Year-End Giving Campaign Checklist

Six Month Timeline

MONTH	GOALS
August	 ☐ Assemble your team ☐ Develop your fundraising strategy ☐ Set your fundraising goal (Be SMART!) ☐ Determine potential partnerships ☐ Write content for email and socials ☐ Get branded visuals ready ☐ Get final approvals
September	☐ Finalize partnerships☐ Review plan with Board of Directors for final feedback☐ Send out press release
October	☐ Soft launch☐ Monitor KPIs for early troubleshooting☐ Send out direct mail appeal letters
November	 ☐ Hard launch ☐ Kick off the thermometer (ideally by celebrating a big donation from a partner!) ☐ Giving Tuesday boost ☐ Kick off your matching campaign
December	☐ Ramp up social media and email campaigns☐ Boost your paid ads☐ Last minute push on December 31st
January	 □ Send out thank you letters □ Publicly announce final amount raised □ Gather reports & analyze results □ Post-mortem meeting with team and Board of Directors □ Celebrate your hard work □ Set goals for next year

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Twelve Month Timeline

MONTH	GOALS
March - May	 Identify current fundraising needs and choose the one that would resonate during the holidays Meet with your finance team about your projected budget
June	☐ Assemble your team☐ Choose your fundraising strategy and get approval☐ Brainstorm potential partnerships
July	☐ Set your official fundraising goal (Be SMART!)☐ Lock in all of your key dates☐ Reach out to potential partners
August	☐ Write content for email and socials☐ Get branded visuals ready☐ Finalize partnerships☐ Get final approvals
September	☐ Review plan with Board of Directors for final feedback☐ Send out press release
October	☐ Soft launch☐ Monitor KPIs for early troubleshooting☐ Send out direct mail appeal letters
November	 ☐ Hard launch ☐ Kick off the thermometer (ideally by celebrating a big donation from a partner!) ☐ Giving Tuesday boost ☐ Kick off your matching campaign
December	☐ Ramp up social media and email campaigns☐ Boost your paid ads☐ Last minute push on December 31st
January - February	 □ Send out thank you letters □ Publicly announce final amount raised □ Gather reports & analyze results □ Post-mortem meeting with team and Board of Directors □ Celebrate your hard work □ Set goals for next year