

## *"Who is it that can tell me who I am?"*

— King Lear, Act 1, Scene 4



#### What's my brand











A promise an organization makes that shapes its relationship with its stakeholders based on its identity and personality.



A discipline for thinking,
 communicating and behaving as one
 enterprise with a unified mission.



**Decoding a brand** 

Brand essence

□ Brand promise

Brand personality



#### Brand essence

DEF: The heart and soul of a brand; its fundamental characteristics.

#### **Examples**



Nike: Authentic Athletic Performance



Hallmark: Caring Shared



**Disney:** Fun Family Entertainment



Starbucks: Reward Everyday Moments



**Brand essence** 

#### **Examples**



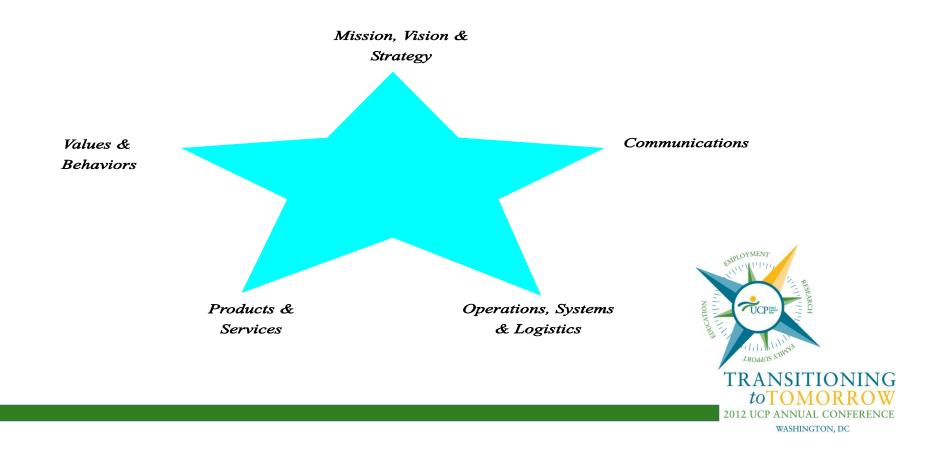
#### Nature Conservancy: Saving Great Places







**DEF:** The relevant differentiating benefits the brand promises to deliver to the target audience.



**DEF:** The adjectives that describe the brand.

What adjectives would you use for the following:



WASHINGTON, DC

UCP

Understanding & managing attention is now the single most important determination of organizational success.

Today's society has:

An info-stressed public

□ Competition (internal and external)

Ambient noise

Every day we deal with a shortened attention span



#### **Branding & the environment**

#### **Consider the following:**

□ 71 percent of white collar workers are stressed by the information they receive

□ 60 percent feel overwhelmed

□ In Q3 of FY 2011, the US Patent and Trademark Office issued 176,000 trademarks with close to 300,000 applications pending–430,000 more than in 1983 (*Trademarks Dashboard, USPTO*)



#### So ... How do we get above the noise





Three important attributes for an effective Brand

- □ Consistency: Brands must have a consistent look and feel. (fonts, styles, slogans, graphic imagery)
- Continuity: Brands must manage evidence of continuity in a discontinuous environment (emotional response, stability)
- Frequency: Brands must be present enough to develop a presence.



How does an organization shape a brand?

**Target audience:** Define the target customer.

□ **Brand essence:** Define the heart and soul of your organization.

□ Brand promise: Develop the relevant differentiating benefits the brand promises to deliver to the target audience.

□ Brand personality: Describe the brand as if it were a person.



#### Brand positioning



#### The Nature Conservancy

#### **Target Audience:**

Affluent people concerned about environmental conservation
 Opinion Leaders.

#### **Brand Essence:**

□ Saving Great Places

#### **Brand Promise:**

Only The Nature Conservancy has the expertise and resources to work in creative partnership with local communities in the United States and internationally with exceptional range and agility to conserve the most important places for future generations.





