

# Trust, Transparency & Technology

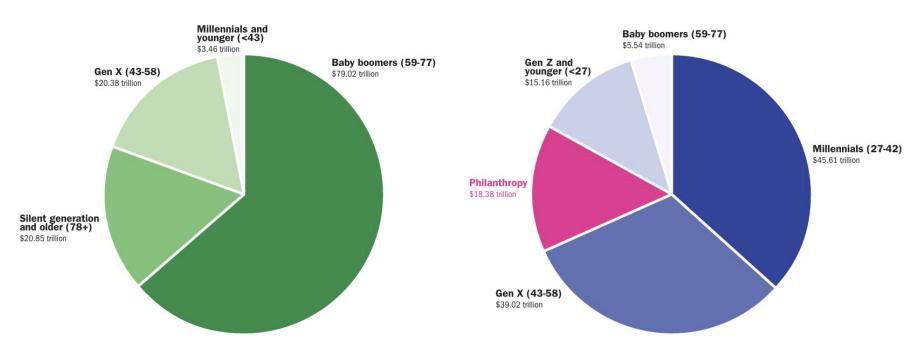
Navigating the Planned Giving Journey with Boomers

## The Coming Windfall?

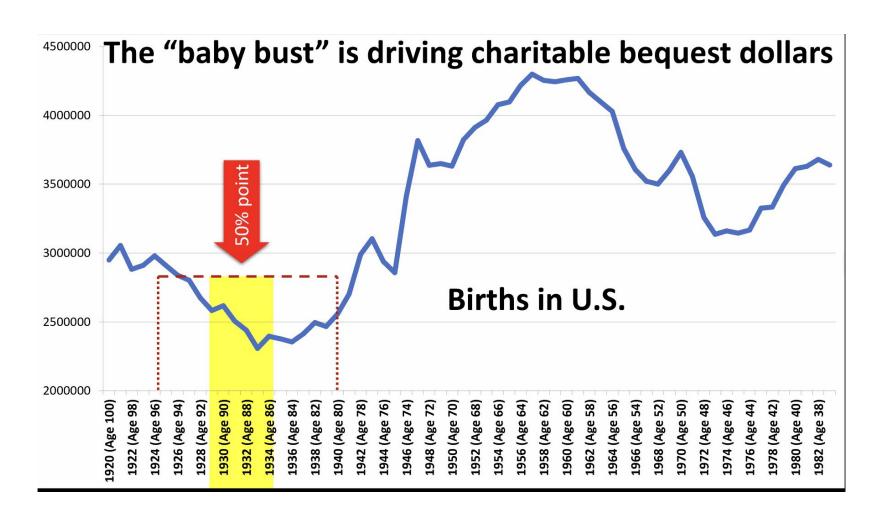
Cerulli Associates, a financial-research firm, forecasts that from 2024 to 2048, an estimated \$123.7 trillion of wealth will transfer between generations. Nearly two-thirds of that will come from baby boomers. Philanthropy will receive \$18.38 trillion — roughly 15 percent.

#### Transferring Money

#### Recipients



Data from Cerulli Associates. Currency is in 2023 dollars. Ages as of 2023.





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The Importance of Trust & Transparency 3

Role of Technology

# **Matures** (aka "the Silent Generation") Born 1925-1945

Experienced WW2 - Beliefs framed by Great Depression.

Fiscally conservative, deep trust in charity.

Experienced emerging consumerism as parents rather than children.

Grew up believing in the virtues of duty and service, particularly locally.

Believe in family and traditional family roles. Sixty-four percent were married between the ages of 18 and 33.

#### **Boomers**

Born 1946-1964

Grew up in austerity but came of age in prosperity.

Challenge the status quo, "Never Trust Anyone Over 30."

Benefitted from shift from blue collar to white collar jobs. Explosion of media/information consumption.

Enjoyed increasing individualism. The "ME" generation.

More accepting of societal change and emerging family types. Marrying later in life and experiencing multiple marriages.

