# INCREASE PLANNED GIVING VISIBILITY IN YOUR MARKET

Before you deliver a presentation, host an event, plan a board meeting, or meet with a donor, ask yourself...

"How can I incorporate a planned giving component?"

# **Correspondence**

### Gift Legacy Newsletter:

• Be sure to add your Board of Directors, key volunteers, and prospective donors to the "Gift Legacy" newsletter.

#### Letters/E-Mail:

- Add "Remember March of Dimes in your will" to your local market letterhead.
- Include a P.S. "Tag Line" in emails and letters:
  - P.S. A will is powerful...put March of Dimes in yours. Visit http://www.marchofdimes.org/giving/planned-giving.aspx for more information.
  - P.S. Please remember to include March of Dimes in your will or trust.

    Visit http://www.marchofdimes.org/giving/planned-giving.aspx for more information.
  - P.S. Create a legacy by leaving a bequest to March of Dimes
     Visit http://www.marchofdimes.org/giving/planned-giving.aspx for more information.
  - P.S. Give a Fighting Chance to Every Baby. Remember March of Dimes in your will or trust. Visit http://www.marchofdimes.org/giving/planned-giving.aspx for more information.

## Already Planned Market E-Mails & Mailings:

- Include a Planned Giving Ad in your regularly scheduled Market newsletter.
- Add in a Planned Giving brochure or one pager with any already scheduled March of Dimes' supporter mailings.
- Be sure to highlight local supporters who have committed to planned giving as a spotlight in your already scheduled Market newsletter.

# **Events, Board Meetings, & Presentations**

#### Materials and Contact Information:

- Display Planned Giving brochures at all events sponsored by March of Dimes.
- Include Planned Giving brochures in all event participant packets or handouts.
- Include the name and contact information of Planned Giving Director on printed materials and local market office staff listing.

#### Legacy Circle Recognition

- Have all Legacy Circle donors wear a lapel pin and be publicly recognized at all events or Board of Directors meetings.
- Present certificates to Legacy Circle donors at events or meetings soon after they commit.
- Host a small reception/gathering to thank Legacy Circle donors annually.
  - This can be used to invite prospects as well.

#### **Presentations**

• Include a Planned Giving moment at all Board of Directors meetings

# **Professional Advisor Outreach**

## Prospecting and Networking

- Consider adding local professional advisors (Attorneys, Trust Officers, etc) to your pipeline for prospective March of Dimes' supporters
- Develop bequest interest packets and have volunteers deliver to local professional advisor offices
- Keep local professional advisors on your event invitation lists

# <u>Partnering with March of Dimes' Planned Giving Director</u>

## Guest Speaker Opportunity

- Invite March of Dimes' Planned Giving Director to your next Board Meeting to speak about becoming a Legacy Circle donor.
- Invite March of Dimes' Planned Giving Director to your next fundraising event to network with donors to help prospect Legacy Circle donors.

#### Contact Information

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