

Social Media: A Nonprofit Organization's Guide to Story Telling Deloitte IMPACT Day 2009







Today: Rules of the road

Stop, collaborate and listen

- In the spirit of social media, goal of today is to participate, ask questions, challenge thinking and share your own experiences.
- Digital presentation copies available post session (including links).

Good, but maybe not best

- There will always be the "hot" new channel. However, social media strategy is here to stay.
- Discuss examples of the most impressive campaigns and channels we've seen. However, this is not the rule book. No two campaigns will be the same.

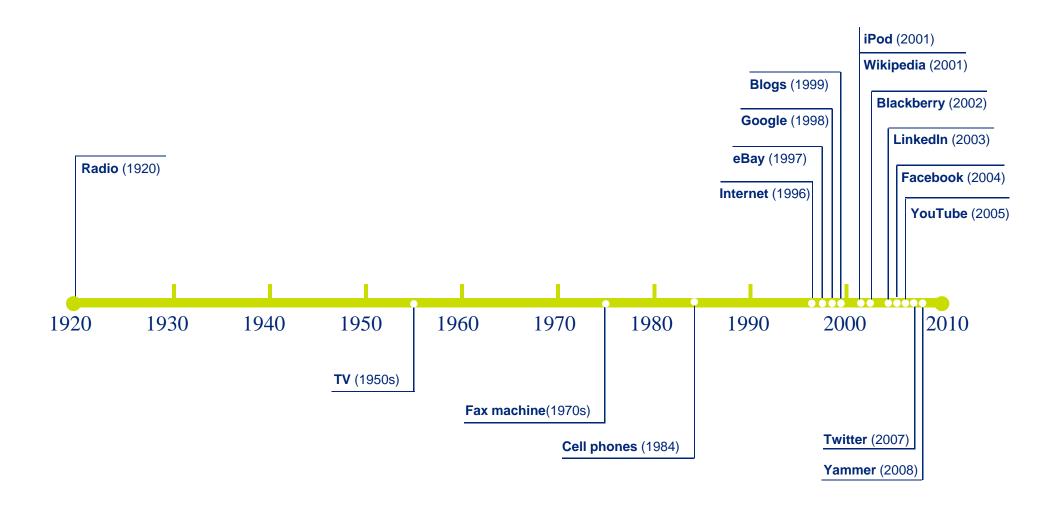
• Tech savyness = optional

- Tools and programs today are interface friendly. Only two requirements:
 - 1. Know your organization and audience.
 - 2. Be honest and transparent.
- Wallet-friendly tactics
 - Free may equal no cost, but don't under anticipate man power needs.

"A social network service focuses on building online communities of people who share interests and/or activities, or who are interested in exploring the interests, activities or causes of others."

Source: Wikipedia

Exponential change of technology adoption



All of the above dates denote when the technology became commercially viable

Barack Obama presidential campaign

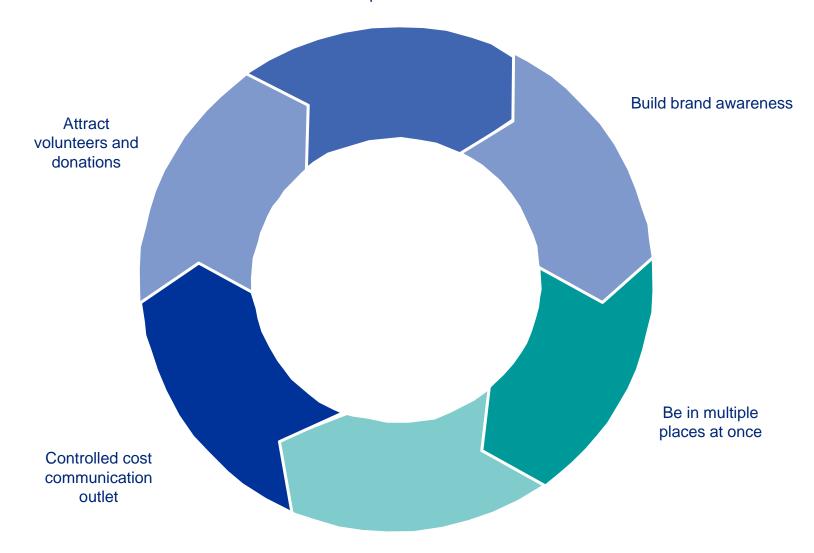
The New York Times

NOVEMBER 2008

"Thomas Jefferson used newspapers to win the presidency, **Franklin D. Roosevelt** used radio to change the way he governed, **John F. Kennedy** was the first president to understand television, **Barack Obama** understood that you could use Web (2.0) tools to lower the cost of building a political brand, create a sense of connection and engagement, and dispense with the command and control method of governing to allow people to self-organize to do the work."