## **WHY BOOMERS?**

- Increased life expectancy
- High levels of education
- Favorable real estate conditions
- Lower child birth rates
- Expansive work experience
- Dual incomes

# Greater economic security than past generations!

- Compromise 20% of US population
- Control 70% of the wealth in the US (Forbes, 2023)
- Give 43% of individual philanthropic giving (GivingUSA, 2023)
- ½ more generous than silent generation at the same age
- Will maintain wealth inequity for next 10+ years (don't retire at 65)



# **Leading Boomers**

(Born 1946-1965)

### aka "Legacy Leaders"

#### **Characteristics**

- Post-War Optimism & Civic Duty
- Witnesses to Major Social Change
- Financially Fortunate but Cautious
- Value Traditional Media & 1:1
- Legacy-Oriented & Family-Focused

#### **Behaviors**

- Doing right for future generations
- Challenge status quo
- Security
- Prefer direct mail and in-person
- Leaving a legacy, values match

# **Lagging Boomers**

(Born 1955-1964)

#### aka "Informed Investor"

#### **Characteristics**

- Skepticism of Institutions
- Pragmatic & Cautious
- Technologically Adaptive but Transitional
- Loyal but Demanding Consumers
- Family-Oriented

#### **Behaviors**

- Trust but verify
- Stability, Clarity & Evidence
- Decisions are more deliberate
- Thorough research (more tech savvy)
- Stress around time, finances & planning

## **Common Themes**

- Healthy skepticism
- Financially cautious
- Purpose-driven
- Value legacy
- Expect clarity & connection



- Show where dollars go
- You're a good investment (ROI)
- Seek alignment with personal values
- Emotional Resonance (Russell James)
- Where are you going? How are you getting there?



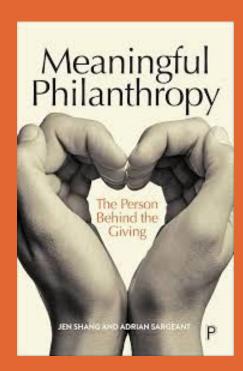


# How To Love Your Donors In The Philanthropic Psychology Way

Jen Shang, PhD

Co-Founder of Institute for Sustainable Philanthropy Professor of Philanthropic Psychology





## Your donor is at the heart



Build bridges that empower donors to recognize their identities in your mission.

Build enduring,
emotional connections
to the cause you
champion

Help donors discover and embrace their power to create intrinsic rewards that come from expressing love through their giving Acknowledge that donors are in control of their philanthropic decision to support your mission





## **3 BASIC PSYCH NEEDS**

# 1. Connectedness

#### Potential questions to ask yourself:

- Does this recognize the donor as a vital member of the NP's team?
- Does this make the donor feel engaged and part of the story?
- Does your messaging convey how they can extend or carry on their compassion
  - by making a legacy gift?
- Does your messaging express how they will be joining with others by making a legacy commitment?



## **3 BASIC PSYCH NEEDS**

# 2. Autonomy

#### Potential questions to ask yourself:

- Does this recognize them for choosing to support the NP with their past support?
- Does this present legacy gift choices to extend their commitment?
- Does this indicate options for next steps they can choose to make?
- Are we presenting how sharing their legacy gift intention allows them to ensure their legacy gift can extend their values as they wish?



## **3 BASIC PSYCH NEEDS**

# 3. Competency

#### Potential questions to ask yourself:

- Does this convey how the donor is directly saving lives, spreading kindness, feeding the hungry, educating our future leaders, etc. by their past support? (Avoid internal NP org only language...say how the donor is directly helping or at least a vital partner in directly helping.)
- Are we expressing the effective outcomes that happen when they support the NP?
- Do we reinforce the NPs credibility and competency?



### **CONCEPTS IN ACTION**



Dear Salutation,

Happy New Year, Name!

tel 800.752.6004
email plannedgiving@care.org
www.caresfuture.org

Connectedness AND Identity

January 2, 2023

Thank you for being a vital member of the CARE team. Your thoughtful commitment to supporting CARE's mission is changing lives.

