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# Food Bank Benchmarking



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### Today's Agenda

- Information vs Insights
- FY20 Food Bank Donor Performance Benchmarks



## **Information vs. Insights**

### A fundamental question...

• Are the findings of the Strategic Growth Analysis to provide information or insights?

## WHAT WHY & WHAT NOW



### **Information vs. Insights**

#### <u>Reporting</u>:

- Presents facts often without context.
- Answers simple questions and creates new ones.

#### • Analysis:

- Explains patterns
- Finds problems
- Identifies opportunity



## Let's play a game... A or B

#### **Donor 5-Year Value – Choose Blue or Orange**





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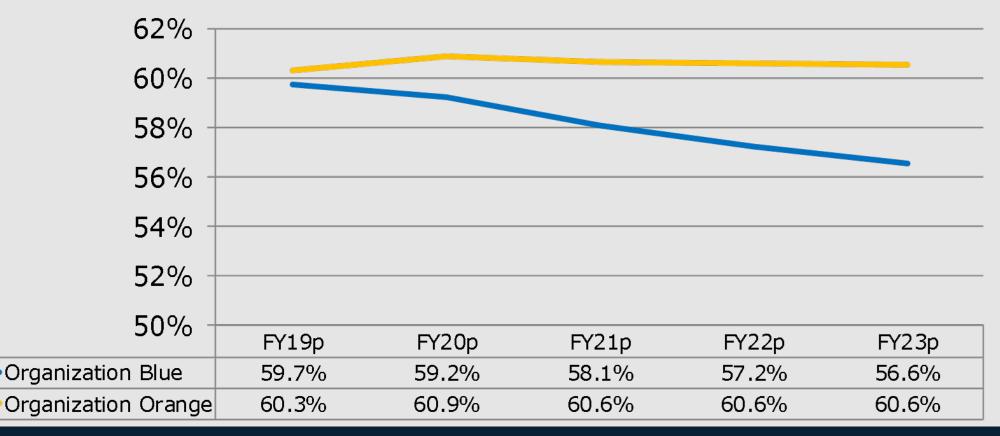




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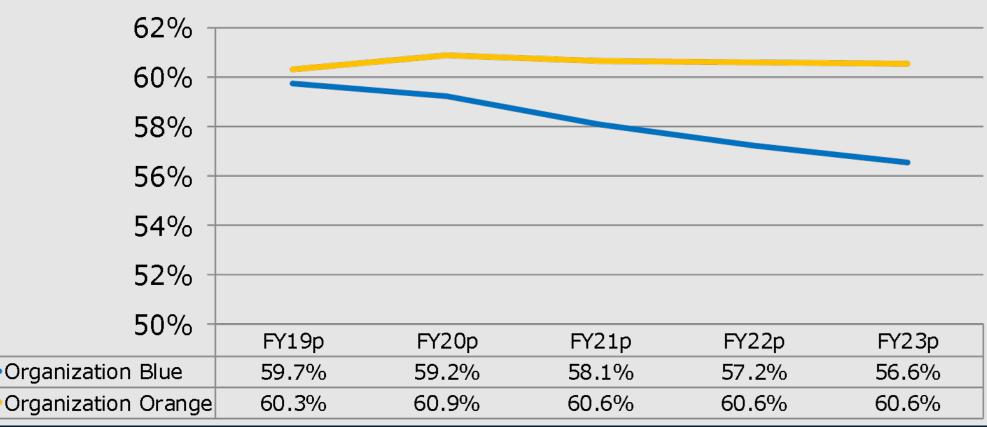
#### **Overall Donor Retention – Choose Blue or Orange**

#### **Overall Retention of 0-12 Month Active Donors**





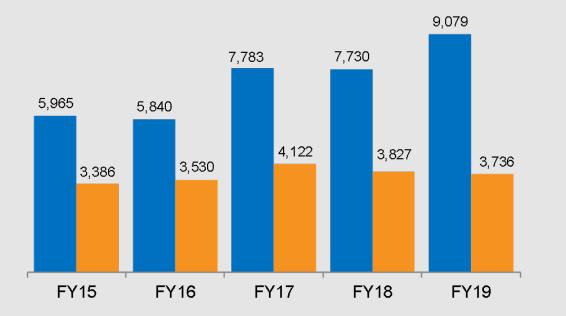
#### Are you sure?



