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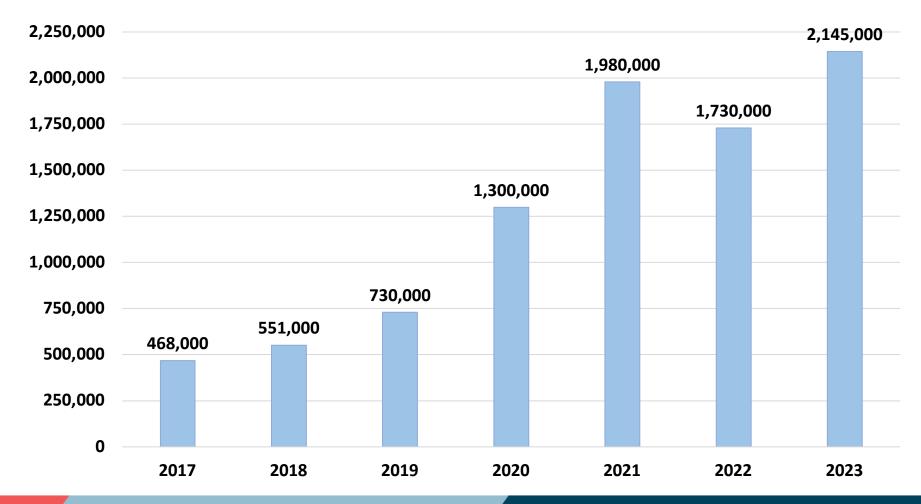
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### Abilene Gives History







### Quick Stats 2023

- All 170 participating nonprofits raised money!
- Average raised per organization: \$18,546
- Average donors per organization: 47
- Average new donors per organization: 8
- Top raising nonprofit:

All Kind Animal Initiative raised \$178,650

"THANK YOU
just doesn't seem
like enough.
We can't wait to
use these funds
to continue
our mission..."

-Participating
Nonprofit

### About matches & challenges

- Matching gifts are pledged donations from generous donors that gamify the giving day experience.
- **Match:** each time an eligible gift is made, a corresponding offline gift is added to our total.
  - Matches can be 1:1, 2:1, etc.
  - Useful for steady momentum





### About matches & challenges

- **Challenge:** when a threshold or goal is met, the pledged donation amount is added to your total.
  - Goal driven such as number of donors, dollar goal, etc.
  - Useful for burst of momentum





#### The benefits

• Organizations with match/challenge funds raise on average **4.5x more** than organizations without a match/challenge

• Matches/challenges motivate potential donors to have a greater impact and spur larger giving





#### The benefits

- Matches create urgency for donors to care about your cause
- Giving days capitalize on rallying people to support your cause; matches give you a leading advantage in gaining donors' support





### How do you make the ask?

- Review your past giving history and look for any donors that have given you over \$500 in past giving days. These are prime candidates to ask for a gift to be used as a match or challenge.
- Match/challenge gifts can have the donor's name (or a business or creative name) attached or be listed as "anonymous."