A new year brings new goals and renewed hope for the future. Because

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Happy New Gear, Name!

www.caresfuture.org

January 2, 2023

Connectedness
AND Competency
AND Identity
AND Autonomy

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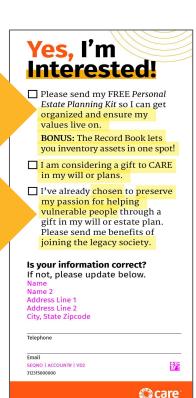
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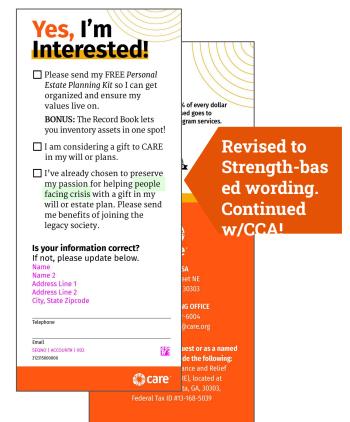
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Competency AND Autonomy

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## "YOUR" IMPACT

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all segments of society through continuing education extension, and public service activities.

Along with health-related academic programs offered to students, WVU physicians and other

are the medical hubs for their regions.

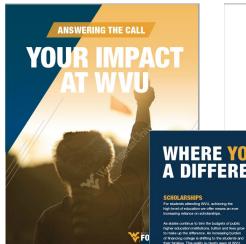
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at locations all over West Virginia. Our campuses in Morgantown, Charleston, and the Eastern Panhandk

**ACADEMICS** 

**HEALTH SCIENCES** 





ANSWERING THE CALL **RESPONDING TO A GLOBAL PANDEMIC** As the world grapples with the new strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) West Virginia University is helping shape public understanding of this new health challenge. WVI Health Sciences leaders and healthcare providers are collaborating with state and local authorities. WVLI Medicine's statewide network of care, and other agencies, ensure that we are prepared for the challenges this outbreak presents to our University our campuses, and our state. ≝re WVU family to give WHERE YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE For students attending WVU, achieving the high level of education we offer means an ever 70%

care practices. Sleeth Family Medicine is NCQA-recognized through 2020.





FOUNDATION

Greetings, Salutation!



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Key Motivators of Boomers



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### "Public Trust is the currency of the nonprofit sector"



Source: https://independentsector.org/resource/trust-in-civil-society/

## The Numbers

- 85% of high net worth donors say trust is critical (US Trust)
- Trust for NPO's rebounded in 2024 to 57%
- Trust in philanthropy steady at 33%

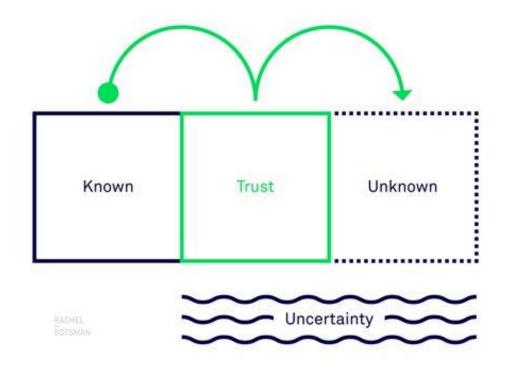
# Uncertainty's Impact on Trust



**Reputation =**"Reflective"
measure



**Trust =**"Predictive"
measure





#### REPUTATION

Perception

What people say

#### **TRUST**

Belief

What people believe

#### **TRUSTWORTHINESS**

Behaviour



# Building Trust through Transparency

- What is the impact?
- Show results
- Authenticity
- Consistent stewardship

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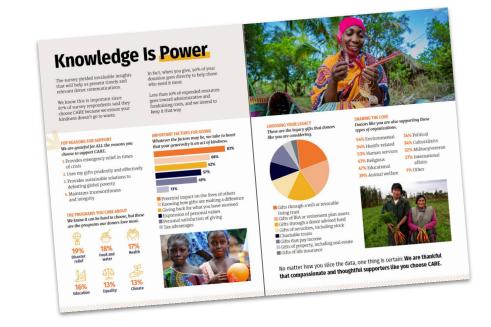
#### ■ About This Report

CARE recently carried out a comprehensive survey with help from longtime supporters like you. The purpose of our study was to better understand our donors' interests and preferences. Participants were asked about their personal giving habits and perceptions of CARE's mission, programs and effectiveness.

