digital fundraising company with over 1,000+ websites launched since 2010
- Long-time Classy partner & ClassyPress developer (Mittun built the first Classy API-powered progress bar with the beta API)
- Helping hundreds of nonprofits raise millions of dollars every year through innovative design, technology and storytelling



# Enough about us - tell us about you! Which best describes your campaign?



# **02 Endurance Events**



Step 1: Start Running
Step 2: Don't Stop

### **By The Numbers**

It's a new world of fundraising events.

- Over 90% of attendees are likely to donate in addition to the registration cost during the event
- Over 40% of attendees are likely to donate more than \$100 during the event
- 91% of attendees are likely to take further action with the nonprofit after a positive fundraising experience

Source: The 2022 Fundraising Experience Report

#### **Common Obstacles**

We Love a Good Challenge

- Isolated Data
- Working in Silos
- Consistency
- Bandwidth
- You're Stuck



### **The Big Benefits**

In addition to those awesome stats from before

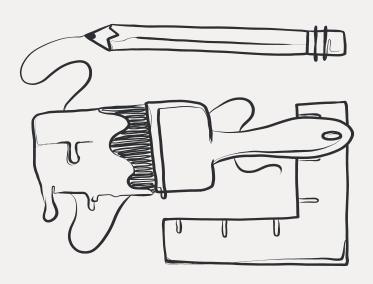
- Aggregated data
- Full team transparency and visibility
- Engaged supporters (for the event and beyond)
- Tools to do it for you
- Build your brand authority

# How do you turn those challenges into opportunities?

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### **Tell The Story**

Stories matter. Stories Work.



# It is human nature to share stories

And it's universal among marketers too.

- It deepens the relationship
- It provides insight
- It creates something from nothing



# I mean, *really* tell the story

#### Tell the story

with design, copy etc.

#### **Show the story**

of the event with technology

#### Listen to the story

the data will tell you

# Like any good story, there is a beginning, middle, and end



Before the event - build excitement



**During the event** - peak engagement

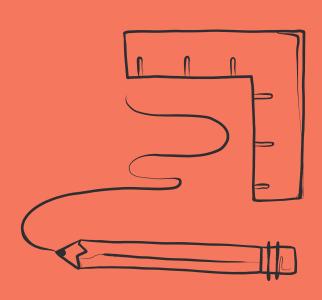


After the event - keep connected

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### **Before the event**

The magic doesn't make itself



# Utilize past data to guide the launch

Understand where you are before you can determine which way to go

- Other events
- Main website
- Email engagement
- Social Media

### **Define your audiences**

**Different stories resonate with different audiences** 



# Interested in Activity



Interested in Organization



Close to the Mission



**VIPs** 

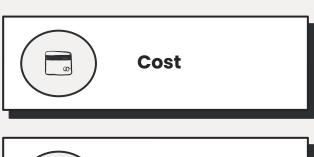


**Sponsors** 

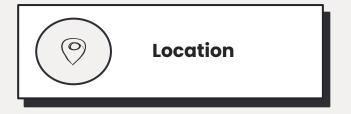
# Interested in Activity

The outermost circle

Give the participants only there for a good time *the best time*.









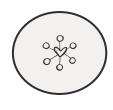
# Interested in Organization

**Your future supporters** 

Guide those who want to learn more and get involved.



Why you need their support



How to properly fundraise/share/promote



Other ways to help the organization

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Where is the money going

### Close to the mission

**Your future VIPs** 

Their passion is your passion (even if they don't know it yet).



How will this help further the mission



How will this help their struggle

#### **Your VIPs**

#### The inner circle

They already support you. Keep earning their loyalty with a tailored experience.



Invite to Early Registration



Specific Impact of Event



References to Past Events

### **Sponsors**

Your partners in the community

Create mutually beneficial opportunities that move the needle in a big way.