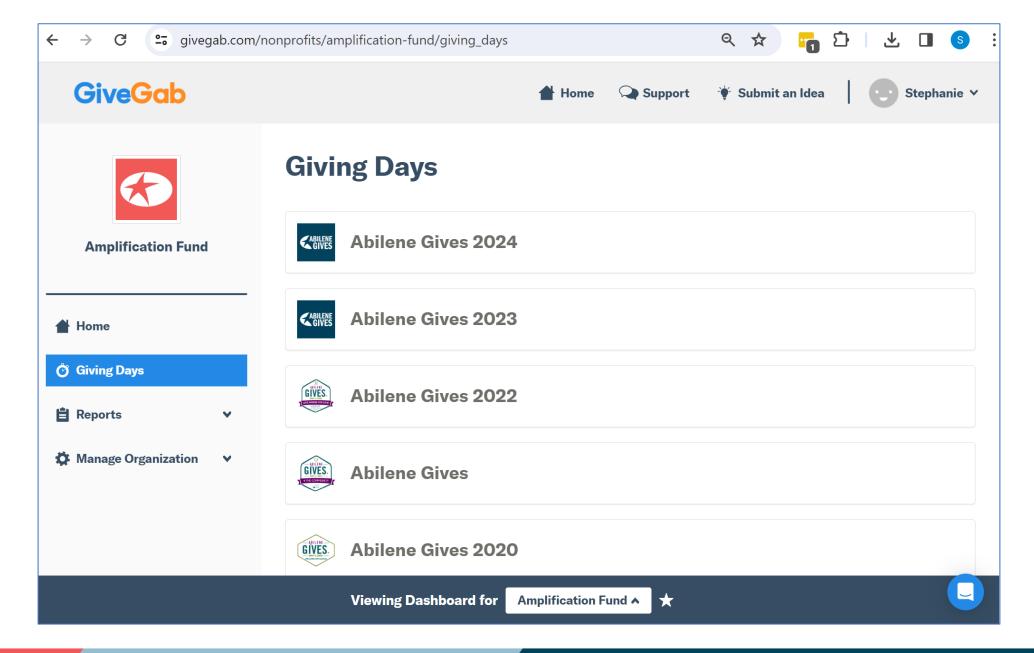


### How do you make the ask?

• The gift must be dated after April 1, 2024, and must have "Abilene Gives" on the memo line.

