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Improving Results with Your Constant Contact Account







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- MOBILE, MOBILE, MOBILE
- 7 essential tips to improve results
- Getting Your Email Opened
- 9 ideas to help you beyond the donation
- Overlooked new features
- Helpful guide
- Q+A

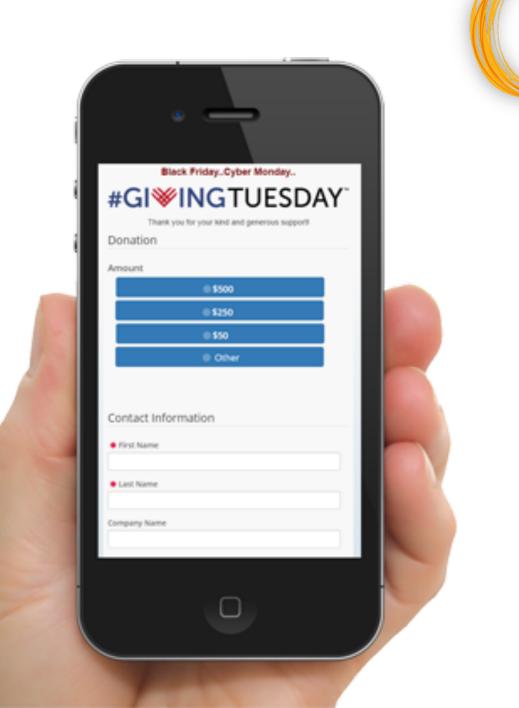


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A recent study says 38% of online donors are inspired to give from an email.

[Nonprofit Tech for Good]







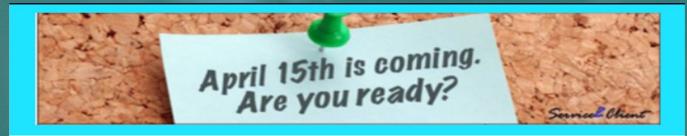
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More than half of all emails are now read on a mobile device, and through the course of a day, readers spend an average of 6.3 hours reading around 88 emails.

[Source: Litmus, HuffPost & Text Request]



### What's Wrong with this Email?





#### STAY IN TOUCH 💟 📊

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Top Tips to Ensure Clients Pay on Time and Increase Your Cash Flow

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On paper your business is thriving. Sales are up and you really haven't increased your expenses. But, you're still having cash flow problems. This is a serious concern for businesses in all industries, of all sizes.

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Why Small Business Owners Should Think About Taxes Year-Round

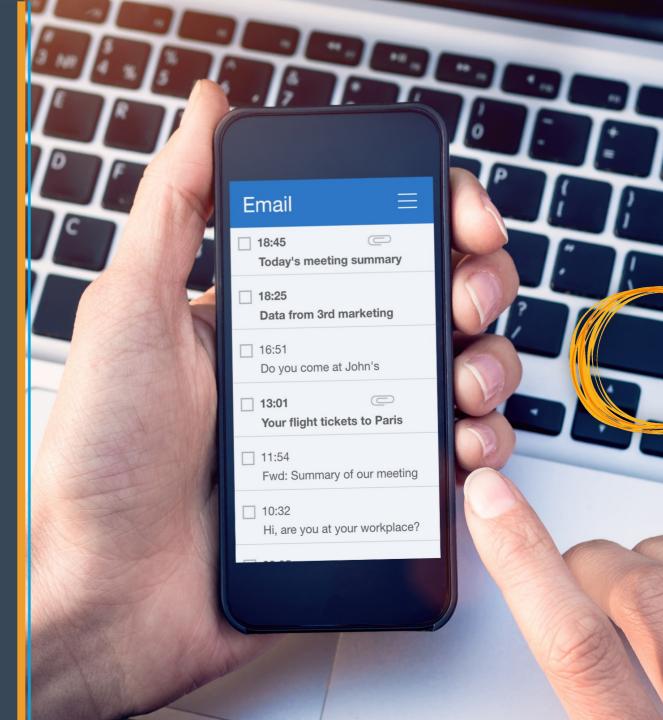


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# Average time spent reading an email is 11.1 seconds.