Benefits of a social media strategy for nonprofits

Promote in-person events



Benefits of a social media strategy for nonprofits

Build awareness for organizations and causes

- **One big, happy online presence**: Social channels complement, rather than compete with, your organization's Web site and traditional Internet channels.
- **Build credibility**: Give audiences another reason to believe you exist and are a worthy cause.
- **Go on the offensive**. Go to your audience instead of waiting for them to come to you.

Be in multiple places at once

- Echo... echo... Social media technology allows you to syndicate your voice through your various channels on the Web.
- **Don't recreate the wheel:** The excuse of having an old, hard-to-use organization Web site no longer is acceptable. Public, user-friendly sites are just sitting there waiting for your participation. Don't spend the \$\$ or time creating the infrastructure yourself (unless that is your org strategy).

Benefits of a social media strategy for nonprofits

Give your audiences – no matter their size – the tools to support you

- **Deepen your relationships**: Two-way conversation that shows your personality and passion.
 - Find out where the conversations related to your mission are happening and interact: Respond, encourage and help with tips and links.
- Plant the seed: Help facilitate collaboration and crowdsourcing. Your fans want to support you they just need to know how and who is there with them.

Slow and steady wins the race

- **Quality not quantity.** Just like building relationships in real life, social media relationships take time to build and evolve. They're based on trust, not marketing messages or PR sound bites.
- **Do as to others...** Treat every interaction with the same grace and respect as you do in-person. "Pass it forward" is very well received and supported within these communities.

Facebook

Facebook: The basics

• **About:** Facebook gives people the power to share and makes the world more open and connected.

Millions of people use Facebook everyday to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos and learn more about the people they meet.

- Web URL: <u>www.facebook.com</u>
- Global audience:
 - More than 200 million active users
 - More than 100 million users log on daily
 - More than two-thirds of users are outside of college
 - The fastest growing demographic is those 35 years and older
- **The basics:** Each individual has a personal profile to share/connect/discuss/receive insight from people and groups they feel connected to.

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Facebook: Three effective channels for nonprofits

Groups	 Groups are based around shared interests, activities, personal topics, etc. Each user can join and create up to 200 groups. Facebook's original resource for combining users around like-minded content. The Groups application page displays your recently updated groups as well as groups your friends have joined recently. <u>Download this application</u>.
Pages	 Help people discover new businesses, organizations and brands as well as connect with those they already interact with. Today, hundreds of thousands of businesses are leveraging Facebook Pages to reach consumers. Only the official representative of an artist or business is allowed to maintain a page for that figure. Launched in November 2007
Causes	 Available through Facebook and MySpace. Its 14.5 million users have created 110,000 campaigns. Third-party owned; Facebook supported.

Facebook Pages: How to get started

1. Visit http://www.facebook.com/pages/create.php

- 2. Decide what the best category is for your business.
 - "Nonprofit" category can be found under "Brand, Product and Organization" category

3. Enter name of organization/group; include digital signature.

4. Click on "Create Page"; build out page content:

- Organization description
- Web site
- Mission
- Logo/picture
- Events

6.Click on your business name in the top left corner (it's a hyperlink) and then click "publish this page"

 Until this step is completed, no one can view the page other than you.

7. From the page, click "Add to my products." This way, you become the first "fan" of your business. Then send to your friends and invite them to join.



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Fun Facts:

- >4 million users become fans of Pages each day
- Updated functionality launched March 2009

Resources:

View examples of nonprofits using Groups

Facebook Pages: Nonprofit case studies



Application to watch: Causes



What: Causes lets you start and join the causes you care about. Donations to causes can benefit over a million registered 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Site:

http://apps.facebook.com/causes/?m=d754650d

Why: Third-party site that handles the donation collection for you. Ideal for users to build their own story around a cause and receive credit for participating, but all money is channeled to one secure source.