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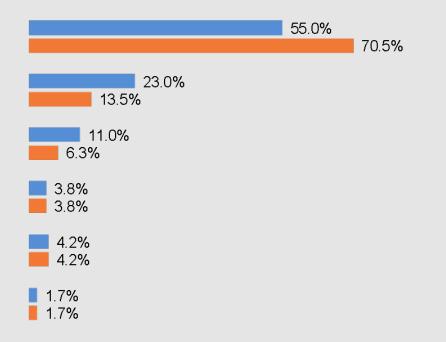


### Lifecycle Mix



#### **New Donors Acquired**

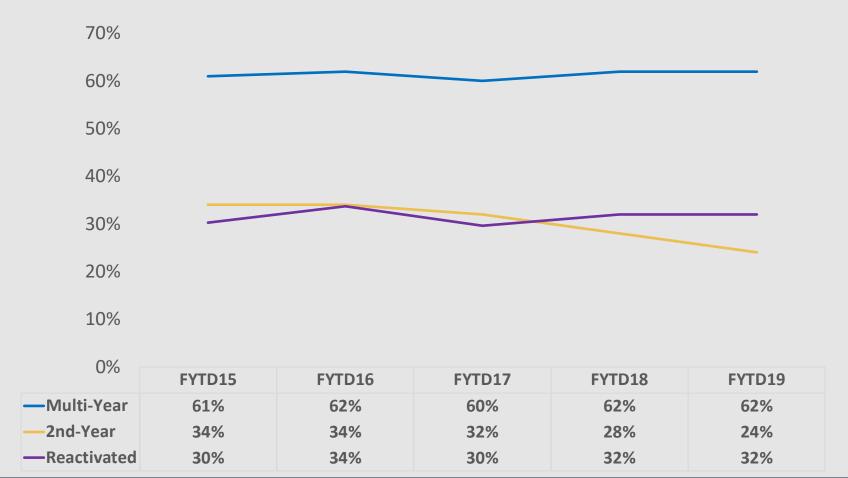
#### % of Active Donors by Lifecycle





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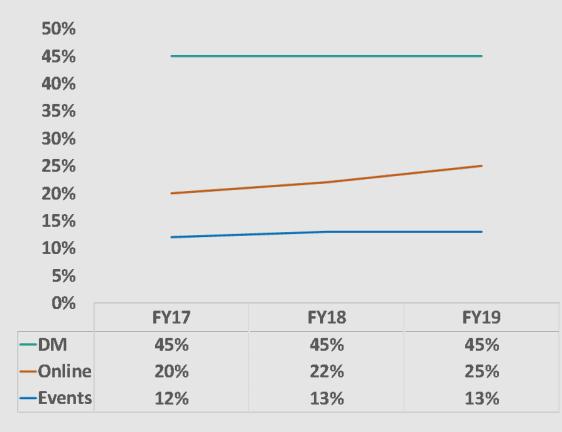
#### **2nd Year Retention – Crisis or Not?**