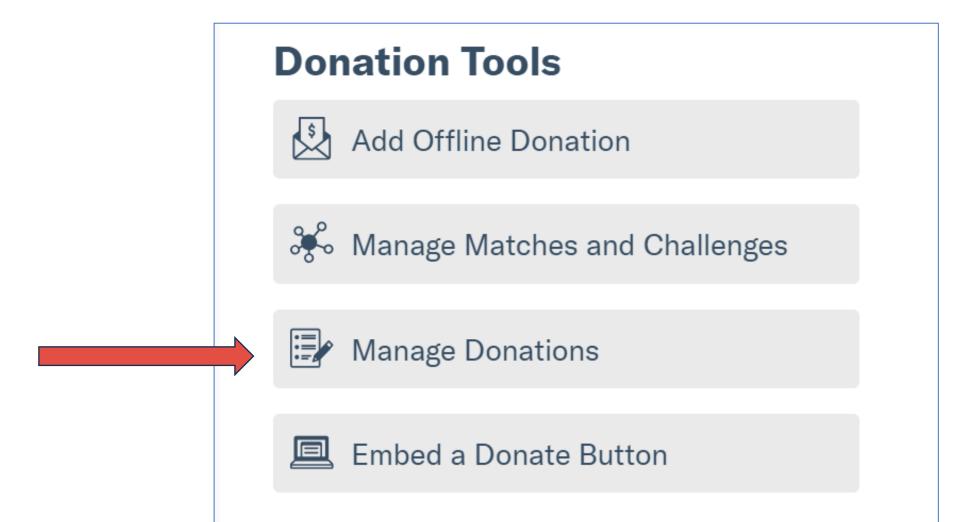






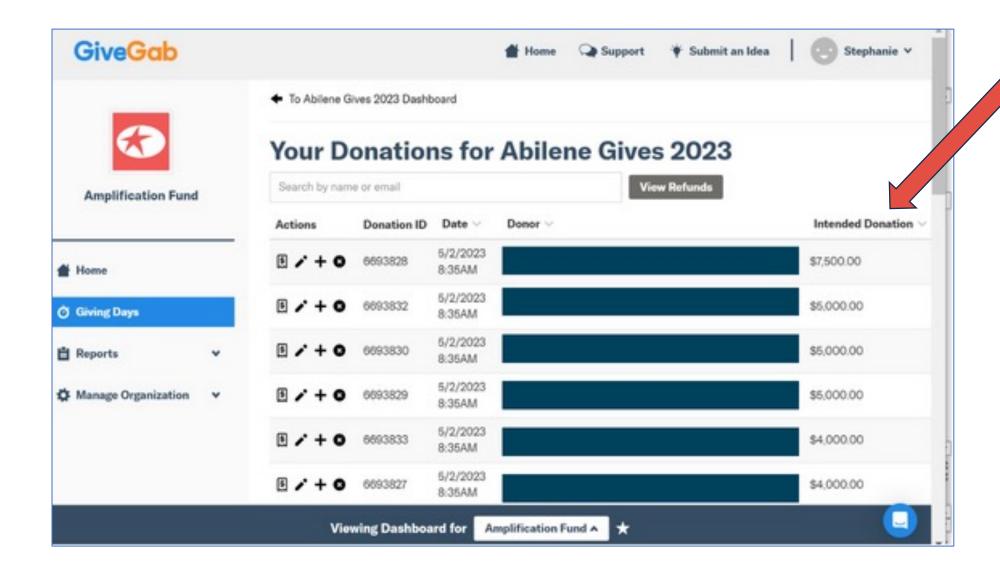
















### Setting up your match/challenge

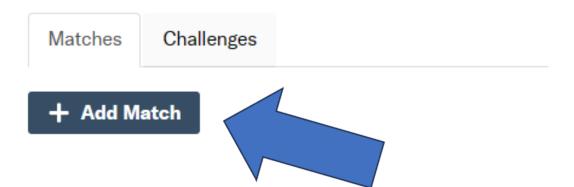
#### **Donation Tools**





#### **Matches and Challenges**

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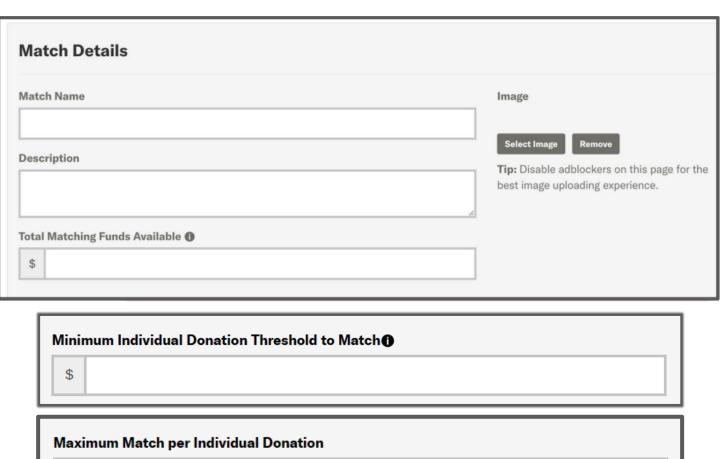






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- Update match details:
  - Match name
  - Description
  - Total funds available
  - Minimum and maximum match per individual donation







- Highlighting match sponsors:
  - Sponsor name
  - Sponsor website
  - Keep anonymous

Sponsor Donor Details	
Sponsor Donor Name Sponsor Donor Name is for your reporting purposes and will not displa	y publicly unless you check the box below.  ☐ Display Sponsor Donor Name Publicly
Sponsor Business URL (optional)	





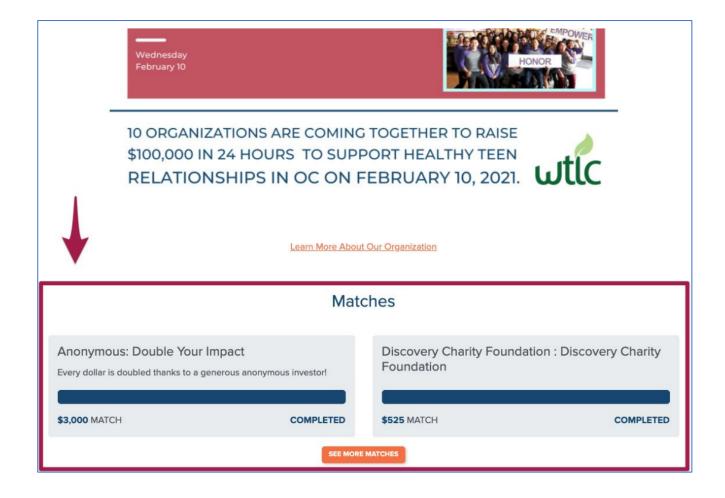
- Update match parameters:
  - Match start time
  - Match end time
  - Auto matching
    - Enables 1:1 donation matching in real time!







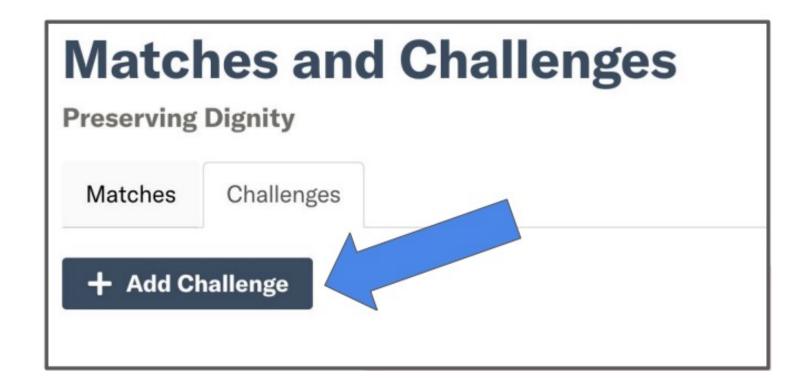
### Match display example







### Setting up your challenges

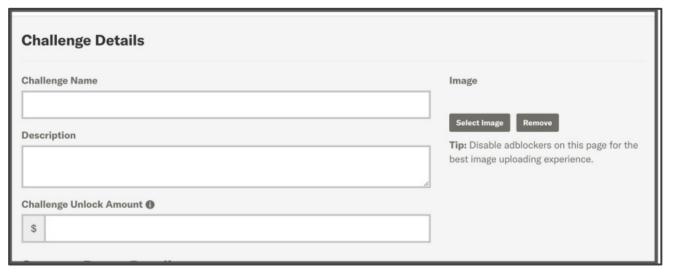






# Setting up your challenges

- Update challenge details:
  - Challenge name
  - Challenge description
  - Sponsor image
  - Challenge unlock
  - Challenge type
  - Challenge goal