Source: Litmus, 2017





### The best response comes from emails using new editor

- All email are mobile friendly / mobile responsive
- More features (added constantly)
- Easy to use
- Meant for today's audience

<u>Build</u>	Images	Design	
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Image	Text	Button	
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Divider	Spacer	More	





# Use New Editor – If you copy old email you may not be in new editor



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But how can we increase donations? 7 Essentials of mobile first email design





### **#1. Keep it succinct**



**20 lines of text** or less or a picture, a paragraph and a call to action should make up the composition of your email.

Headlines: 22 pt font | Body Text: 14 pt font
 CTA: Less IS more! No more than goal requires!
 Attract, Engage and Redirect





#### **Clicks per Link**



# Fewer links, **more clicks**.



most clicks

 
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Source: http://news.const antcontact.com/r esearch



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### **#2 Use Buttons**



Did you take any photos or video during the day? If so, we'd love for you to share them with us on our **Facebook page**.

We'd love to share all of your great work with the community. Please include **#BLACKWATERCLEANUP** with your post.

#### SHARE MY PHOTOS & VIDEOS

Buttons are easy to click on
Bullet-proof
Eye catching

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Using a call-to-action button instead of a text hyperlink can increase click through rates up to 28%

### **#3 Use Images**

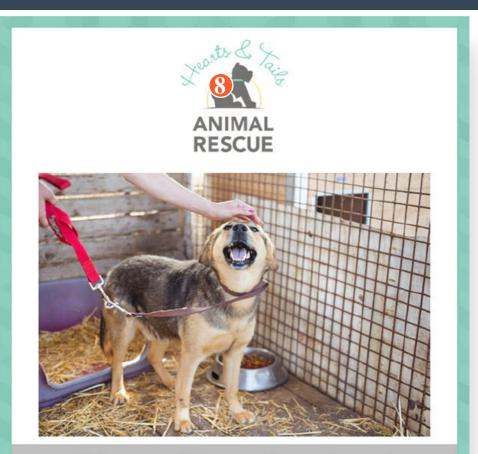


Logo that reflects your brand.
Link your images
Should have the same destination as your CTA

650% higher engagement rates for posts/emails that include images.



### **#4 Keep your colors constant**



#### Help us provide more forever homes!

#### Hi Nicole,

At Hearts & Tails Animal Rescue, we thrive on support from the community. With the help of donations and volunteers, we are able to provide more forever homes for pets in need.

Are you able to help? If so, please click the link below and fill out the interest form on our website. We'll follow-up with additional ways you can support the shelter.

Keep colors the same even through holidays
 Color represents brand, quickly
 Celebrate holiday with content

Color increases brand recognition by 80%





Thank you!

### **#5 Segment**



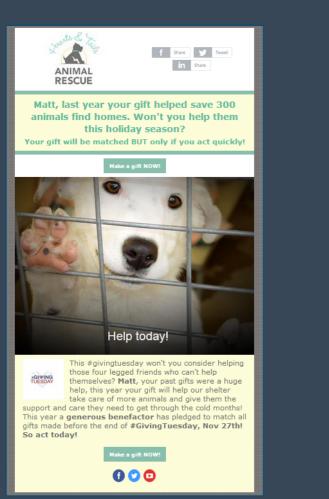
Each donor/subscriber is different
Today's email reader expect unique asks
Segmentation helps you cut through "noise"

**19% of email marketers** see a lift in open rates just by segmentation alone

# dp

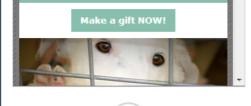
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### #6 Make sure it's mobile ready





Matt, last year your gift helped save 300 animals find homes. Won't you help them this holiday season? Your gift will be matched BUT only if you act quickly!



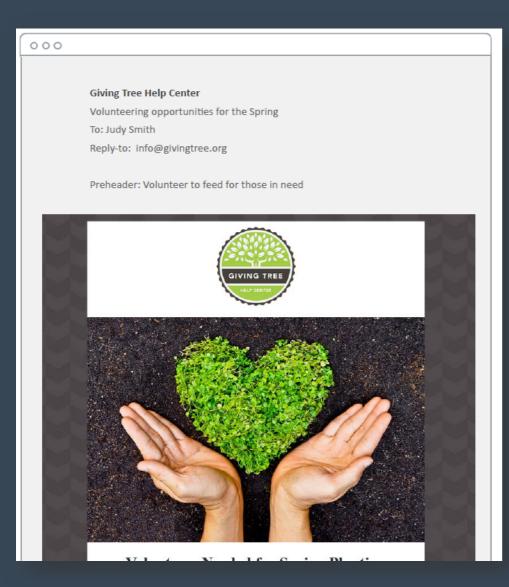
Make sure tools you use are mobile responsive
Make sure to start with mobile first strategy
Be sure to use mobile preview if available