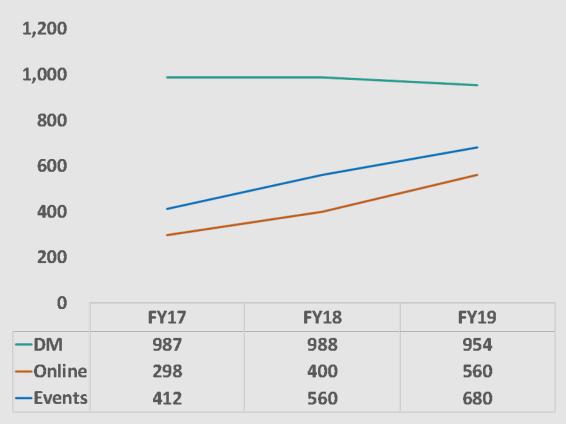


### **Channel Mix**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Retention



#### **New Donors by Channel**







#### No slide or metric exists in a vacuum.

## Each one informs the others if you know where to look and can ask the right questions.



## FY20 Food Bank Donor Performance Benchmarks

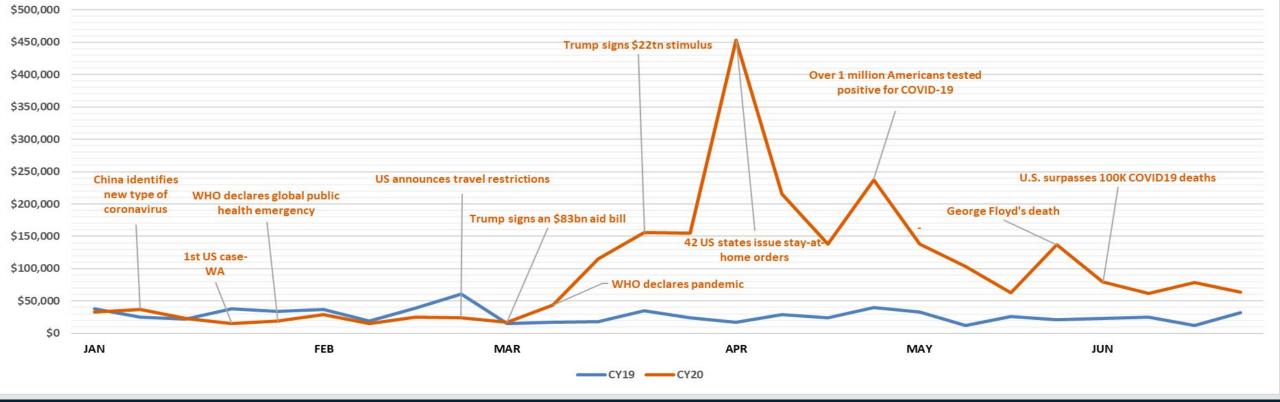
### **Revenue Index (Gifts under \$5,000)**





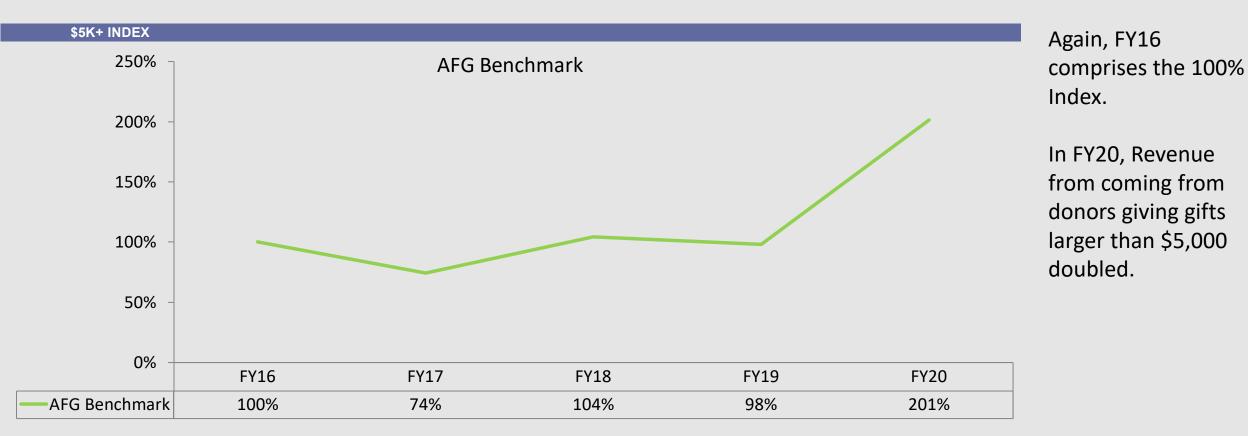
### **Revenue by Week: January - June 2020**





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### **Revenue Index (Gifts of \$5,000+)**



