MHAction Fundraising Training

Purpose

- Review online infrastructure of MHAction and how it builds fundraising program, new contacts
- Review creation of membership/online
- giving program
- Practice Skills On Asking People For Money

Infrastructure



What We Learned Early On:

✓ Folks We More Ready to Use Online Tools Than We Imagined – 47 Communities Participating in "For Sale" Campaign

✓ It was drawing/recruiting leadership – 3 day Leadership Retreat in November 2014. Retreat was designed to begin to lay groundwork of organizational structure and vision for MHAction. 26 out of 32 leaders in room were their first interaction was Facebook.

Building Out Online Infrastructure to Fundraise

Facebook and Action Network:

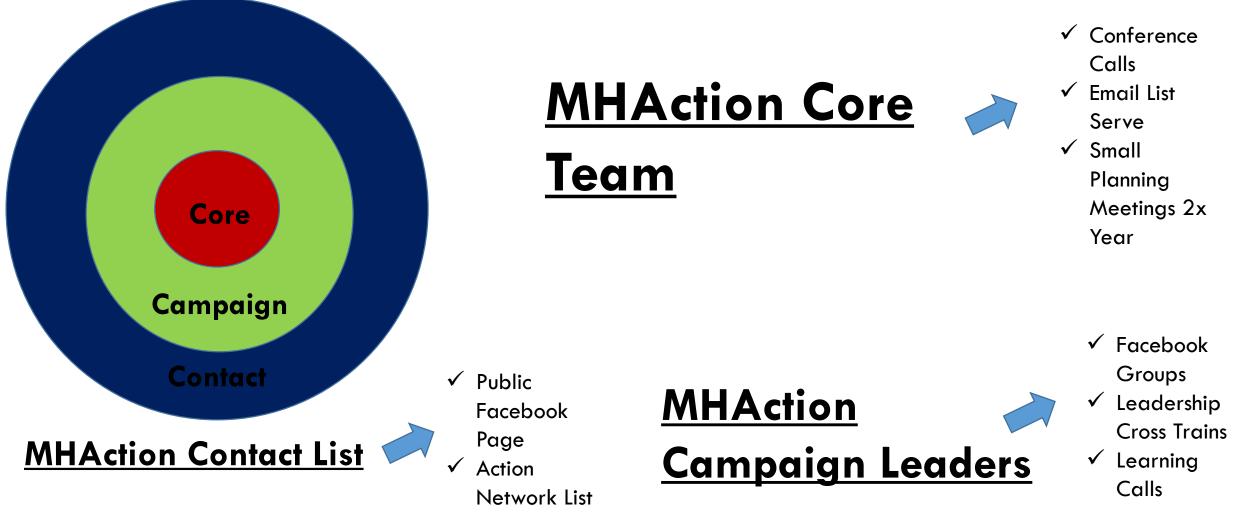
- ✓ Private Facebook Groups (80% Pickup) Versus Public Facebook Page (2 to 3% Pickup when not Boosted)
- Establishment of online platform that can email, do surveys, collect money.

Private Pages:

- ✓ Begin to Build Private Pages: North Dakota, Florida, Utah. Goal is 25 to 50 for Group Pages.
- Groups can share strategic insights given the ability to lock out local community managers, owners. More secure than email.
- Training Session with Local Leaders. 1 Hour Phone Call.



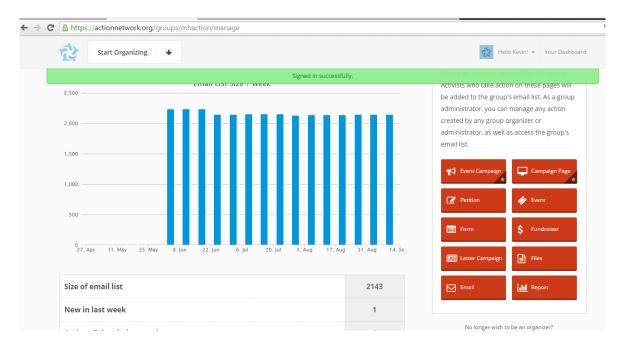
Online Tools Support Offline/Leadership Structure



Action Network

<u>Platform Needs:</u>

- \checkmark Easy to run
- ✓ Petitions, surveys, emails, micro-targeting, searchable, branches that local HOAs could use
- \checkmark Has online giving Platform
- \checkmark Nice look and feel
- Initial Fundraising Goals for Humboldt Campaign:
- ✓ \$10,000
- \checkmark \$1,500 for Lawyer to Write Initiative Language
- \checkmark \$200 to File with County Counsel
- ✓ \$8,000 for initial campaign expenses as determined and agreed upon by local steering committee