#### The Nature Conservancy

#### Brand Personality:

- □ Science-driven
- Results oriented, action oriented
- Entrepreneurial
- Focused
- A good ally, a reliable partner
- Possessing integrity
- Businesslike, professional
- □ Hard working, persistent, tireless, dedicated
- Desitive, constructive, non-confrontational

(Brand Aid, VanAuken, 2003)



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#### Who are you most trying to reach

(target audience)

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#### At its core, What is UCP all about



(brand essence)



#### What makes UCP different



(brand promise)



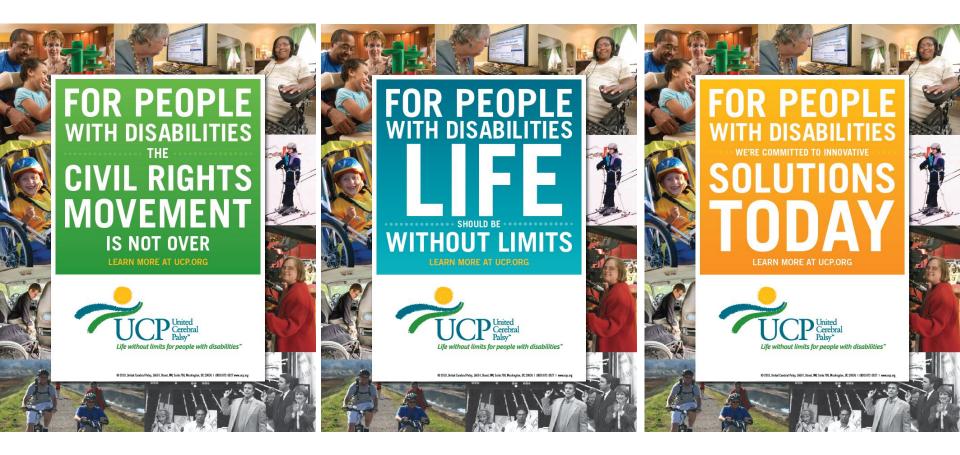
## Can you describe your affiliates personality in 15<

(brand personality)

## People don't buy a product, service or idea.

### They buy the story that's attached to it.





#### **Telling the UCP Story**



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#### Understand Autism

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**Decoding your story** 

#### Why does UCP matter





- In times of financial crisis, whether organizationally or globally, the most important thing to do is to return to mission.
- Develop messages, themes and scripts around why we need our donors now more than ever and why they need us.



**Decoding your story** 

#### What would happen if our funding disappeared



(WHAT PROGRAMS WOULD BE LOST? WHAT WOULD THAT MEAN?)



**Decoding your story** 

## Why are YOU here



□ In the best of times, those we're trying to persuade know a "used car salesperson" when they see one.

Translating the organization's narrative into a personal passion is vital.



Make the mission come alive

Many organizations are creating new educational opportunities to share the mission with donors.

Retreats, exclusive updates on information, access to key organizational moments.



What has worked for you?

□ What have you done or what new ways can UCP share the mission with stakeholders?

What have you or what could UCP do to show stakeholders they are valued?



**Branding Successes** 

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#### **Getting started**

#### Be clear internally

- □ Solidify your mission, vision and values
- Define your preferred position in the competitive landscape
- Agree on what constituent groups/target markets matter most
  - and know what you'd like them to do
- Get your story straight, simple and portable
  - Game of "telephone" is more complex
  - □ Distill message to "irreducible, indestructible, memorable core"
  - $\hfill\square$  Make it easy for people to share what you
    - want shared



□ Identify ways for people to share what they care about

□ Everyone doesn't care about everything

Segment your offering and your story, sharing what matters to each constituent group

#### Appeal to a higher power

Brand advocates share when it reinforces their personal brand
 If you help audience members see themselves in your brand,
 they will share it: verbally, tweet it, post it.



#### Design (consistently) to differentiate

Use a comprehensive approach to type, color, imagery, design
 Those are the elements we control

□ Shared visual language is the "glue" to connect blogs, Twitter

posts, and other social media outposts



Unflaggingly supply vision and context

Find stories that support your main message points
Weave them into the media you control
If you don't tell your story, someone else will

#### □ Foster dialogue

Monitor the media that provide feedback (web, social media)

Engage disgruntled consumers and find ways

to celebrate with those who love you



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#### **Getting started**

#### Engage your organization

Utilize all your ambassadors

□ Make sure staff knows what you're trying to accomplish

Create vehicles that allow internal stakeholders to participate with pride

 Move forward, step back and evaluate ... proceed
 Branding is a dynamic and continuous process
 Stay with a strategy long enough to see if it's working





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