- Regional groups to national effort
- Marathon/event teams
- Special groups (sororities / fraternities)

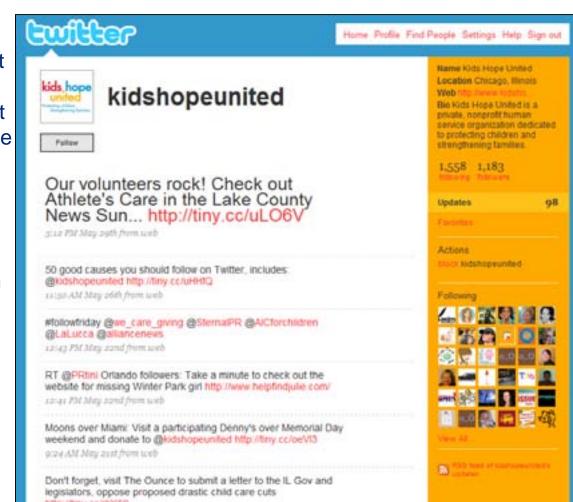
Who: This application, unlike Pages and Groups, is not owned and maintained by Facebook. Causes was built by <u>Project</u> Agape.

More Information?: Ask Whitney

Twitter

Twitter: The basics

- About: Twitter asks one question, "What are you doing?" Answers must be under 140 characters in length and can be sent via mobile texting, instant message or the Web.
- Web URL: www.twitter.com
- Global audience: More than 100 million
 users
- Launch: March 2006
- The benefits for nonprofits:
 - Free and easy-to-setup interface
 - Potential to reach a vast audience
 - Ability to engage with people in conversation directly
 - Possibility to garner an audience more open to causes than advertisements
 - Collaborate and learn from other nonprofits on how they're using the channel



Twitter: Nonprofit case studies

American Cancer Society	Twitter Name: @AmericanCancer Website: cancer.org Mission: "A nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization." Use: Tweets about cancer research, specific types of cancer news and information. They also connect to @RelayForLife, a Twitter account that provides updates on one of the American Cancer Society's largest fundraising and awareness events.
AARP: Create the Good	 Twitter Name: @createthegood Website: aarp.org Mission: "Network to connect AARP members, friends and families with ways to make a difference. Founded in 1958, AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50 and over improve the quality of their lives." Use: Identifies members of the organization who are making a difference in the world. They also help promote other organizations and the media channels making a positive impact on the lives of others. You can also learn about regional opportunities to get involved with good projects.
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society	 Twitter Name: @Ilsusa Website: Ils.org Mission: "World's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. LLS's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families." Use: Great resource for patients, their families and supporters. They regularly provide information about blood cancer, research and events that readers can get involved in.

Additional Resources Christian Colleges: <u>50 Good Causes You Can Follow on Twitter</u>

Twitter: Getting started

- **Sign up** on <u>www.twitter.com</u>. It's free. All you need to do is establish a user name and a password. (Image and branding (colors/fonts) are encouraged, but optional)
- **Search** under "Find People" for your industry, competitors, target audiences and other organizations to see if they have Twitter feeds. Click on the button to "follow" them. A couple to get started:
 - <u>twitter.com/nonprofitorgs</u>: The mission of this Twitter profile is to serve as a portal to all nonprofit organizations on Twitter
 - <u>twitter.com/team4tech</u>: Connecting Chicago's Technology Community to Chicagoland Charities
- Jump in
 - Participate, listen and share at your own comfort level.
 - Promote your Twitter feed on your Web site, e-mails, newsletters and signitures.
- **Resource:** Change.org <u>10 Twitter Tips for Nonprofit Organizations</u>

Application to watch: Twollars



• About: Twollars is a currency of appreciation for Twitter and is designed to reward positive actions. You can give Twollars when someone helps you by tweeting useful information, sharing a tip, writing an inspiring Tweet or if you are just feeling generous.



