### MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SERVICE – FUNDRAISING FORUM – NOVEMBER 2, 2011

## **EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL FUNDRASING INITIATIVES**

#### **Ontario RETT Syndrome Association**

- Gentle mutation on X chromosome (mainly affecting women with many physical manifestations such as inability to walk or talk)
- Annual event conducted in conjunction with the Running Room
- Combination of 10K, 5K and walk-a-thon
- Primarily extended families and friends/ also attracts runners
- Raises \$40,000-\$60,000
- Goes towards research, family support and clinics
- Helps keep people connected with each other and the association
- People respond to activity/event they enjoy

#### Hazel Burns Hospice

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Healing Cycle Ride for Palliative Care
  - Spectacular event –100% \$ raised came to HBH
  - Learning—will be our Annual fund raising event; raised awareness
- Mission:
  - Provide compassionate care in community For those living with a terminal illness → official mission statement\

#### **Coffee for Global Education (OCIC)**

- Fair trade coffee brand between OCIC & coffee coop
- Came in a moment of crisis regarding federal government funding
- Values alignment/public engagement/ethical approach
- Sell coffee/get donation back

### **ORG: Marguerite Bourgeoys**

### What was it?

• Selling Belgian chocolates eggs at Easter (only)

#### What makes it spectacular

- Large gourmet chocolate eggs
- Packaged beautifully
- Signature event tied to our cause

#### Successful (win-win, room to grow)

- Easy, limited work
- Scalable –online pre-order
- Create scarcity
- Quality event
- Tangible

## Accommodation Information Support

- Mission
  - Supportive housing for people living with mental illness
- A.I.S.-BONGHT A Building
  - o Rented out commercial space
  - At street level
  - Supplied supportive housing in top floors
- Sometimes a charity has to take a risk. In this case, strategy planning and good governance paid off!

## **<u>Times Change Women's Employment Service</u>**

# Thank-A-Thon

- Focus on relationship building with past donors
- NOT an ask! Call & thank
- Involve Board members, staff, and volunteers over 1 or 2 nights (provide pizza & pop)
- Divide up database (20/person)

## Nazareth House

**Fundraising Board** 

- Recruitment:
  - Passion
  - $\circ$  Commitment
  - o "the ask"
  - o Support
- Expected contribution

Board leadership is essential to success in fundraising