We hope you will find the results to be interesting and informative. We're extremely grateful to those who participated!

#### SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Our survey was sent to our most loval supporters from December 2021 to December 2022. Responses from a total of 1,965 participants were analyzed to determine what donors care about most, why they continue to give and how they might preserve their passion for helping the world's most vulnerable people for generations to come.







- 1. This work is important.
- 2. This organization is capable.
- 3. This organization is trustworthy.
- 4. I am connected to this work.
- 5. An estate gift is a smart choice.
- 6. People like me do things like this.
- 7. I need to share my intentions.



# **UNDERSTANDING THEIR JOURNEY**



# Planned Giving Donor Journey

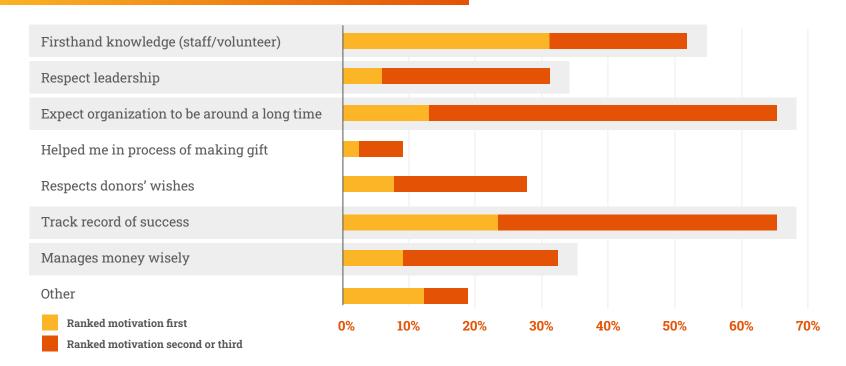
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Nonprofit demonstrates competence: receives	appreciated, autonomy; my gifts matter)	Considers values and legacy	Researches options: • Conversations with family and	Arranges gift:  • Creates will or codicil
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evidence of impact  Continues to support  nonprofit, deepens	to give that maximizes impact, extends support	charitable causes	research • Consultation with nonprofit	transfer  Notifies nonprofit
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This work is important to me.	My gifts can make a difference.		legacy gift  This gift is a way that I can live on.	I want to make sure my wishes will be fulfilled.



# This organization is trustworthy.

BELIEF THAT AN ORGANIZATION CAN BE TRUSTED
BELIEF IN AN ORGANIZATION'S LONGEVITY
BELIEF THAT AN ORGANIZATION IS FINANCIALLY SOUND

# Top factors (besides mission) in choosing organization for largest gift





## CONCEPTS IN ACTION

#### Join Us as We Celebrate 50 Years of Caring for Children

For 50 years Miller Children's & Women's has been providing quality, child-centric services to kids who need it most.

We hope you'll join us and be a part of the celebration by accepting the 50@50 Challenge. All you need to do is include a gift to Memorial Medical Center Foundation in your estate plan and let us know. Not only will your gift allow you to play an important role in our future, you'll also become the newest member of the Seaside Legacy Circle.



involved in our next 50 years, please contact Sharon Thornton, JD, LLM,

The issue of hunger in America is complex, enduring and widespread. About 37 million people struggle with hunger in the U.S., making the need for Feeding America's research, advocacy and nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs more urgent than ever. Yet Feeding America isn't funded by commercial means. Instead, we rely on donors like you to fuel the fight against hunger long term.