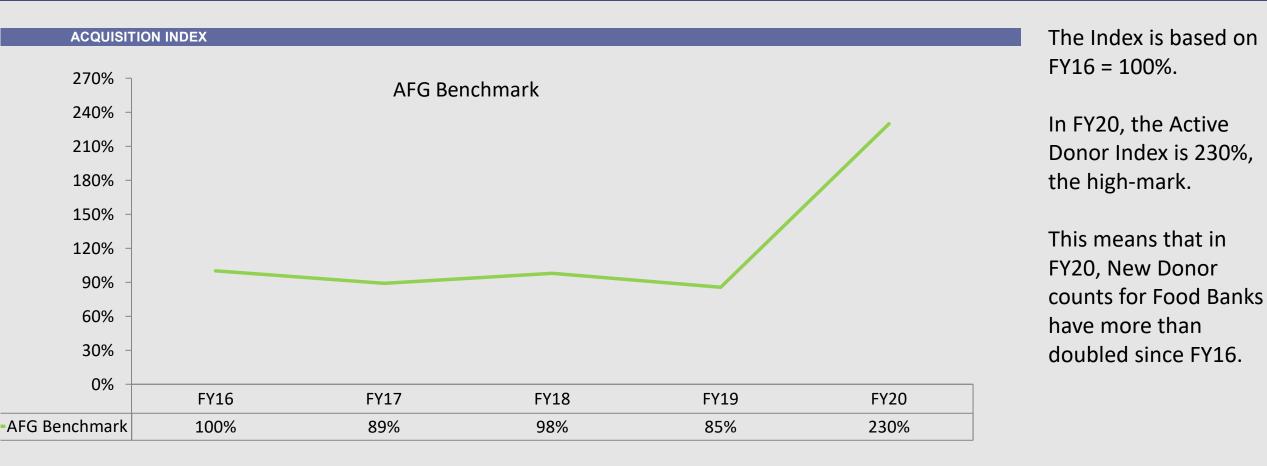


#### **Active Donor Index**



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#### **New Donor Index**





#### Insights

1. <u>Key Finding</u>: On average, Food Banks acquired double the New Donors in FY20 – most of these donors were acquired online because of COVID19.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Include these New Donors in both direct mail and ecultivation streams.

<u>Expected Outcome</u>: Donors cultivated in multiple-channels retain better than donors cultivated in single-channel efforts. The goal should be to match the 31% second year retention rate of online acquired donors in FY21.



#### **Revenue per Active Donor**



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#### **Average Gift Size**





#### **Average Gift Size – New Donors**





#### Insights

 Key Finding: New Donor average gift size increased dramatically in response to COVID19 – however, retention, not average gift size – will fuel revenue in FY21 and beyond.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Conduct gift ask table testing with newly acquired donors to maximize response.

<u>Expected Outcome</u>: In crises, donors often give larger than normal gifts. Don't assume that they will continue to give similar gift amounts. Testing gift ask tables will optimize retention.



#### **Average Gift Size – Reactivated Donors**



The average gift size of Reactivated Donors have also increased, at a very strong \$147 in FY20.