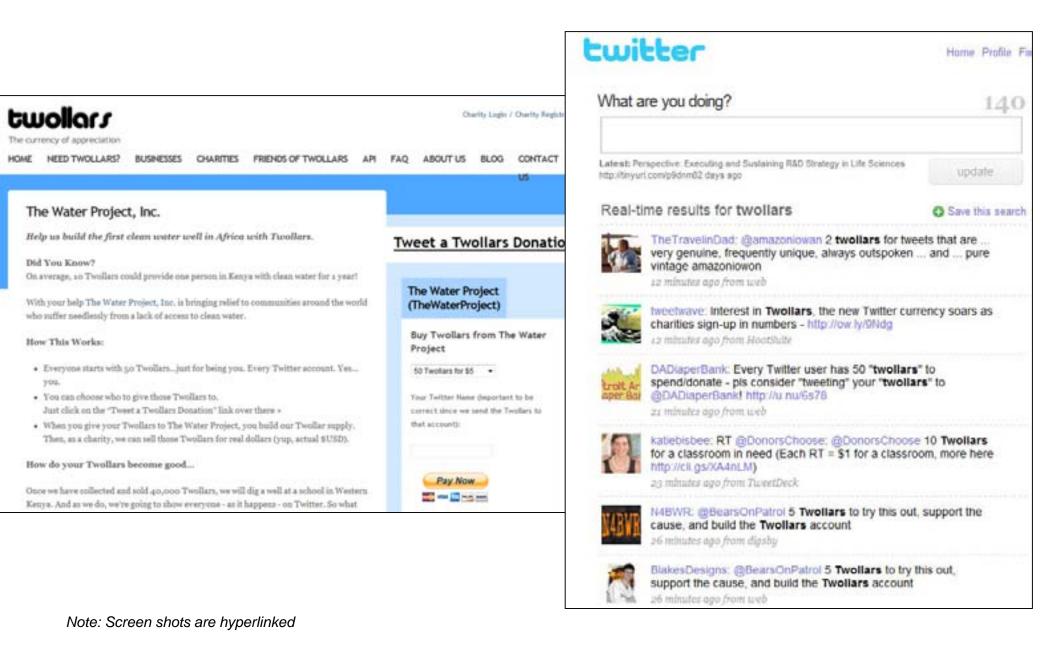
• How it works: Every Twitter user starts with 50 free Twollars, which can be tweeted as virtual donations to charities or as gestures of appreciation to individuals (10 Twollars to @username for your help!). Businesses and individuals can buy additional Twollars from charities - currency 10 Twollars for \$1 U.S. The monetary donation goes directly into the charity's PayPal account, with no transaction fees deducted. Twollars can be purchased from charity organizations only.

• Impact to Nonprofit organizations:

- Best case: Twollars = \$\$\$ for your organization
- Worst case: Establish good will and awareness
- Web URLs: <u>www.twollars.com</u> or <u>http://twitter.com/twollars</u>
- Launched: January 2009, 2.0 launch in May 2009

Are people participating? Check out the conversation

Twollars: Real-time demonstration



Volunteer Matching

"The current economic crisis and the new administration's national call for service underscores the need for corporations and nonprofits alike to broaden their definition of corporate giving... Nonprofits are encouraged to think of pro bono and skill-based volunteerism as a valuable form of currency..."

- Barry Salzberg, chief executive officer, Deloitte LLP, <u>2009 Deloitte Volunteer IMPACT Survey</u>

A national service: Serve.gov



- About: Serve.gov is a comprehensive national clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities. Launched when President Obama signed the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the site is a bold expansion of opportunities for all Americans to serve their communities and our country.
- How it works: Americans who are interested in volunteering can use this tool to locate opportunities to serve across the country and around the world based on projects nonprofit organizations post by either location (zip code) or interest/skill (education or environment). In the months and years ahead, Serve.gov has plans to include new technology and tools that will increase citizen participation, create networks of volunteers and highlight the work of volunteers who have had the greatest impact in their communities.
- Owner: Corporation for National and Community Service
- Web URL: <u>www.serve.gov</u>
- Launched: Spring 2009

