

# Employee Engagement in Social Impact

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# Allison is **different** by design?

Our approach: Authenticity Responsibility

Transparency

From unlocking insights to inspiring hearts and minds –and everything in between

Everything we do is designed to create meaningful change and impact for our clients.





# **Local** and **National** expertise. Global **impact**.

Our reach extends across **diverse markets, cultures and landscapes**. We bring a comprehensive vantage point to every client engagement, adding depth to our solutions and expanding our nonprofit clients' horizons.



# Nonprofit **Clients** we have worked with



## Percent Pledge is your platform and partner.

#### **Giving Platform**

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	Cause Portfolios	ABC Cares Portfolio
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Matching Donations Disaster Relief Campaigns Employee Gifting

#### **Volunteering Platform**

Find your perfect	volunteer opportunity	4
Search 100,000+ volunte	er events	
Enter your city or zip code		a 🖤 丿
	Powered by:	E E
	VolumentMatch	

Volunteer Management VTO Tracking & Reporting VolunteerMatch Database

#### **Volunteer Events**



Volunteer Service Days Virtual Volunteering Heritage Month Events

Percent Pledge.

## Five reasons why companies choose Percent Pledge:

- ✓ **All-in-one** Donations, volunteering, and events.
- ✓ **Fast to set up** Live in days, not months.
- ✓ **Easy to use** No training required.
- ✓ **Expert Support** Dedicated Social Impact Managers.
- ✓ Zero donation fees.



## **Customers are happy and successful.**



**90%** engagement in global Workplace Giving & Volunteering.

### vimeo

**200%** increase in global matching donation participation.

### **∕**sense

**16** volunteer events completed in **16** global sites within first month.

#### BOMARIN

**3,600+** hours served in first months of VTO program.

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**3,419%** over fundraising goal in their Annual Giving Challenge.



**70%** engagement in global Workplace Giving & Volunteering.





The stakes have never been higher for nonprofits Demand for services is **unprecedented** and yet it's the most challenging environment in decades.

# -3.4%

AMOUNT DONATIONS FELL IN 2022 - ONLY THE FOURTH TIME THERE WAS A DECLINE IN 40 YEARS

# 41.5%

OF DONORS CITE WORD-OF-MOUTH AS KEY DRIVER IN NONPROFIT AWARENESS

# 86%

OF NONPROFITS REPORTING DIFFICULTY IN RETAINING EMPLOYEES

# 25%

NUMBER OF NONPROFITS PROJECTING A DEFICIT THIS YEAR DUE TO HIGH COSTS + LOWER CONTRIBUTIONS **68%** 

OF NONPROFITS IDENTIFY AS TECH LAGGARDS, WHILE 75% BELIEVE DIGITAL ADVANCES ARE ESSENTIAL TO FUTURE SUCCESS 91%

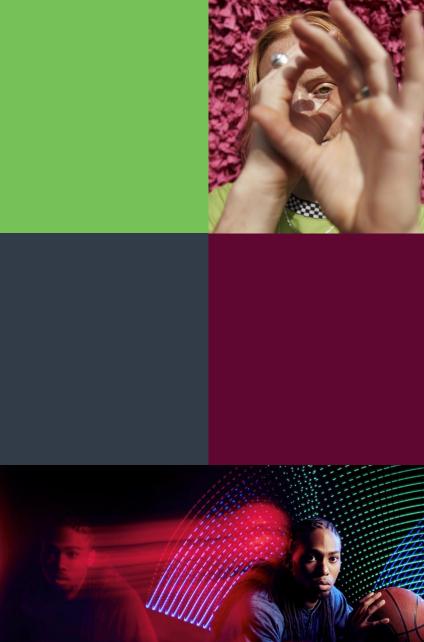
OF FUNDRAISING EVENT ATTENDEES THAT TAKE FURTHER ACTION AFTER A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE

# Awareness Connects Us

PEOPLE CARE, AND THEY EXPECT BUSINESSES TO CARE, TOO

## AUTHENTICITY ROOTED IN IS A NECESSITY, HUMAN NOT A NICE- CONNECTION TO-HAVE

There's never been more focus on social causes than there is today – an upshot from the pandemic, which saw businesses to step and support organizations in their communities and on a global scale. Collaborations between nonprofits, government agencies + corporations are meaningful and significant; engagement requires strategic planning and coordination to capture the right sentiments. Businesses want to align with the right causes to complement their own missions, values and culture – They use their ESG reporting and ERGs to build awareness and demonstrate their impact.



