Open Arms Challenge – Participation Report

Please note, this is a sample report, provided for reference only, and questions are subject to change. If you have any questions about this report or the Open Arms Challenge, please contact our Grants Team at 925.310.5450 or grants@maddiesfund.org. We experience a very high call and email volume during application cycles, so our response time may be as long as 48 hours.

Thank you for participating in the Open Arms Challenge. We are looking forward to hearing about your experience.

This report is your Participation Report for this Challenge and must be filled out completely to be considered for an award. This report is due to Maddie’s Fund by Friday, January 21, 2022, at 5:00pm Pacific Time.

Additionally, if you are selected as an award winner from this Challenge, there will be a final report via Zoom Huddle in late March 2022.

If you have any questions as you’re completing this Participation Report, please contact us at 925.310.5450 or grants@maddiesfund.org. Any reports that are not submitted by Friday, January 21, 2022, will not be reviewed or considered for an award.

The questions below marked with a red asterisk (*) are required.

Quantitative Questions:
1. * How many animals were adopted in December 2021?
   a. Dogs:
   b. Cats:
2. * How many volunteers were active in your organization during the Challenge period? If you’re unable to pull those numbers from past reports, you can report on how many volunteers are currently active in your organization today.
3. * How many foster caregivers were active in your organization during the Challenge period? If you’re unable to pull those numbers from past reports, you can report on how many foster caregivers are currently active in your organization today.

Narrative Questions
1. * Which of the following practices did you implement or expand during the Challenge period? Select all that apply. (To make your selection(s) below, click on the option in the Available column and then on the Right Arrow to move it to the Chosen column.)
   a. Processes are equitable and inclusive
   b. Customer success is ensured through customer service
   c. Marketing is focused toward communities involved
   d. Organization embraces an open and welcoming culture
   e. Organization creates partnerships with other organizations
   f. Other (please describe below)
      i. If Other, please explain
2. * Please describe what practices you implemented or expanded and how your programs were impacted. 2,000 character limit
3. * Do you plan to continue these new practices? Yes/No  
   a. If no, why not?
4. * Did you accomplish what you hoped to achieve by participating in this Challenge? Please explain.  
   1,500 character limit
5. * As a result of this Challenge, did the demographic makeup of your volunteers (including foster caregivers) or adopters change? Please describe.  
   1,500 character limit
6. * Did you form any new partnerships or work with a different segment of the population in your community? Please describe.  
   1,500 character limit
7. * What surprised you most from participating in this Challenge?  
   1,000 character limit
8. * What challenges did you face? How did you overcome them?  
   1,500 character limit
9. Please share a brief favorite story from this Challenge period. You’ll have the option to share photos below, but if you have a link to a video, you can include it here.  
   2,500 character limit
10. If you have a photo to accompany your story from above, a document you updated during the challenge or anything additional you’d like to share with us, please upload it here.

Thank you for completing this report. The questions marked with red asterisks (*) are required.

Completion and submission of this report to Maddie’s Fund by 5:00pm Pacific Time on Friday, January 21, 2022, at, is required for your organization to be considered for an award from the Open Arms Challenge. Once you submit this, you’ll receive an automated email from us confirming your report was submitted. If you do not receive this email, please contact the Maddie’s Fund Grants Team immediately at 925.310.5450 or grants@maddiesfund.org as your report may not have been submitted. Any report that remains in the “Scheduled” status wasn’t submitted and won’t be reviewed.

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