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Sponsorships for Crowdfunding & Beyond Part 1

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- I have been a professional event producer since 1999 specializing in nonprofit events
- I have produced over 100 successful events over the past two decades and raised millions of dollars for my clients
- In 2015 I started Queen Bee Fundraising to help nonprofits everywhere, no matter their size, create profitable and engaging events

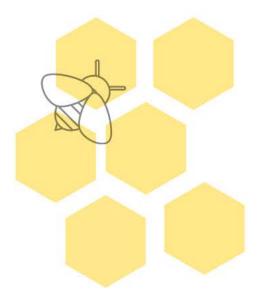




Part 1

- What we'll be covering:
- 1. The myth of sponsorship dollars
- 2. How to speak a sponsor's language
- 3. Creating valuable sponsorship packages
- 4. Creating your SWOT analysis





Section 1: The Myth of Sponsorship Dollars





The Top 3 Myths

Myth 1:

They should support us because of our mission

Myth 2:

They sponsored similar events so they should sponsor ours

Myth 3:

The bigger the sponsorship, the more tickets

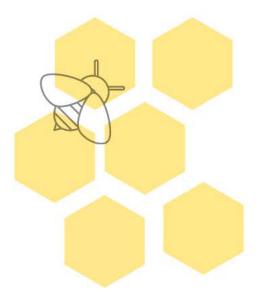




Sponsorship dollars are marketing dollars









- Sponsorships are from **BUSINESSES**
- Businesses don't have feelings
- They look for R.O.I.
- A sponsorship is a business transaction



5 reasons companies sponsor nonprofit events:

- 1. Relationship building and maintenance
- 2. Public perception of altruism
- 3. Positive association (whitewashing)
- 4. Reaching a target audience
- 5. Sales potential



This is different than a member or supporter sponsoring your event



They want to know...

How many touches and views

Are you a good investment?

- How long the duration of exposure
- Will they hit their target market



It is up to you

to make your case

for why your event is a

GOOD INVESTMENT





Section 2: How to Speak a Sponsor's Language

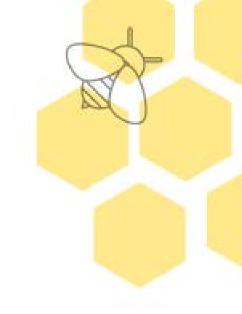




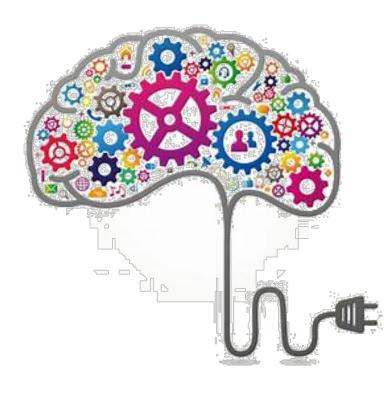
Remember.

sponsor dollars are marketing dollars!









You need to think like a Marketing Pro

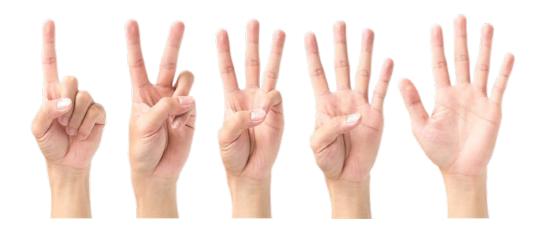
Definition of Marketing: *The process or technique of promoting, selling, and distributing a product or service*

Your product is your event or organization



A marketing pro thinks like this -

- 1. How many touches and views will my sponsorship receive
- 2. How long is the duration of my sponsor exposure
- 3. Will this sponsorship be hitting my target market
- 4. Will this drive business to my store or online platform
- 5. Will my brand benefit from this affiliation





When creating sponsor packages

Change Your Thinking

- It isn't about getting their money
- It is about what you have to offer them
- It is about what they need and want
- Be creative
- Don't undersell your sponsorship value!





How many touches and views will my sponsorship receive?

<u>This:</u>

Your logo will be seen by 300 guests at our event.

Or This:

Your company name and logo will be viewed over 10,000 times by loyal supporters through email blasts and social media posts over a span of six months. At the event, your company name and logo will be integrated through signage, a digital sponsor loop and a tabling opportunity during the cocktail portion of the event.

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Don't undersell your organization or event!!!



How long is the duration of my sponsor exposure?

- Ideally 6 months or more
- Include the time span before your event
- Include the time span after your event



Will this sponsorship be hitting my target market?

Do some research on your demographics

- Ages
- Genders
- Children vs. no children
- Estimated income
- Geographical locations
- Interests





Will this drive business to my store or online platform?