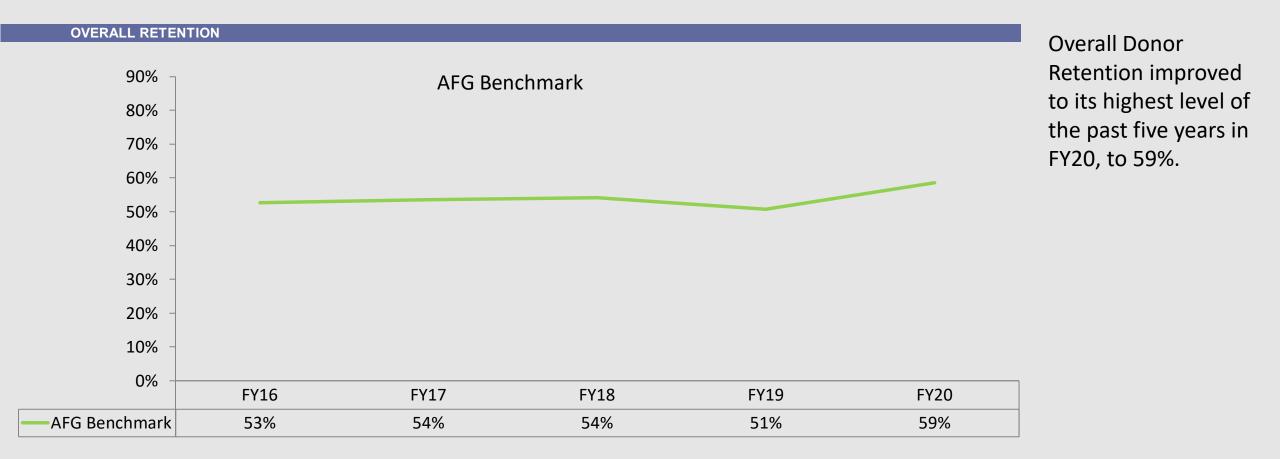


#### **Average Gift Frequency**





#### **Average Donor Retention**





#### **Average Second Year Donor Retention**

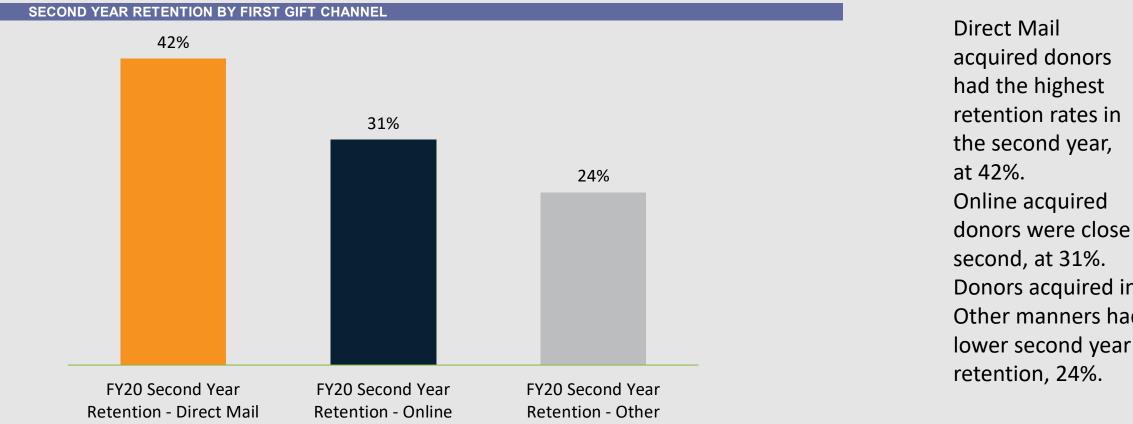
**2ND YEAR RETENTION** 



Second Year Donor Retention has ranged from 27-33% over the analysis period.



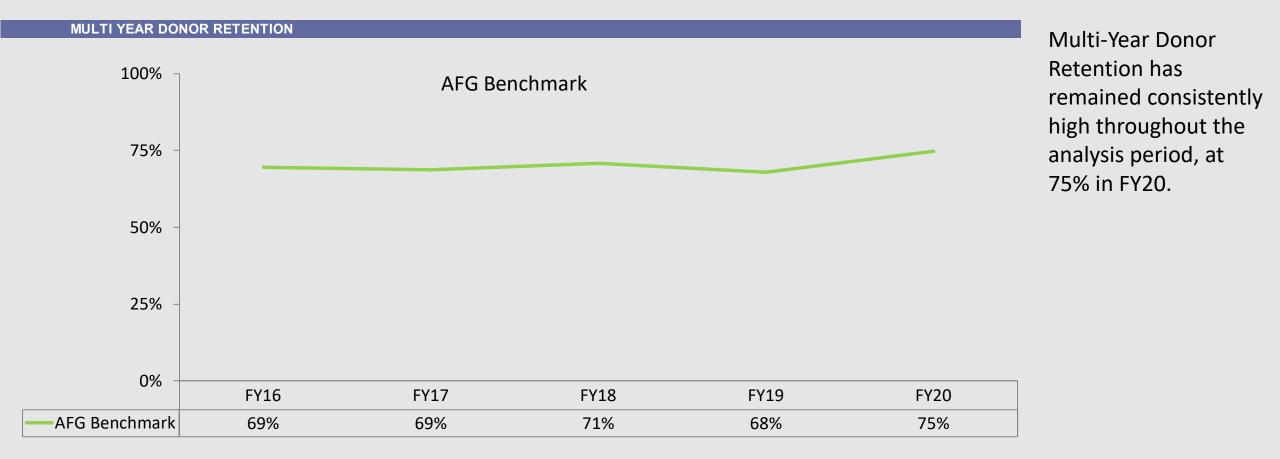
#### Second Year Donor Retention By First Gift Channel