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Websites ?	Actions	New Activists
none →	32	6
m.facebook.com \rightarrow	5	4
bay181.mail.live.com →	1	1
t.co →	1	1
us-mg5.mail.yahoo.com →	1	0
Total	40	12

Strategic Advantages

- ✓ Build Out Work New Areas Efficiently
- ✓ Communications: Local press, This American Life, Roll Call Article on Online to Offline Organizing, Use of Facebook
- ✓ Stratgegic Win with Equity Lifestyle Properties, Leaderhsip Confidence

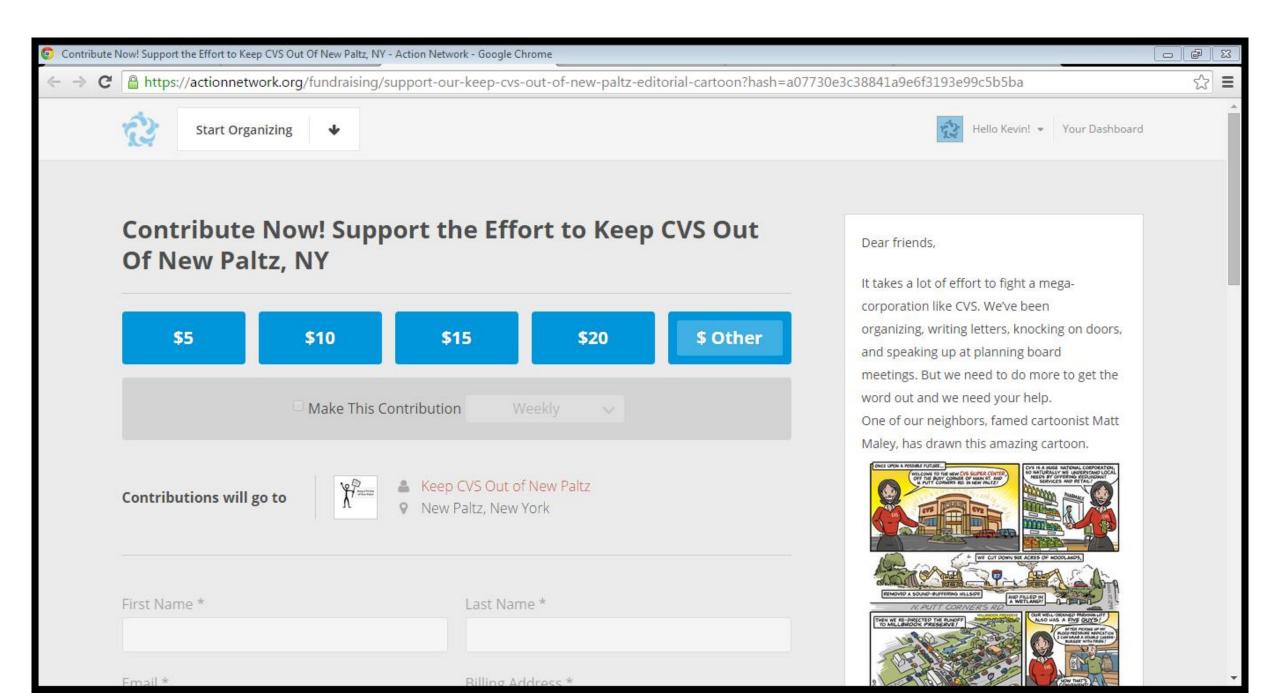


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On July 14, a group of local mobile home residents bearing white balloons descended on the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting. The balloons, bobbing above the heads of the crowd, bore a stark message written in red pere. Save Our Sehoirs. The resident's jimmarily local sensions and low-home renters, flooded the public comment period in a carefully orchestrated sequence, each asking the board to put fee stabilization for mobile home parks on its agenda. The county's General Plain includes provisions to preserve mobile home parks' as an important source of afordable housing."

Hiary Mosher, who opened the comments, has been helping organize local residents affected by the recent purchase of two mobile home parks: Lazy J Ranch in Arcata and Ocean West in Kellikeylike. A corporation called inspire Communities, which own 45 parks nationwide, bought out the parks, which were originally owned by a local family. When the company originally bid on Ocean West, Mosher says she "went into overtime immediately:"





Exercise

- Small Group Exercise
- Context: You are going to be meeting with the Unitarian Church Social Justice Committee. They have been known to support local community campaigns financially. Your team needs to come up with an 'rap and ask'
- Need to Decide how much you are asking for, how you will frame you rap (remembering the lessons from the outreach part of the training), what materials you will need, and what follow up you will give them.

Conclusions

- \checkmark Relatively easy to do.
- ✓ Leadership Has to Learn How to Run Those Tools. Takes time.
- ✓ Testing systems, before unveiling.
- ✓ Broader issues/conversations.
- ✓ You can dream big, but need to start small. Question is not only leadership buy in, but do your systems work.