93% of employees say it is important their companies to offer opportunities to

give back and support causes.

98% of employees would like to donate and/or volunteer at work.

88% of employees say volunteering contributes to their persona and

professional development.

\*20,000+ employees surveyed



The top 3 causes employees care about most are:

Environment

Youth & education

Hunger & homelessness



Volunteering is the new corporate giving:

81% of employees want to volunteer at work

62% of employees want to donate at work

Addressing the awareness gap: (low participation is due to awareness)

Despite **98% of employees** say they would like to engage in social impact at work, only **23% of employees** say they were aware of opportunities to do so.



Bridging the timing gap: (low participation is due to awareness)

**81% of employees** would like to volunteer at work, but 46% of employees feel they do not have time or are not given time to volunteer at work.



Employees crave in-person connection:

62% of employees would prefer to volunteer in-person with colleagues

Employees crave meaningful, face-to-face connections, making in-person volunteering events a highly effective "team bonding on steroids" opportunity.

Companies driving return-to-office initiatives can strategically leverage these events to foster deeper employee engagement and smoother workplace transitions.



# **BUILDING AN AUTHENTIC MODEL**



# CASE STUDIES

## How a Global Pharma client unlocked volunteer engagement.

BioPharma



Volunteering Platform

#### **Objectives:**

• Increase volunteer engagement

Global

- Add a new VTO benefit (1 day per employee per year)
- Find a platform with global volunteer opportunities
- Find a platform to automate VTO reporting

#### **Outcomes:**

- Launched with Percent Pledge in March 2023
- Achieved the following results in just 9 months
- Completed a multi-year partnership extension





### **Impact results from Percent Pledge partners**

Magnite offers matching donations and saw 78% participation worldwide.

Suzy achieved 100% employee engagement in its Suzy Cares program.

**Liftoff** reached 40% employee engagement in global giving and volunteering within its first 6 months.

Identity Digital enjoys 88% employee volunteer engagement and plants a tree for every employee volunteer hour. Integral Ad Science hosted 20 corporate volunteer events and increased employee volunteer hours by 102%



# **SPECIAL OLYMPICS / ALLISON WORLDWIDE PARTNERSHIP**

In 2022, Allison Worldwide announced a multi-year partnership with Special Olympics to increase brand awareness for the organization's programming, while creating a unified philanthropic and engagement effort across the agency. Built around shared purpose-driven objectives of global inclusion, the partnership has contributed volunteer matching opportunities in addition to paid public relations support and access to specialized services annually, including a significant commitment in 2025.

Year three brought deeper engagement with growth in number of offices participating, number of activations and the development of bespoke chapter relationships.



## **ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS**

# 520+ 70+ 10

HOURS VOLUNTEERED WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**ALLISON EMPLOYEES** VOLUNTEERED

**OFFICES ENGAGED GLOBALLY** 



# WORLD GAMES MEDIA RELATIONS SUPPORT

### Latin America

Our Latin America team spanning Central America, Caribbean and Ecuador developed a media plan and trained spokespersons in their Costa Rica offices for World Games. The plan included two press releases and tailored outreach around regional athletes. The team's efforts resulted in more than 90 pieces of coverage including top outlets like Teletica, La Teja, CR Hoy, Zox, La Esquina 506, and more.

In 2024 our Latin American team supported Special Olympics first Latin American regional games with media outreach, social posts, and press releases. Our team secured a sponsor for a Costa Rican girl who will represent the country with Special Olympics for beach volleyball. Unlike other athletes, the girl lives in a shelter and doesn't have access to the same resources as her teammates, so a sponsor was found to provide her with all the sports equipment she needed.



# ¡Regresan los Juegos Mundiales de Olimpiadas Especiales!

# Busca brillar en Berlín



rael Solano Jiménez, de 25 años, es un cruzrojista voluntario. CORTESIA

# **BERLIN GAMES**

### 2023 World Games in Berlin

The Special Olympics World Games took place in Berlin last year, only about a four-hour train ride away from our office in Munich! So in June 2023, 13 team members of Allison's Munich office traveled to Berlin as on-site support for the international communications team of Special Olympics. **Over two days, our team members captured the stories and voices of athletes, coaches, support staff, volunteers and fans, and turned them into articles, social media posts and content for the daily communiqué distributed to several thousand journalists from across the globe.** 

"To experience the enthusiasm, the togetherness, and the team spirit firsthand was unforgettable. After all, these are also factors that shape our teamwork at Allison on a daily basis. Without the motivation, skill and empathy of my colleagues in Munich, this involvement would not have been possible."