Find ways to help bring them customers

- Coupons & digital coupons
- Sales on site
- Redemptions
- Speaking opportunities
- Blogging opportunities
- SEND PEOPLE TO THEM!





Will my brand benefit from this affiliation?

- Is your mission a good fit
- Is your demographic a good fit
- How can you promote them





Think like a Marketing Pro

The words you use have power

This: Join us on May 9th at the Catalina Club for a benefit concert with Grammy-award winner Arturo Sandoval

Or this: Join us on May 9th at the famed Catalina Club as we celebrate the hot nights and cool jazz of Cuba. On this very special evening, guests will feel transported to that magical island as they are treated to small-batch artisan rum tastings, a master Cuban cigar roller, professional salsa dance lessons, authentic Cuban cuisine and a very special concert with legendary Grammy-winning jazz musician Arturo Sandoval

The event won't sell itself...YOU need to set it up for SUCCESS!



Section 3: Creating Valuable Sponsorship Packages





What are they looking for?

- Marketing value
- Sales value
- Face-to-face value
- Tickets and tables

Ask them what they want to achieve! Give them choices!



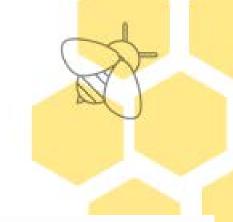


Four types of sponsorships

- Regular monetary sponsorship
- In-kind sponsorship
- Underwriting sponsorship
- Volunteer teams







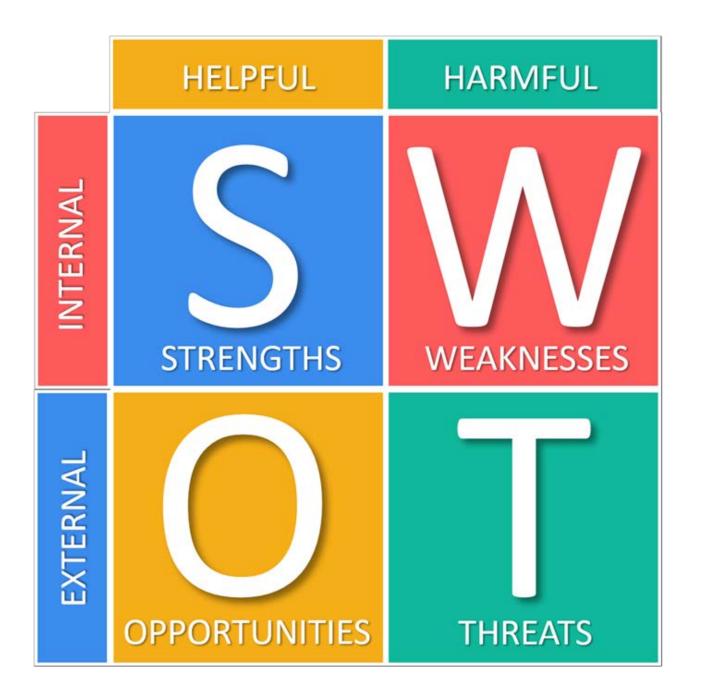
What assets does your event offer?

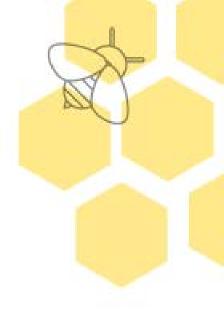
Remember the 5 reasons businesses are interested in sponsorships

- 1. Relationship building and maintenance
- 2. Public perception of altruism
- 3. Positive association (whitewashing)
- 4. Reaching a target audience
- 5. Sales potential











1. Relationship Building and Maintenance What they want

- Gratitude for your business
- Hopes for a continued relationship
- Monetary gain from someone close to your organization





2. Public Perception of Altruism

What they want

- Want to appear to care about community
- Want to appear nice and trustworthy
- A boost in your supporters' esteem





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3. Positive Association (whitewashing)

What they want

• Reputation scrubbing





4. Reaching a Target Market

What they want

- Future clients and sales
- Introduce a new product to folks
- Get their product known by right folks
- Receive the "feel good glow" from event



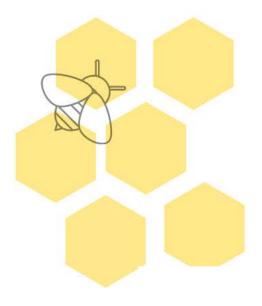


5. Sales Potential

What they want

- Immediate sales
- Future sales





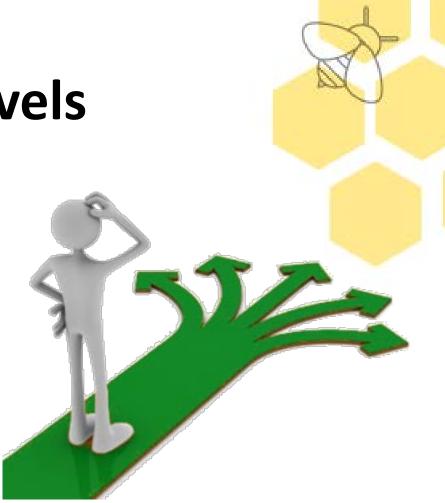
Now it is time to put your assets together and value the sponsor packages!