80% will delete and 30% will unsubscribe to an email that doesn't look good on mobile



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### **#7 Pay attention to the "top"**



### What is it that makes people open email?





# **Getting Your Email Opened**

- "From Name" is most critical
  - Get noticed & opened
- Subject Line assists "From Name"
- Teaser (Preheader) text helps

From name  $\longrightarrow$ Subject line  $\longrightarrow$ Teaser  $\longrightarrow$ (Preheader) text Matco Foundation12:27 PMWith A Little Help From Our Friends<br/>Your donation is needed now more than ever. If you

>

64% of readers determine whether they will open their email based off of the header fields your provide.





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- Jack Grant 4:06 PM Time, not money, is most h Having trouble viewing th...
- A Christmas St... 10:17 AM > Major Awards On Small B... + Visit A Christmas Story ...
- Content Mark... 10:10 AM > This Week in Content Ma... View Message in Browser...

### **Header Information**

### From information

Consistent & recognizable

# Reply to email address

Who is Jack Grant?

Subject mie

### Ideal length is 4-7 words

### Preheader text

Hook them with 5-8 words

# **Avoid Repeats**

Same subject line

- Gives no reason to open
- Gets tuned out

Matco Association

12:27 PM

Matco February Update Having trouble viewing this email? Click here. Is your investment working for you? Be sure to check in with

Matco Association

12:27 PM

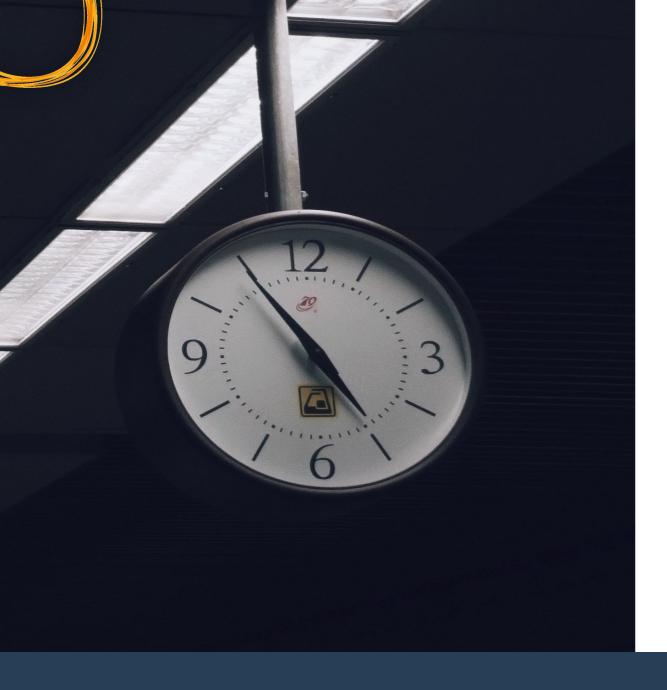
#### Matco March Update

Having trouble viewing this email? Click here. Is your investment working for you? Be sure to check in with









# Keep it Short – Make it Personal

#### **Be brief**

- 5-8 words
- Less than 40 characters
- Use "You" or "Your"





# Questions

Ask a question to cause curiosity

Matco Foundation12:27 PMCan You Do More to Help?Christmas is almost upon us. So many are needing

Matco Association12:27 PMStruggling To Find a Way to Help?With the recent event effecting our community, many need

Matco Group12:27 PMCan We Help You Cut Time?Time is the most important asset in your lives. Lost time









# Alliteration

Repeat same letter, eye look for patterns

Matco Clubs12:27 PMSeven Simple Solutions Save SeasonWe've got what you need this season. We are ready to

First Matco Church12:27 PMFriday Fun For Families and Fellowship FMChas Some great activities for the whole family. From

Matco Clothing Emporium12:27 PMTodays Top Terrific TipsDo you have all the steps you need to succeed? Here





# Allusion

- Refer to pop culture or famous lines
- Lyrics and titles capture the eye

Matco World Group

• Tie it to content

Let it Go, Let it Go Drop those extra clothes off today. They are needed!

12:27 PM

Matco Club12:27 PMLet Them Eat Cake, and BrowniesWe've got a great break fast meeting this month.