Challenge Type	
Dollar Challenge	*
A <b>Dollar Challenge</b> is fulfilled and an offline donation is created when a certain an A <b>Donor Challenge</b> is fulfilled and an offline donation is created when a certain number of the contraction of the	
donors have given. A <b>Donation Challenge</b> is fulfilled and an offline donation is crecertain number of qualifying donations have been made.	ated when a

Challenge Goal	
Have accounted the complete this shallow 40	
How many dollars are needed to complete this challenge?	





### Setting up your challenges

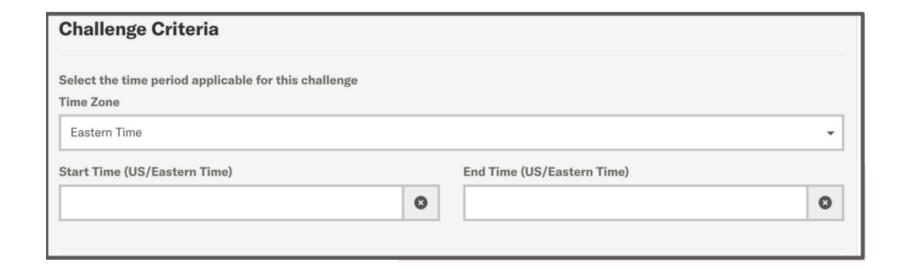
- Highlighting challenge sponsors:
  - Sponsor name
  - Sponsor website
  - Or you can keep anonymous







### Update challenge parameters







#### Get creative!

- You can use matches/challenges in creative ways:
  - \$1:\$1
  - \$2:\$1
  - Number of donors
  - Number of dollars
  - Time specific





#### Match idea: timed match

- Set match parameters to a specific time frame, creating a greater sense of urgency during the day
- Opportunity to engage donors during non-peak hours

#### Late Afternoon Match!

All donations made from 2 pm - 3 pm will be DOUBLED thanks to our generous donor, \_\_\_\_\_!





### Match idea: social engagement

- Encourage more online engagement through a social media match by liking and sharing
- Opportunity to cross-promote with match sponsors' existing social media network and your own

#### Social Superstars Match!

For every like this post receives, our generous board of trustees will donate

\$1 up to \$1,000! Like and share today to help us make a difference!





### Donor Challenge

#### Wag: Happy Pups Challenge

Help us unlock an extra \$5,000 to Logan's Pups with your donation!

115 more donors unlocks \$5,000!

### Dollar Challenge

Lizzy's Pet Supply: Let's boost Logan's Pups!

When Logan's Pups reaches its goal of \$100,000, Lizzy's Pet Supply will give an extra \$10,000!

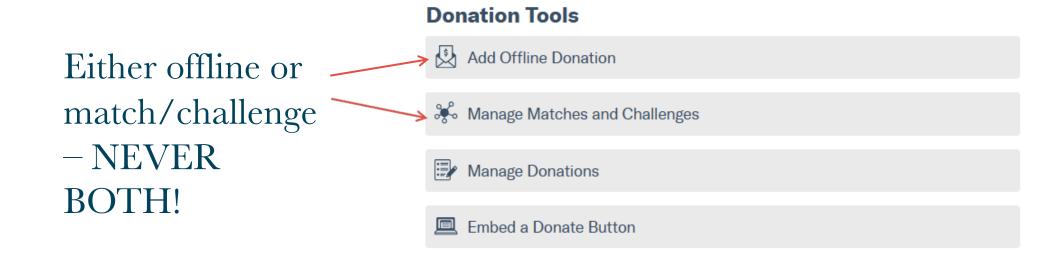
**\$21,298.13** more unlocks **\$10,000**!





### Important tips

- DO NOT enter your match/challenges as an offline donation
- Each gift you collect outside of the website is EITHER entered as an offline donation or a match/challenge, BUT NEVER BOTH!