Miryam Abraham, Account Manager, Munich



# GLOBAL

### Social media stewardship

As an extension of our relationship with Special Olympics, Allison weaved content from the organization within owned social channels. We also encouraged employees to share content on their personal social media accounts, mobilizing around campaigns including the **#PledgeToInclude Day** of Inclusion on March 1, and Allison's own **"12 Days of Giving"** cross-channel social posts in December. Special Olympics social posts among Allison and its employees resulted in more than 130 likes and 115 engagements. Allison+Partners @AllisonPR

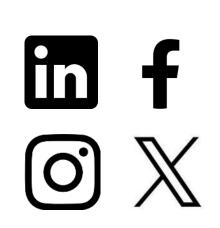
Today is Special Olympics Day of Activation, a campaign our client is launching to spread its mission of <u>#inclusion</u> far and wide. Give @PledgetoInclude a visit to share how you are <u>#GoingAllIn</u> for inclusion, just like <u>@Raiders</u> WR Mack Hollins does here. <u>spreadtheword.global</u> /pledge





**Brent Diggins** @BDiggs · Mar 1 Being inclusive requires both action and words. I'm **#GoingAllin** through my words and actions to be more inclusive in support of our client @specialolympics

Join the pledge now to promote inclusion at spreadtheword.global @pledgetoinclude





We're excited to support Special Olympics athletes all over the world who are celebrating **#InternationalDanceDay** from home! Show your support for inclusion: jointherevolution.org/pledge **#AloneTogether #InclusiveHealth** 

Allison+Partners 77K followers 5mo • S

here. https://lnkd.in/aPRA83u

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### **Podcast collaborations**

Allison and Special Olympics shared their expert voices with each other's respective audiences via two podcast interviews. Chris Morrison and Jorge Alcarez from Allison discussed "inclusivity in communications" on Special Olympics' official podcast, Inclusion Revolution Radio. Meanwhile, Shane Winn and Shane Arman welcomed Special Olympics' Jason Teitler on our Allison Sports podcast to discuss inclusivity in sports, among other topics.

Inclusion Revolution Radio with Allison Allison Sports Podcast with Special Olympics INCLUSION REVOLUTION RADIO

### Season #5 Episode 04 Chris Morrison & Dr. Jorge Alcaraz

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#### ALLISON+SPORTS PODCAST SERIES







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# **PRSA ICON CONFERENCE**

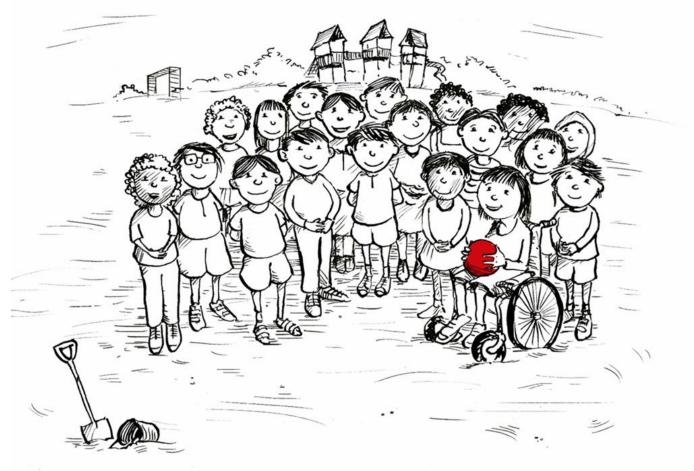
### **Event Collaborations**

Scott Pansky from Allison and Christy Weir from Special Olympics recently spoke at the PRSA Icon Conference together on the importance of storytelling. This collaboration highlighted amazing athlete stories from Special Olympics against the backdrop of Scott's book "<u>Playing</u> <u>Together in the Sandbox</u>".

College students in attendance were encouraged to tell a Special Olympics story in their own way and learned about the organization, its goals, and the global partnership with Allison.



# YOU CAN DO ANYTHING. THE WORLD IS YOUR PLAYGROUND!



### Have fun playing in the sandbox too!



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