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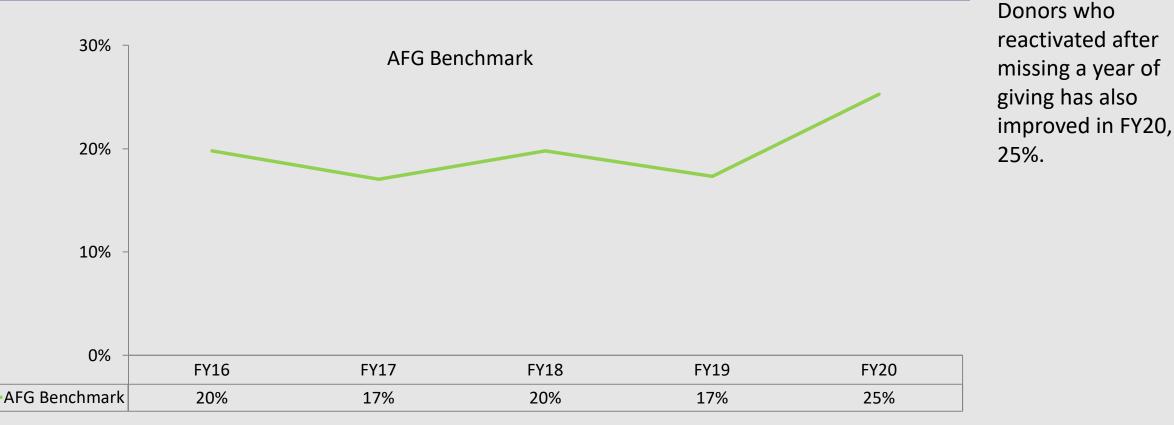
#### **Average Multi-Year Donor Retention**





#### **Average 13-24 Lapsed Donor Reactivation**





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#### Insights

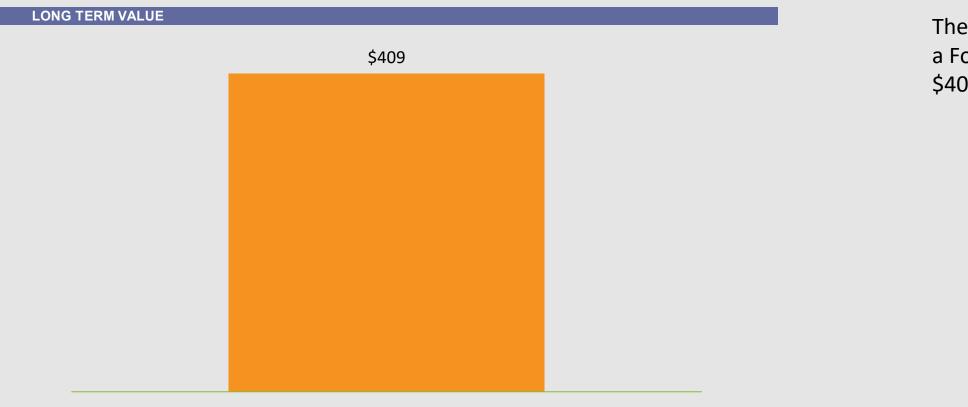
3. <u>Key Finding</u>: File sizes for Food Banks grew by 50% this year.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Prioritize major donor prospects via modeling and wealth screening.

<u>Expected Outcome</u>: It is likely there is a number of donors on your file that have capacity for large gifts. Knowing who and how to cultivate these large gift donors during the COVID19 crisis will allow your organization to better meet the needs of your community.



#### **Five Year Donor Value**



The Five-Year Value of a Food Bank donor is \$409.

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#### Three Year Donor Value By First Gift Channel



The 3-Year value of donors acquired via Direct Mail was \$227, versus Online donors at \$404. Donors acquired via other methods (events, telemarketing, white mail) were just under \$300.

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#### How can I get this data for my own Food Bank?

• The data in this presentation was gleaned from Strategic Growth Analyses (SGA) performed for our clients. If you would like to learn more about the SGA and how we can analyze your donor data email: <u>llowe@allegiancefundraising.com</u>



## **Questions?**