CSR - corporate social responsibility



How to leverage friendly competition amongst sponsors

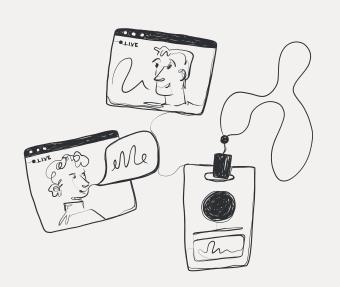


Employee based fundraising / teams



Overall reach & exposure

# Write stories for all your audiences



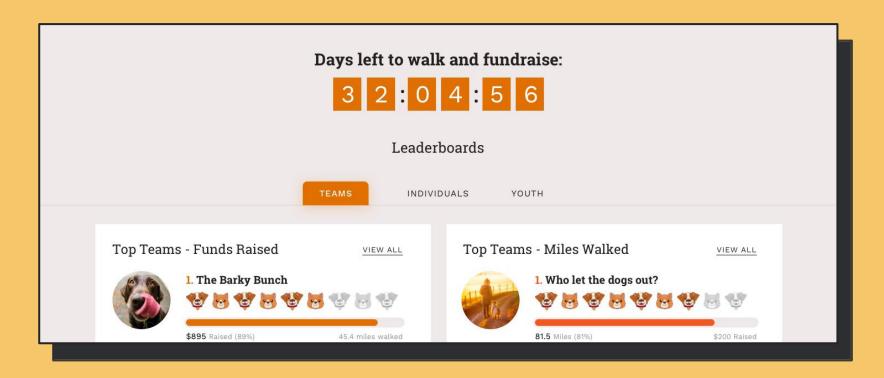
### Set up your digital destination

The one stop shop for all things (insert your event here)



#### **Countdown timer**

**Build up the anticipation** 



### Maps & event locations

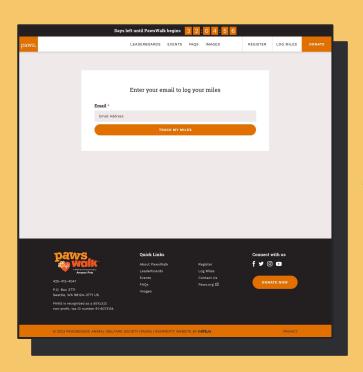
**Connect something larger to their home** 

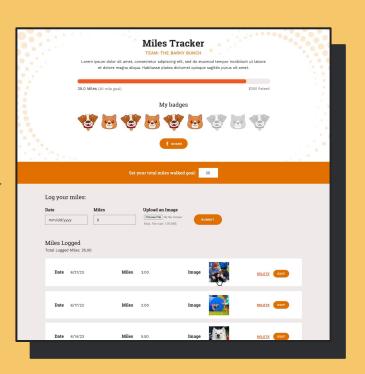




### **Registration and Login**

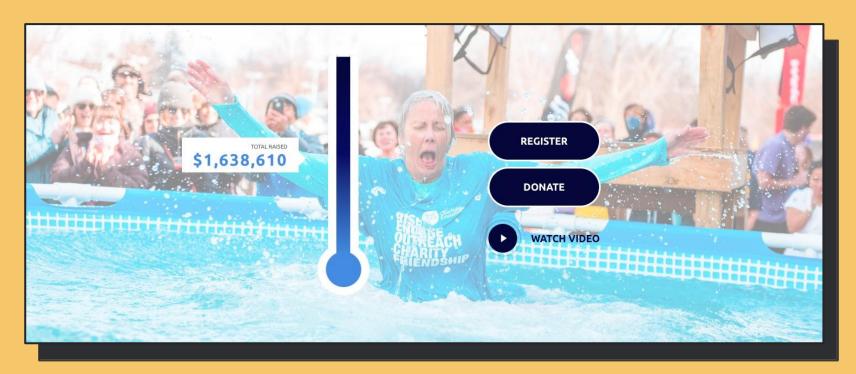
Make it simple, especially when it's not





## **Hype Video**

Show them just how awesome it will be





#### **Back to Basics**

The "must haves" for any digital experience



#### **Soft-launch**

Why wait to make a difference?