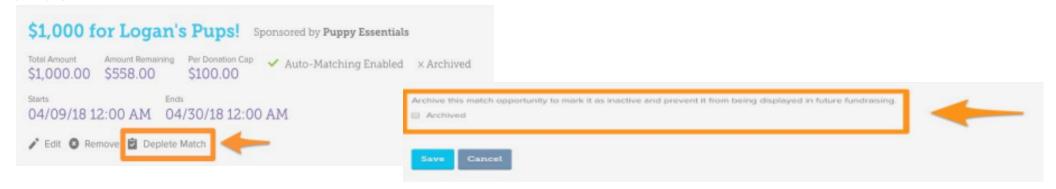






### Important tips

- A match or challenge will remain active for the entire length of the set date and time parameters
- When you no longer wish to display your match or challenge, select the "archive" checkbox within the match or challenge editor







### Depleting your match/challenge

- In the last hour of Abilene Gives, Foundation staff will sweep all of the unearned match/challenge dollars into your total so that you can end the day with the highest possible total
- If you are actively using the match/challenge as an incentive up to the last few minutes, please contact Michelle Parrish, mparrish@cfabilene.org





### New for 2024

- Peer-to-Peer fundraiser (P2P) leaderboard!
  - Why?
    - Nonprofits using P2P fundraisers raised on average
       1.7x more than those who did not use P2P fundraisers in 2023
    - For each P2P fundraiser, a nonprofit gains 4 new donors





#### Who to ask?

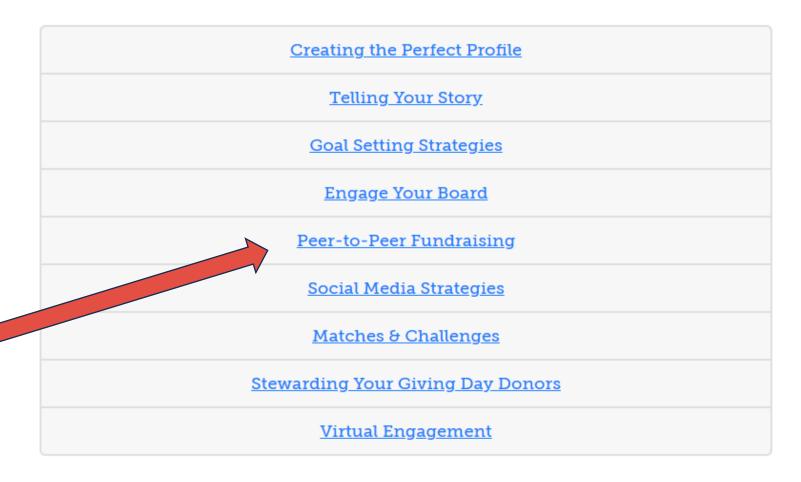
- The biggest advocates for your cause:
  - Board members
  - Volunteers
  - Lower capacity donors
  - Major donors (who have recently given you a gift)
  - Staff members
  - Friends and family





- Go to Abilene Gives. org
- Click on Menu (top right corner)
- Select Trainings
- Scroll to the Bottom to "Giving Day Training Videos"
- Click on "Peer-to-Peer Fundraising"

#### Giving Day Training Videos







### Abilene Gives expert tips

- Have online profile complete by Monday, April 15
- Make the donor the hero in your communications
  - Use "you" twice as much as you use "we"
- Share examples of impact that include personal stories
- Make your social media content easy to understand and authentic
  - Professionally created videos do not tend trend well on social media
- Pull past giving day history to ensure that previous year's donors





## Questions?





- Social media contests release TOMORROW!
  - Use #AbileneGives
  - o Official entries are submitted by email to Emerald

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(ecassidy@cfabilene.org)
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- O Share visuals via Dropbox or Google Drive (check permissions)
- o See official campaign rules on the prizes page





- Full list of giving day prizes no later than April 16
- (Last webinar) Q&A with CFA, April 17
- Deadline to Register for Abilene Gives, April 16
  - o Cost is \$150; Payment due at the time of registration
  - o Must be verified before early giving begins





- Profile complete by Monday, April 15
- Media opportunities Monday, April 22 Tuesday, May 7
  - o Complete online form (bit.ly/2ME5FJ97) to let us know if you
    - are hosting a giving day event or have a story to pitch to media.





- Early Giving Monday, April 29 May 7
- Giving day kick-off breakfast sponsored by First Financial Bank and First Financial Trust **Tuesday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.**
- Submit offline gift verification form to the Foundation by May
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