#### YOUR BENEFITS

A gift to Feeding America in your will or financial plan:

- enables you to make a greater impact than you may have thought possible
- · may provide you with financial and/or tax benefits
- · is often realized after your lifetime, so your current budget isn't affected

#### WHY FEEDING AMERICA



help each year

1 in 7

each year

4.6 billion

99%

Of donations raised go directly to programs for people in need



4-star rating

Charity Navigator's highest overall rating

To learn how you can support a hunger-free America. contact Jessica Noe at (800) 771-2303, Ext. 5593.





# I am connected to this work.

BELIEF THAT ONE'S GIFTS MATTER
BELIEF THAT AN ORGANIZATION IS PART OF ONE'S LIFE STORY

## CONCEPTS IN ACTION



From its beginning, the Forever True, For lowa State campaign set out to help more students access their dream of an lowa State education. Nearly 7,000 students received donor-funded scholarships last year alone.

In addition, many students who faced financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic received support from donors like Mike and Mary Ann Kozimko through the Cyclone Strong Fund or completion grants that helped them stay at Iowa State.

The momentum of the Forever True campaign remains strong as we approach its final months. Most importantly, donors are already making a difference.

"Donor trust increases significantly when they can clearly see how their gift will live on beyond their lifetime." - Dr. Russell James



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The lack of two incomes [in my household] put a strain on my dreams and college goals, but I was able to persevere and work my way through college along with the help of scholarships that the Hrabas graciously provide. The support has meant the world to me and has helped me be able to keep working toward my college and career goals.

—**ВКУСЕ РКІЕДЕКІ** a State senior studying hospitality management and a Hraba Scholarship recipi



This scholarship relieved my stress about how I was going to pay for my books and tuition, and even covered some of my housing. I struggle financially every year as to how I will cover these expenses in order to keep attending college. The Heiden Fund mitigated these worries, and I could not be more grateful for the support.

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Iowa State junior and Heiden Fund for Women in Business Scholarship recipient





# An estate gift is a smart choice.

BELIEF THAT ONE WANTS TO BE REMEMBERED
BELIEF THAT A DONOR DOES NOT NEED TO LEAVE ESTATE TO HEIRS
BELIEF THAT ESTATE PLANNING IS VALUABLE

# Stages of Psychosocial Development









School

Age









Infancy

trust vs.

Early Childhood

autonomy vs. shame and doubt

Preschool

initiative

vs. guilt

industry vs. inferiority Adolescence

identity vs. role confusion

Adulthood

intimacy vs. isolation

Young

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Maturity

ego integrity vs. despair

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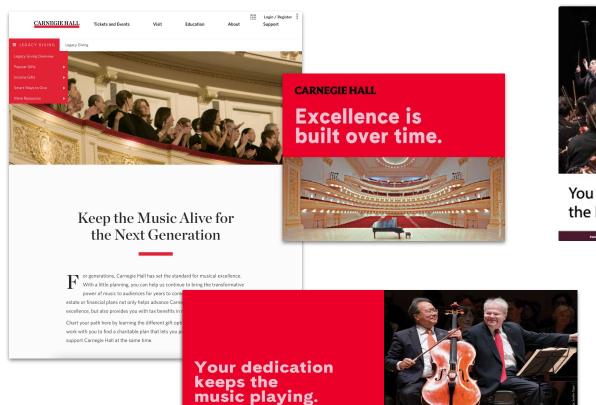
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## **SUPPORTING THE FUTURE**





You Help Protect the Future of the Arts



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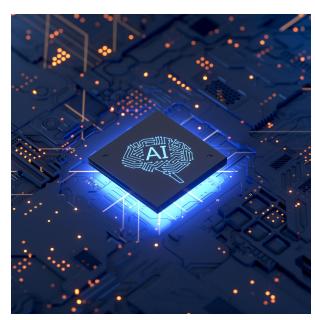