# Get real-time data

Keep making iterations toward greater success



# Read the data like a map

And then keep running in the right direction





# Manufacture the excitement

If you build it, they will come ← NOPE



# Maximize encouragement

Turn personal excitement into community support

### **Be Prepared**

Hope for the best, prepare for the worst

- Bad weather?
- Last minute venue changes?
- Last minute sponsor pull out?
- Last minute cancellations that affect the campaign?
- Have the "backups" ready to go

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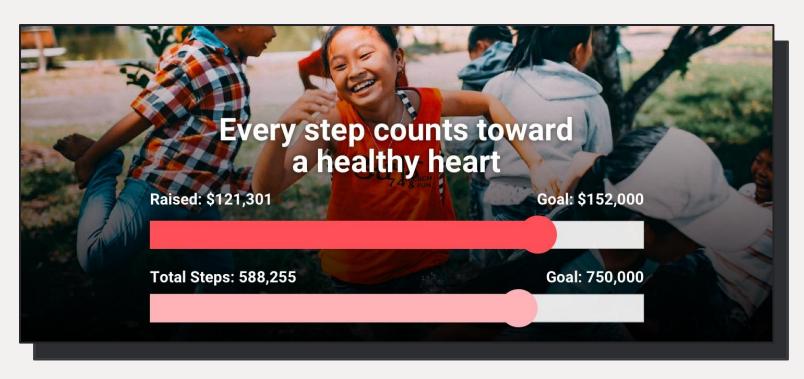
# **During The Event**

Make it the book they just can't put down



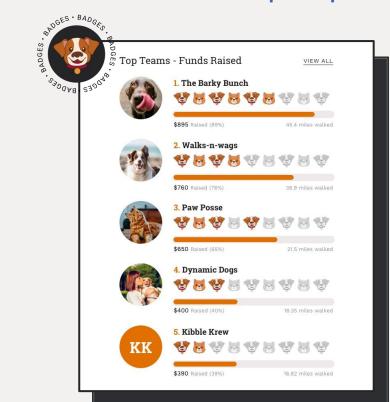
### **Highlight the Impact**

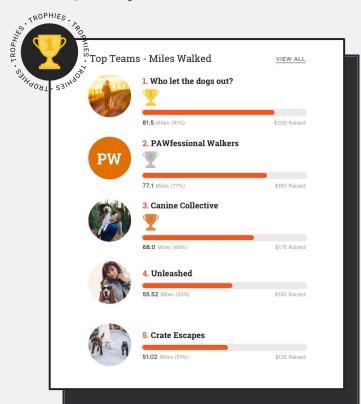
Leverage Classy API to bring it combine data and share the impact in real time



### Leaderboards

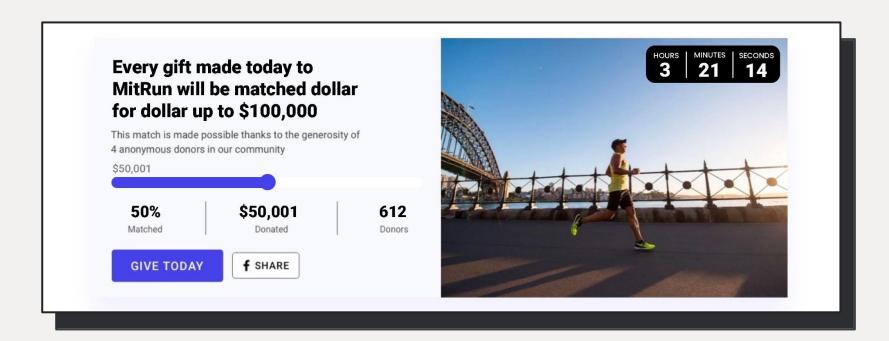
#### Motivate fundraisers with public praise (or even trophies!)





