

# Annual Giving/Annual Fund

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### Purpose/Mission

- ★ Acquire, upgrade, and renew donors to the University
- → Provide thoughtful and compelling communications and stewardship
- → Identify, cultivate, and connect future major and planned gift donors to our colleagues

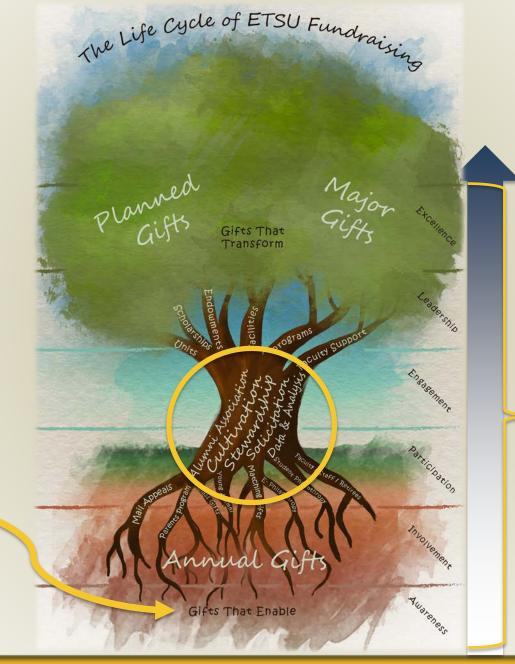


### Key Strategies

- → Broaden the base of participation, alumni in particular
- → Instill a habit of giving among donors
- **→** Collaborate effectively with units
- → Increase Annual Fund production







Interest Gauge





### What is the ETSU Annual Fund?

- → Year-round fundraisir
- **→** Annual, or recurrir
- → Typically up to \$1,000
- → Intended for current-year
  - Does not raise funds for endown
- → Doesn't shift focus during a camp.





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#### **→** Phonathon

- September to November an
- > About 50,000 alumni hov
- Conducted by the Appl
- Follow-up letters and

#### **→** Direct Mail

- College/School letters the
- "Simple Simon" mailers to no.
- End-of-year letter and calendar
- > Other targeted Mailings



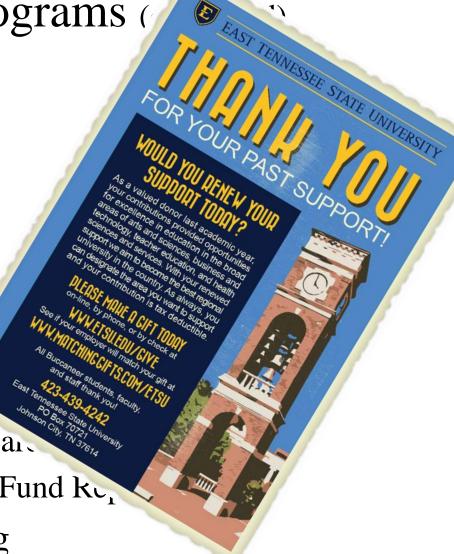




Annual Fund Programs

→ e-Philanthropy

- On-line Giving
- Mobile App
- Mass e-mails
- Crowdfunding
- **→** Stewardship
  - > First-time Givers
  - Consecutive-year Given
  - Tracking of Scholarship Awar
  - Endowment and Restricted Fund ke
- Corporate Matching Giving





Annual Fund Progr (continued) **→** Student Philanthropy **Class Gifts** Events/Visibility Club/Council? "Mind the Gap" **→** Parents Association > Collaborate with Student Ata. **→** New Alumni Collaborate with Alumni Association