Matco Community Players 12:27 PM May the Farce Be With You Auditions are open for our next production.









# Chunking

- Don't write a sentence
- Break the "rules" to stand out

#### Matco Association

#### 12:27 PM

You, Plus Us, Awesome When we work together we can change the world!

#### Matco Financial Help Center 12:27 PM **Taxes, No Fun, We Love Them** We can help you, cost free, overcome common tax issues

#### Matco Club

#### 12:27 PM

Help Others, Feel Amazing, Share Each New Year, people are always looking for a way to help.





# Numbers/Lists

- Start with a number it's like candy
- No more than 9-3 high results

Matco Light Foundation12:27 PM**Three Mistakes All Ministries Make**We all make mistakes, but these can cost you. The most common

### Matco Humane Society 12:27 PM

**Seven Ways to Help Your Pet** We don't just offer adoption, we know a thing or two about pets!

Matco Community Theatre12:27 PMFive Must See Films Before SummerDon't start summer without checking out these summer classics.









# Emoji

56% of brands using emoji in their email subject lines had a higher unique open rate. Source: Experian

#### Matco Health Coalition

12:27 PM **Spring is here, time to bike!** Bikes are fun & a fantastic way to maintain your health

#### Matco Org

12:27 PM Would You Miss Our Biggest Event? We only do it once a year, and it won't be the same without you



Matco Church Bookstore 12:27 PM **Read Along Tuesday!** 

Bring your little ones as we'll be reading together





# Emoji best practices

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- Start with a small sample of your list
- Don't use them all the time
- Support the message
- Emoji will render differently
- Use Emoji picker in Constant Contact, or if you need even more emojipedia.com





### Don't make the subscriber mark you as spam Don't be misleading or deceptive

#### **Example:**

- "FWD:" or "RE:"
- "Urgent take action now"
- "You called?"

### Don't:

- Imply continuing conversation
- Imply untrue urgency
- Be deceptive about their actions







Common triggers for spam filters

- ALL CAPITAL LETTERS
  Excessive punctuation (???,..., !!!)
  - Using symbols as letter\$



**Check the language** 









### Think about how a spam filter might interpret your subject line

#### **Original subject line:**

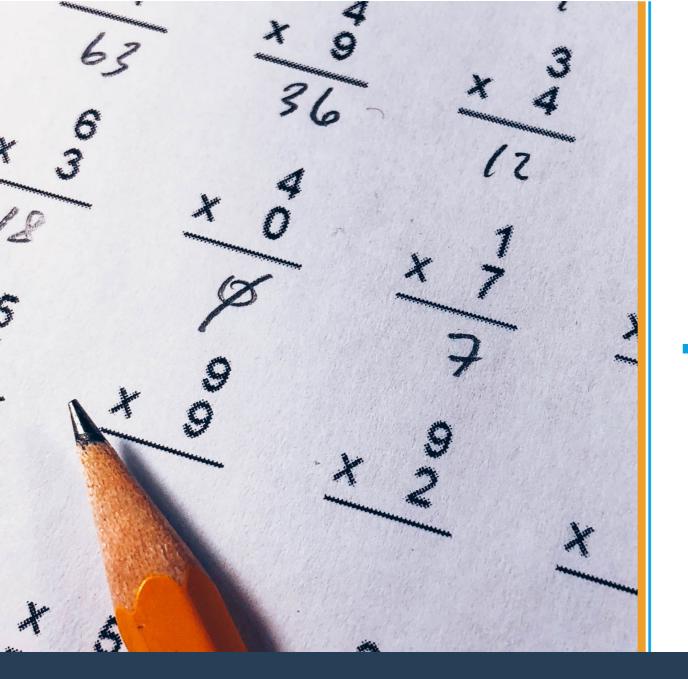
"Make Your Donation Last Longer, Enroll in Legacy Giving!"