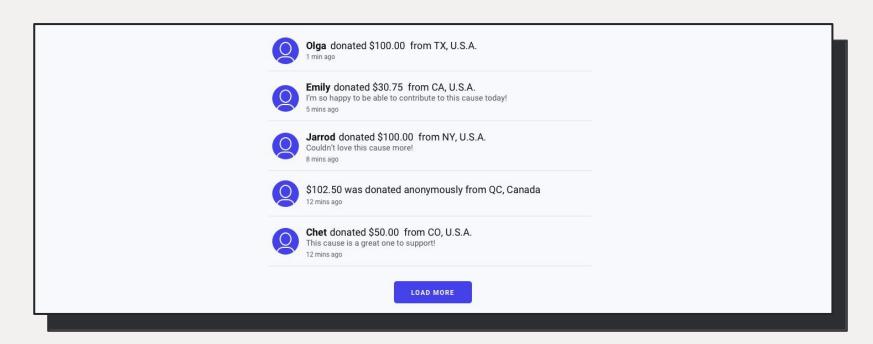
#### **Custom Challenges**

Keep up the excitement across your audiences



#### **Donor Honor Roll**

Create a community people want to be a part of



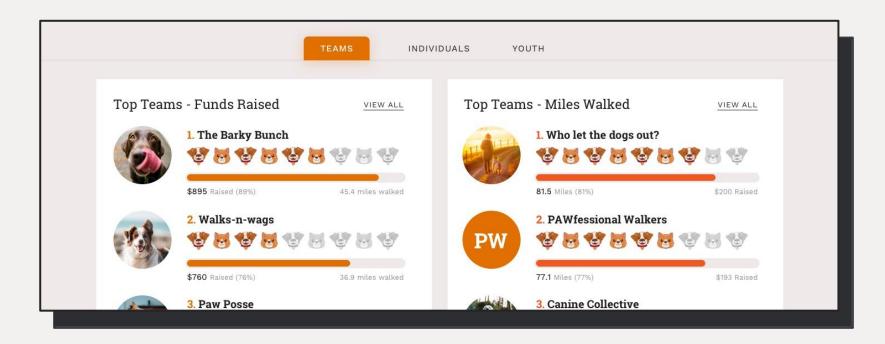
## Tracking miles/minutes/activity

Give them the tools to participate (and share)

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## **Badges / Achievements**

**Keep the streak** 



# Show that they are part of something bigger

Think outside the leaderboard box

\$6,129 Scott Wehler Michigan State Police	\$7,635 Michigan State Police	\$3,014 YAC Pack
\$3,204 Tim Adams Jackson In Action	\$2,573 Trash Pandas	\$210 Ice Cubes
\$982 Kayla Kuczynski]YAC Pack	\$1,271 ROCKFORD PUBLIC SAFETY	\$131 Team Mary
COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GROUP	CORPORATE - SMALL (LESS THAN 250 EMPLOYEES)	RESTAURANT / BAR
\$2,443 GRCC Police Academy	\$278 Northland Area Federal Credit Union	\$781 The FirePlace Plungers
\$1,146 Team Diesel	\$194 Weesies Brothers	\$0 Olson's freezin for the reason!
\$305 Adrian College	\$126 ExpertCare	\$0 Watermark Brewing Co.

# Make it easy for them to Find a Fundraiser

**Excitement for the event** 



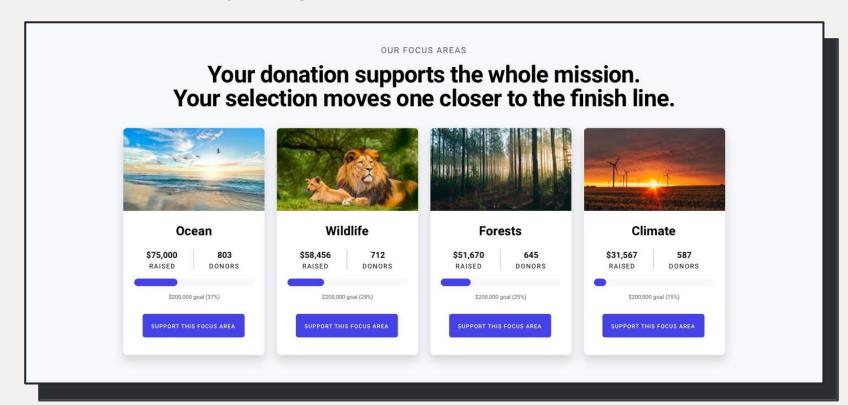
# Don't forget the goal

Stay focused and keep it simple

- Easy to fundraise
- Easy to donate
- Easy to share the story

#### Aggregate the data

WHY we are really doing this!