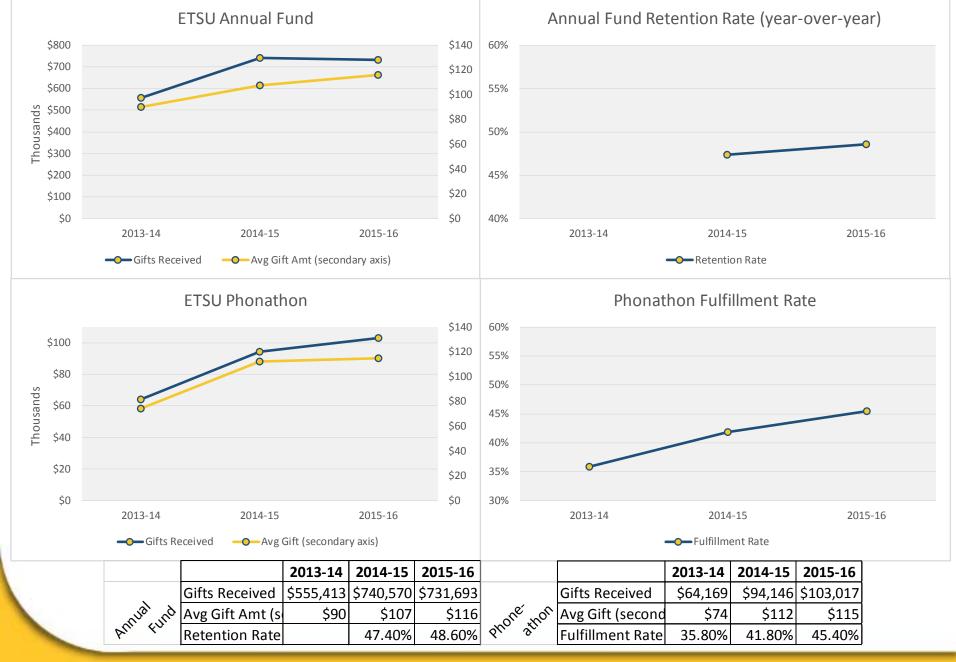
### Summary

- ★ Annual Giving acquires, upgrades, and renews donors
- ★ We use a series of activities to motivate givers and build the "giving muscle" among our donors
- ★ Employ good financial management to ensure maximum ROI
- → Indicators all point in a positive direction



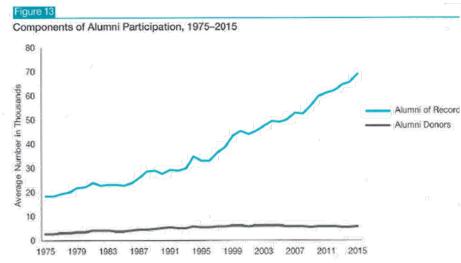
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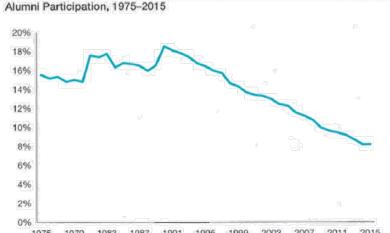




Alumni participation is calculated by dividing the number of alumni donors by the alumni of record. As illustrated in Figure 13, the denominator has been rising much faster than the numerator.

**Source**: 2015 Voluntary Support of Education, Council for Aid to Education (CAE)

#### Figure 14



- Technology facilitates the acquisition of accurate addresses.
- It is a greater challenge to cultivate a new donor than it is to acquire a new address.
   So, even in years when the number of alumni donors increases, that number rarely increases more than the number of alumni of record.
- So, alumni participation in itself is not, therefore, a measure of alumni loyalty.



Comparative Data - TBR Universities, plus Clemson, Tennessee, and Wake  As reported by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE)						
<u>Alumni</u> Participation Rate						
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Austin Peay State University (Clarksville, TN)	6.40%	6.30%	5.80%	3.20%	3.60%	
East Tennessee State University (Johnson City, TN)	3.80%	3.10%	3.00%	3.30%	3.60%	3.10%
Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, TN)	5.20%	5.50%	5.40%	4.80%	4.10%	
Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN)	3.90%	5.00%	4.10%	5.80%	4.70%	
Tennessee Technological University (Cookeville, TN)	8.70%	8.40%	7.70%	7.10%	7.30%	
University of Memphis (Memphis, TN)	5.80%	5.90%	5.30%	4.90%	5.50%	
University of Tennessee System (Knoxville, TN)					8.70%	
Clemson University (Clemson, SC)	19.90%	17.80%	11.50%	13.30%	12.60%	
Wake Forest (Winston Salem, NC)	22.20%	21.00%	20.50%	19.80%	18.30%	
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