



Increasing Night of Event Giving Strategies: Auction

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Objective

How to have a stellar night-of fundraising, auction, give to live, how to get guests ready to give before they get to the event.



Overview

Pre-Event

- Secure Stellar Auctioneer
- Secure Auction Items Early
- Promote Event and Auction Items

Night of Event

- Patient Program
- Entertainment Experience
- Fundraising Opportunities

Post Event

• The event is not over



Pre-Event

- Secure a Stellar Live Auctioneer
 - This is key to a great live auction and Give to Live
 - Your ALSAC rep has a list of auctioneers to choose from

- Secure Live Auction Items Early
 - If Items are secured in advance, this will give you ample time to advertise.



Pre-Event

- Promote Event, Sponsors and Live Auction Items
 - Promoting your event and auction items in advance, gets your guests excited and gives them the opportunity to be prepared to bid.
 - Use Facebook and other social media tools to promote
 - Example: Highlight one item a day leading up to the event (be sure to recognize the donor)
 - Example: Highlight one sponsor a day leading up the event
 - Send announcements and teasers about fun activities and details about your specific event
 - Ask committee members to share your post to get more views
 - Send a pre-event email



Patient Program

- Must engage guests
- Patient Video to accompany speaker
- Relay information about the St. Jude mission and experience
- Communicate important and non-obvious facts about St. Jude
- Should invoke feelings of empathy and pull at heart strings



- Entertainment Experience It starts from the minute guests walk in the door!
 - Nice Venue
 - Greeters at the door with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres
 - Delicious food
 - Captivating emcee
 - Great band, music and dancing
 - Good quality speakers



- Fundraising Opportunities
 - Side Events
 - Platelet fund
 - Wine pull
 - Mystery bags
 - Contingency Fundraising
 - Silent and Live Auction



Post Event

- The Event is Not Over
 - Send Thank you email with event total
 - Option: include link to make a donation
 - Thank you Plaques for Sponsors
 - Sell Leftover Auction Items



Increasing Night of Event Giving Strategies: GIVE TO LIVE

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Overview

Pre-Event

- Commitments
- Coding/tracking solicitor activity
- GTL Appeal

Night of Event

- Program Order
- Recognition
- Incentives



Pre-Event

Commitments

- Find an internal committee champion
- Create momentum/buzz and a culture of giving in your language/event identity

Work with Staff coding/tracking Solicitor Activity

- Follow-up on year-over-year giving history of those you are soliciting
- Encourage fellow committee members to send personal thank you notes (post-event, too).

GTL Appeal

- Send GTL appeal to sector of invite recipients
 - Back out any donors who have already donated
- Include research/patient piece & response vehicle



Program Order

Consider the needs of your event and what makes most sense

Recognition

- Lead-off gifts to be verbally announced/shown on PPT screens
- Included among sponsor listings (signage/program book)
- Work with ALSAC ITS and use the ITS "presenter" to show names on screen (ex: Coyote)

Incentives

- Publicize match opportunities at start of new levels
- Provide raffle/sweepstakes opportunity
- Collect bid cards at lowest level (create big push at \$100 level)



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