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# The Secret to Fundraising is Not Asking For Money



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### **Maribeth Canning**

20+ years of experience driving strategy, fostering connections, developing trust, and generating record fundraising results.

# Donor Life Cycle





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## Meet Elsie





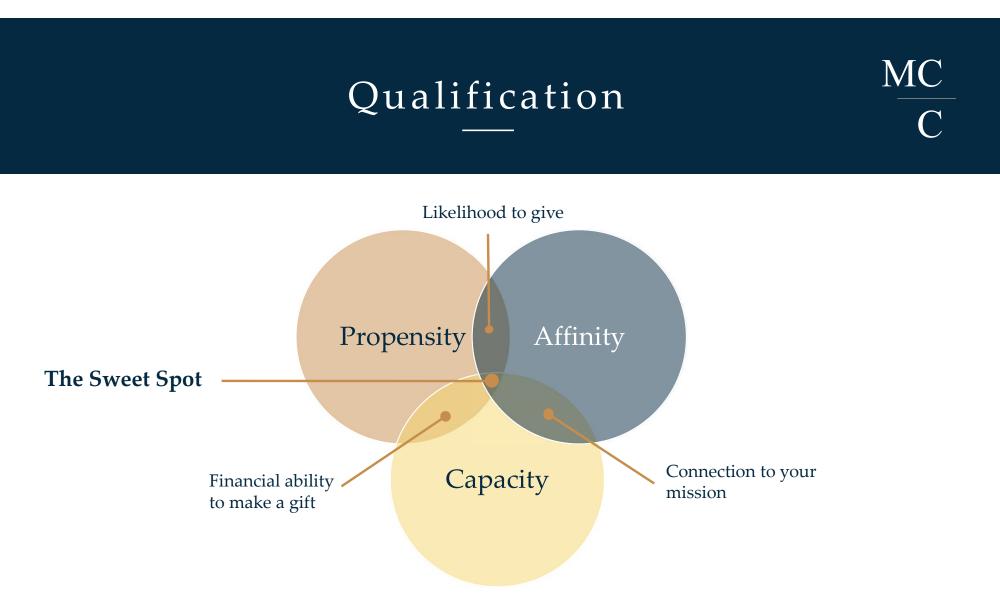
# Prospect Research

- Wealth Screening
- Biographical Information
- Education
- Employment/Business Data
- Giving History
- Foundation -990
- Board & Committees
- Goggle



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## Question #1

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Based on the research I have shared, do you believe Elsie is a good candidate as a donor for the community hospital?

- YES
- NO



# Discovery



- Ask open-ended questions
- Listen, be present
- Find aligned values and interests
- Confirm a next step
- Express gratitude
- Build trust



# Probing Questions

### Tell Me About Yourself:

- What gets you out of bed in the morning?
- How did you meet your husband?
- What's on your schedule this week?
- Tell me more about...
- Reflect what you have heard
- Clarify and confirm values



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## Cultivation



- Be strategic
- Seek to understand
- Start where they are
- Build awareness
- Share experience
- Create emotional connection



# Relationship Building

- Establish common ground
- Discover shared values
- Explain need & proposed solution
- Develop mutual respect
- Invest in trust



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# Engagement

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## Question #2



### What would be your next step in engaging Elsie?

- Invite Elsie to a hospital event
- Send Elsie a campaign proposal
- Ask Elsie to host a party at her home
- Send Elsie the campaign case for support
- Ask Elsie for a gift



# Engagement



Create joint ownership





## Question #3

### Which funding priorities best align with Elsie's interests?

- Linear Accelerator
- MRI
- Music Therapy
- Cancer Support Group
- Healing Garden
- Art Gallery
- Exam Rooms
- Healthy Teaching Kitchen
- Treatment Rooms
- Diagnosis Suit



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#### **Music Therapy**

 Comforts patients while healing



### Healthy Teaching Kitchen

 Classes on healthy appealing nutritious food for patients



### **Healing Garden**

• Immerses patients in the healing power of nature



# Funding Priorities

## Contents

- Need
- Description
- Image
- Patient Story
- Impact
- Testimonial/Photo
- Cost

#### COMMUNITY Hospital

#### HEALING GARDEN

#### OUR NEED

Cancer treatment is physically and emotionally exhausting for patients and their families. Studies show that access to nature can reduce stress, promote healing, and improve overall well-being. However, many hospitals lack dedicated outdoor spaces that provide comfort and respite during treatment.

#### OUR SOLUTION

The Healing Garden will transform an unused courtyard into a peaceful retrat for patients, families, and caregivers. Thoughtfully designed with nature's restorative power in mind, this space will offer a place for reflection, relaxation, and reneval—supporting the healing journey beyond medicine.

#### OUR IMPACT

"During my chemo treatments, I often felt overwhelmed. But stepping into the Healing Garden gave me a sense of peace. It became my sanctuary—a place where I could breathe, reflect, and find strength to keep going." — Maria, Cancer Survivor



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#### \$1,000,000

- Serene Landscaping:
  Koi Pond & Water Feature
- Koi Pond & Water Feature
   Therapeutic Garden Beds
- Private Nooks
  Accessible Design

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## The 5 T's of Invitation

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# Gratitude





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# MCC Tools

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### MCC Free Resources

- Prospect Discovery & Major Gift Toolbox
- Fundraising Assessment Checklist
- Funding Priorities Template

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Thank You



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