#### **Resend with much better deliverability:**

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"An Incredible Way to Improve the Lives of Others"





# **Test Your Assumptions**





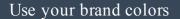
### Steps to writing a successful email

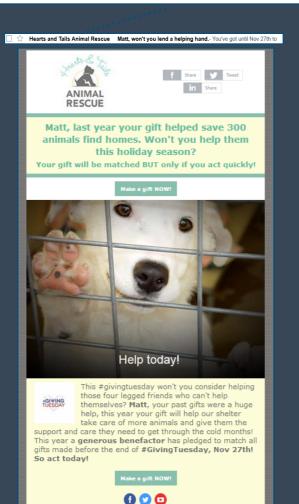
#### Hearts and Tails Animal Rescue Matt, won't you lend a helping hand.- You've got until Nov 27th to

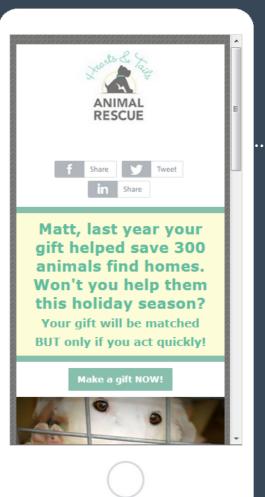
Be sure to personalize (if possible) the subject line, use "you" or "your" and use compelling teaser text

Make sure to use social sharing tools

Keep key call-to-action above the scroll line and optimize your **links**.







Make call to action easy to click on. Use buttons.

#### USE AN MOBILE ······ RESPONSIVE EMAIL TEMPLATE

Communicate through pictures and make them clickable. No more than 3 images

Make sure you have a clear timely ask. Personalize your content.

Less is more. Focus on relevant content. 20 lines of text have the **highest clickthrough rates.** Keep obvious calls to action to 3 or less.



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# Remember, not all emails need to be about donations.

# 9 ideas to help you



- 1. Send a thank you note
- 2. Celebrate a milestone or anniversary
- 3. Highlight one of your volunteers or partners
- 4. Share a video
- 5. Preview something you are looking forward to
- 6. Feature one of your employees
- 7. Share an interesting article related to your nonprofit's sector
- 8. Highlight your social media accounts
- 9. Let your readers know how they can get involved in the community

Branded template maker

Personalized subject line & emoji

New content blocks and block layouts

**Click Segmentation** 

Check for errors

Segmentation reports

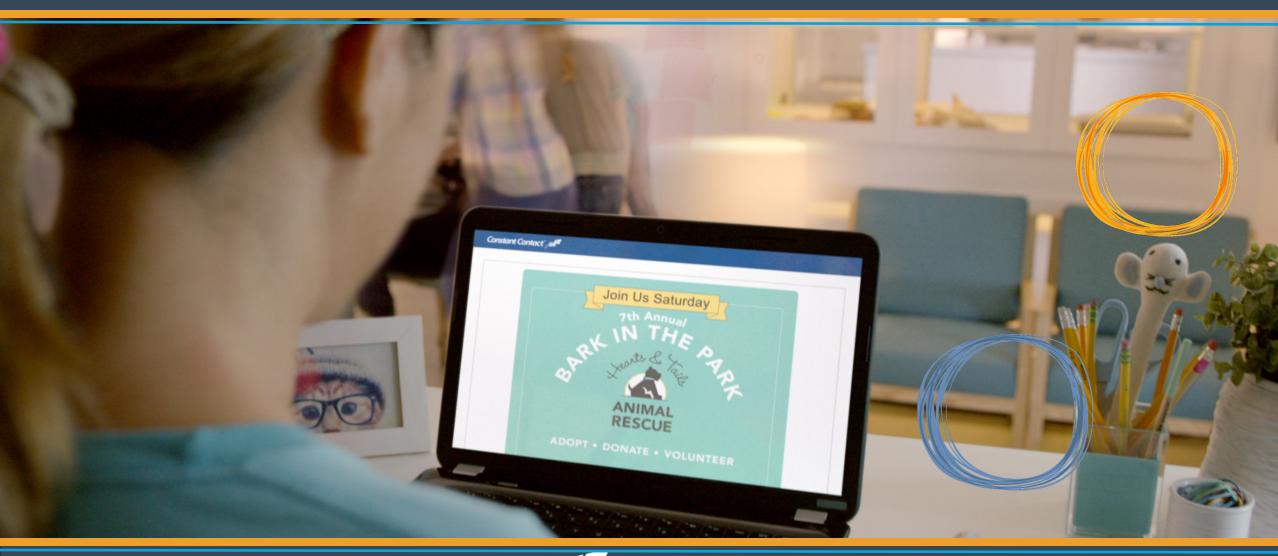
Resend to non-openers





### **Overlooked** recent updates

# LET'S SEE IT IN ACTION!



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### We've got you covered with our great tips guide!



https://www.donorperfect.com/whitepapers/generic/email-best-practices/

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