Determining sponsorship levels

- How many levels
- Names for each level
- Monetary cost of each level
- Perks included in each level





Choose how many levels

- 5 is the sweet spot
- Consider limiting top levels
- In kind & underwriting are separate



Choose names for each level

- Creativity is great!
- Gold, bronze, silver boring
- Ultimately the names don't matter





Choose monetary levels

- Have a total sponsorship goal
- Have a "reach" level
- Review last year's levels & success rate
- Know your community's ability





Choose each level's perks

- Start with top level and work down
- Have a list of perk options for top levels
- Give options that appeal to marketers
- Don't give away too many tables
- Be flexible ask what *they* want



Holidays ^{IN} Village *A European Marketplace*









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This bingo card was created randomly from a total of 26 events.

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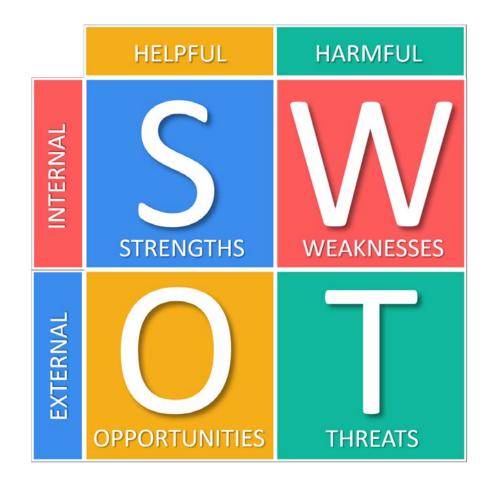


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Section 4 Creating Your SWOT Analysis





SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

Strengths are factors which the company holds expertise in and contribute to the continued success of the organization. These are the basis for the continued success of the organization and will assist in gaining the organization's mission.

Opportunities

The environment within which our organization operates offers opportunities. An organization can identify such opportunities and enjoy benefit arising from them by planning and executing required strategies.

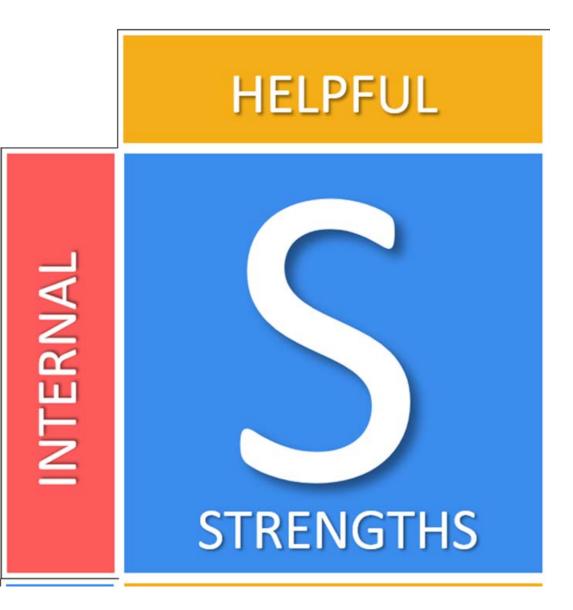
<u>Weaknesses</u>

Weaknesses are factors that prevent an organization from meeting its mission and achieving full potential. These weaknesses hamper the organizational success and growth.

Threats

Threats are factors existing in the external environment that jeopardize the profitability and reliability of the organization. Such uncontrollable and pro to the stability and the stability and the organizations.









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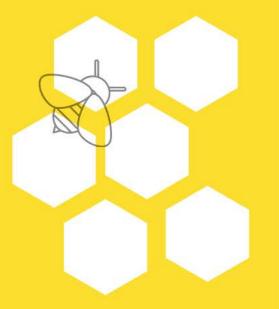












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Any questions?









- What we'll be covering:
- 1. Review of our SWOT analysis
- 2. Prospecting the Prospects
- 3. Prospect Outreach
- 4. Creating Sponsorship Materials
- 5. Sponsor Stewardship





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