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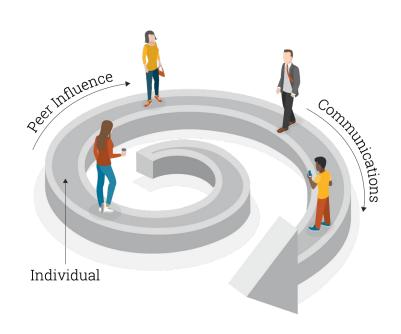












Measurement of Engagement& Ability to Influence Others



The Self-Directed Donor





**Donor Gift Decision** 

Donor First Contact with Organization



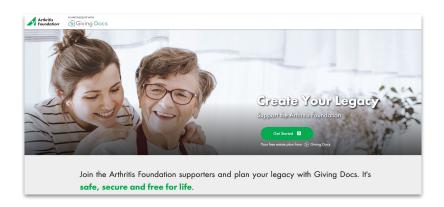


## Tech-Driven Personalization

- Tailored Videos
- Personalized content
- "Boomers are responsive when communication feels custom and respectful"

### **GIVEN THEM OPTIONS**









## THE IMPACT OF VIDEO







Videos can increase conversion rates in a targeted campaign by

80%

Videos can email can increase click-through rates

300%

Video ads perform

480%

better than image ads on Facebook



## **ORGANIC VIDEO IS BEST**





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Sincerely,

#### Joan Peppard Winograd

Senior Director of Planned Giving - Southeast (786) 559-6510 jwinograd@humanesociety.org

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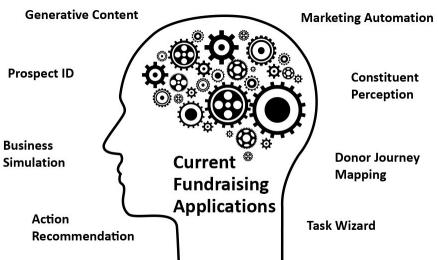
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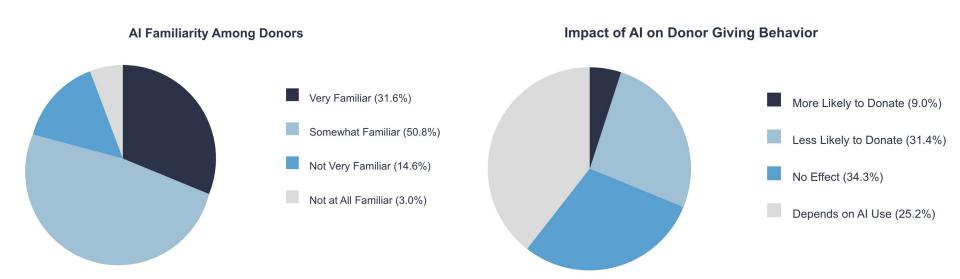
#### WHAT ABOUT AI?







### **DONORS TAKE ON AI**







#### THE RISE OF AI WITH NPO'S

## Nonprofits Increasingly Expect to Use AI in Coming Years

46%

Already actively using Al

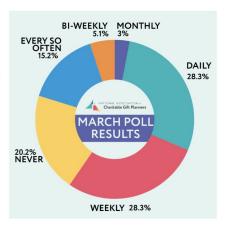
77%

Expect to actively use Al in the next 3 to 5 years

Source: 2025 Chronicle of Philanthropy Technology Leadership Survey

## Al Adoption in the Gift Planning Community from the March Perspectives Poll

- 28% of professionals use AI tools daily.
- 28% incorporate AI on a weekly basis.
- 20% of people haven't purposefully used artificial intelligence in their role.
- 15% utilize AI every so often.
- 5% engage bi-weekly.
- 3% of people use it monthly.





#### THINGS TO KEEP AN EYE ON





Meet Sandy, our Virtual Engagement Officer

#### **Introducing Max™:**





# Takeaways

The Wealth Transfer is Upon Us and Baby Boomers are Leading the Way!

Reinforce Trust & Transparency at Every Step of the Donor Journey

Look for Efficiencies & Personalization in Technology







# Thank you!



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