## 04 After the Event

Make them want a sequel



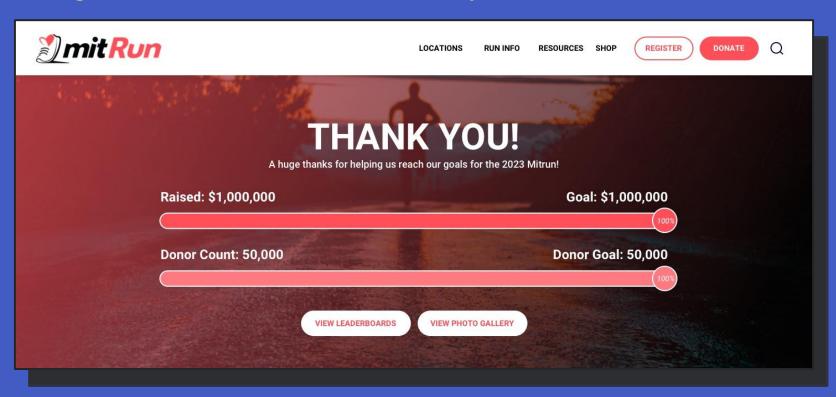
# Keep Showing the Story!

It's not over when the last person crosses the finish line



## Flip the page to celebrate as a community

Your digital destination can show the success and impact



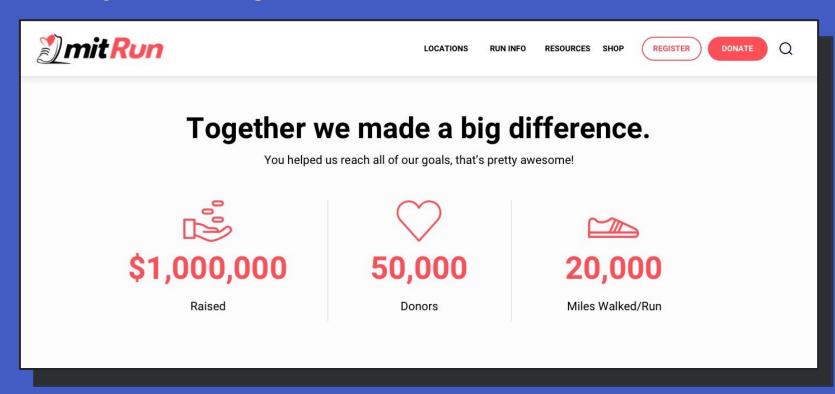
#### Media Hub

"I think I see my left shoe!"



#### **Impact Stats**

What did you all achieve together?



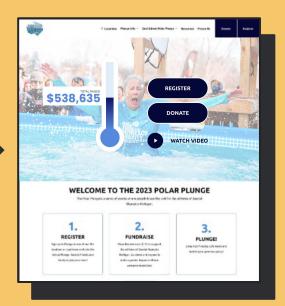
# Keep listening to the Story!

**Analyze the data** 

- Survey audiences
- Compile key takeaways for next year's event
- And next season's campaign!

## 05 TL;DR







# **06 Beyond Your Endurance Event**

Catch your breath, and keep going.



#### **Amplify ALL Your Efforts**



Giving Tuesday



Other Days of Giving



**Annual galas** 



Virtual Events



Any ticketed event



Addressing a disaster

# Recycle your efforts

Don't recreate the wheel every year.

- Look at the results and data
- Tweak the framework as necessary



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