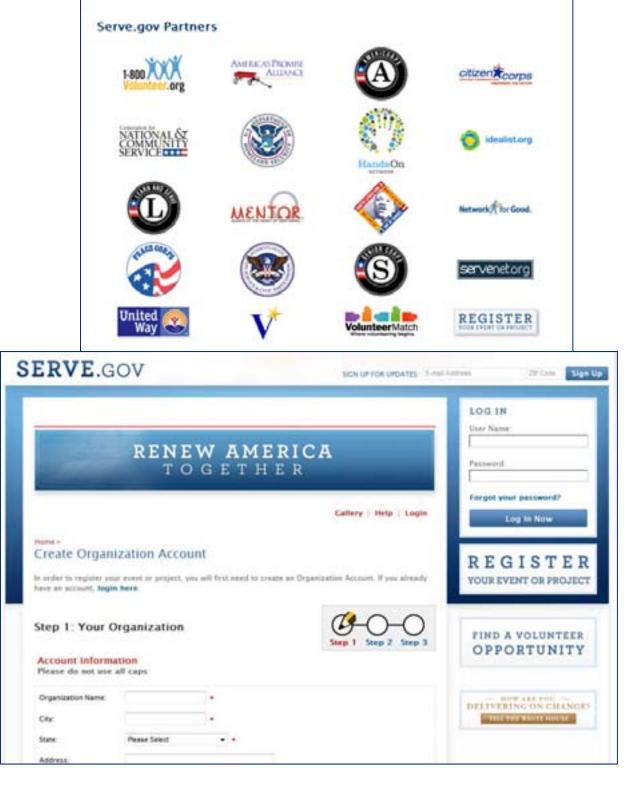
We need your service, right now, at this moment in history. I'm not going to tell you what your role should be; that's for you to discover. But I am asking you to stand up and play your part. I am asking you to help change history's course.

Serve.gov: Get started

To have nonprofit projects listed on Serve.gov, either:

- Post them with one of the Serve.gov partner organizations, or
- <u>Register your own</u> project or event.

There is no cost to have your volunteer opportunities posted.



A Chicagoland service: T4TChicago.org

- About: As part of its mission, Teaming 4 Technology (T4T) provides access to free or low-cost technology services to Chicago nonprofits through a registry of committed IT professionals.
- **How it works:** Register and post your needs for free or low-cost technology support to a network of skilled IT volunteers willing to donate time, talent or resources. T4T will contact you when there is a volunteer match.
- **Owner:** Teaming 4 Technology is a program of United Way of Metro Chicago
- Web URLs: <u>www.t4tchicago.org</u> or <u>http://twitter.com/team4tech</u>
- Launched: Spring 2009

"The IT industry is filled with knowledgeable people who enjoy giving back to the community. Teaming 4 Technology provides volunteers the freedom to choose their own means of giving through autonomy of time and commitment. T4T provides an introduction; the inspiration is left to the organization and the determination of the individual."

- Randal Dill, Program Director, Teaming 4 Technology

T4TChicago.org: Get started

To have nonprofit projects listed on T4TChicago.org, either:

- <u>Register your organization</u>, or
- Update whenever need/service is needed

There is no cost to have your volunteer opportunities posted.

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Site to watch: ActiveCause, The Social Giving Network™

- About: ActiveCause brings together nonprofits, corporations and individuals to form vibrant, selfactivating communities. The site offers features and tools to empower new philanthropists -- the new generation of Web-savvy, socially conscious givers -- to spark change where it's most needed.
 - Potential donors can interact with one another and track the giving patterns of major corporations.
 - Nonprofits can leverage easy-to-use services including online fundraising and Web-centered events management, domain registration, hosting and donation processing.
- Web URL: <u>www.activecause.com</u>
- Launched: Spring 2009



Monitor

Tools of the trade

General Web

www.google.com/alerts: Follow all types of online content news postings. Alerts delivered via email.

RSS: Follow your favorite blogs, wikis, and Web sites to see what's new.

Social Media

www.yacktrack.com: Follow a combination of social channels; Twitter, Technorati, Google, RSS feeds and more.

Twitter-Specific

www.tweetbeep.com: Follow what the twitter crowd is talking about; alerts delivered via email.

http://backtweets.com/ Track the tweets that point back to any web site (including your organization site).

http://search.twitter.com Twitter's own search. Great for tracking issues.

Social media: A three-step process

- **1. Lurk anonymously:** Create a personal account with the bare minimum amount of content needed to launch your profile. See what's out there and see what other organizations are doing in the social media space.
- 2. Participate indivually: Determine what you want to be a part of or support can be anything from groups and charities to celebrities and restaurants. Add them to your profile and interact with their postings, communication, etc. Evaluate how those owners maintain the reputation from an update frequency, tone, tool and follower perspective.
- **3. Lead organizationaly:** With organization approval, centralize your outreach and determine your social media strategy. Determine appropriate channels. Take the leap and be the story teller and resource on behalf of your cause.

Question & Answer

Additional information

Web URLs: <u>www.deloitte.com/us/community</u> <u>www.t4tchicago.org</u> (Sign up for monthly technology workshops) <u>http://uw-mc.org/</u>

Download this presentation: <u>www.deloitte.com/us/t4t</u>

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