



## Telling a Better Story:

How to Market Your Organization for Greater Impact

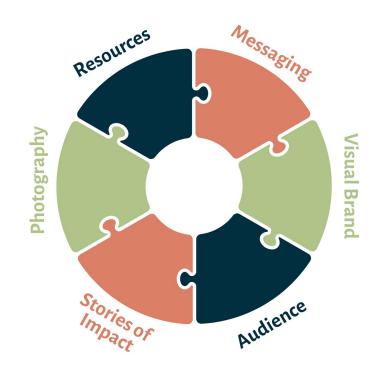
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## Become the marketing expert for your organization

During this session you'll be given tools to help you become the marketing expert for your organization, including how to:

- Market using messaging
- Define all of your audiences
- Use testimonials as powerful marketing tools
- Let photography communicate who you are and what you do



## **Evaluate**

- How successful do you feel in your current marketing efforts? (1-10)
- How clear are you on specific areas you need to work on when it comes to marketing? (1-10)
- What are your biggest challenges when it comes to marketing?

## **About Me**



Too many organizations don't know where to start when it comes to marketing. Frameworks Creative exists to empower organizations like yours with the marketing and branding tools you need to be excited and equipped to spread the word about what you do, all while staying within your budget.







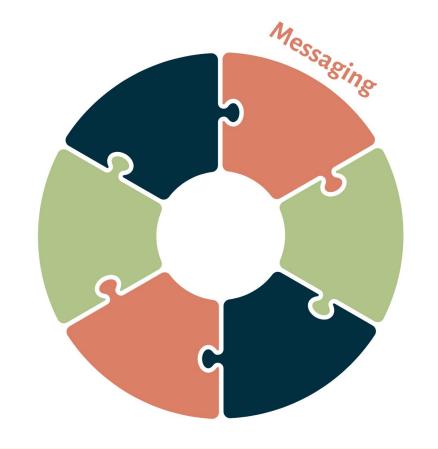


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## Telling a Better Story:

Market using messaging



## **Activity: Brand Clarity**

Can you find clearly communicated (through words or pictures):

- What services does this organization offer?
- How do these services impact the lives of those they serve?
- How can you engage with this organization?

Did you have to work hard to find this info?





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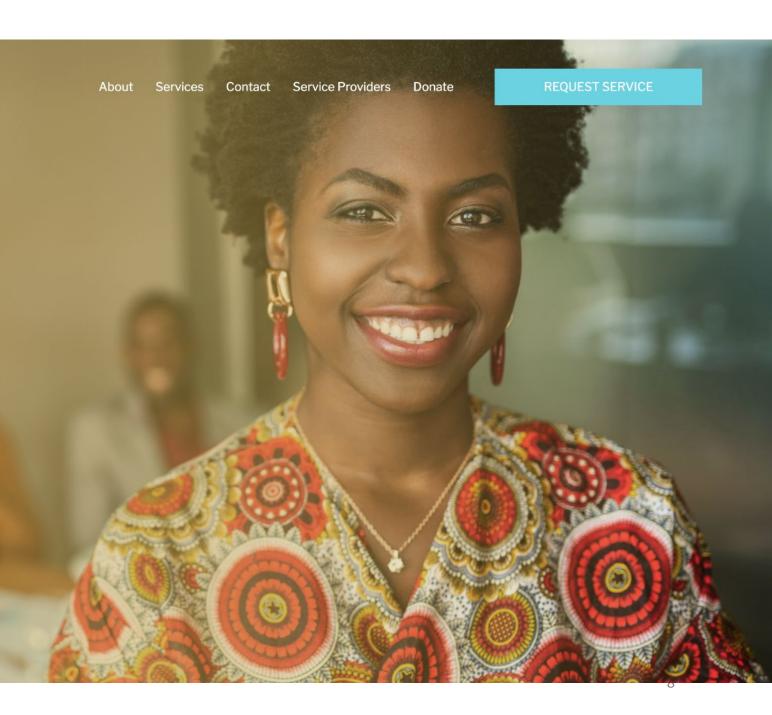


## Culturally Aware Conflict Resolution

Conflict resolution crafted to serve Somali and East African communities in the Twin Cities

REQUEST SERVICE

**READ CASE STUDY** 







in Tarrant, Parker, and Johnson counties a they pursue their educational dreams at Texas colleges and universities.

APPLY NOW



## Clearly call your audience to action

- Spell out how to sign up for services or engage with your organization
- Use action words
- Repeat!

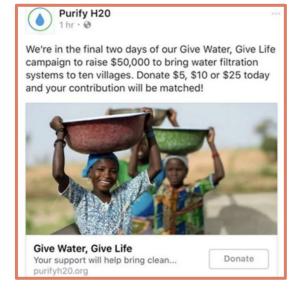
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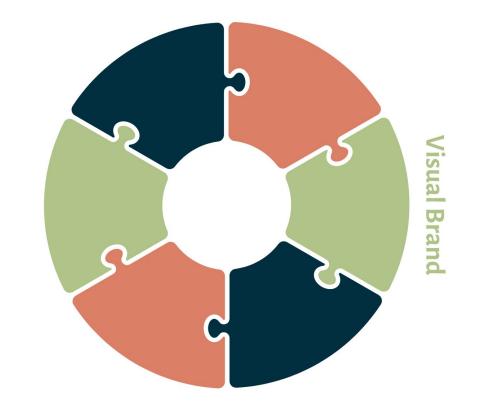








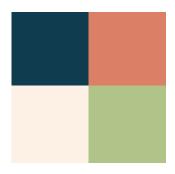
# Telling a Better Story: Visual Brand Basics



## **Visual Brand Basics**



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### Components of a brand:

- Logo
- Colors
- Fonts
- Photos & Graphics

### Your visual brand should:

- Represent your organization well
- Be used consistently



## Logos





- Keep it simple (scalable, usable in all contexts)
  - It should reflect who you are as an organization
  - You should love it



- png for transparent background
- vector file for printing (.svg, .eps, .pdf)
- smaller file size for web (1000px wide)

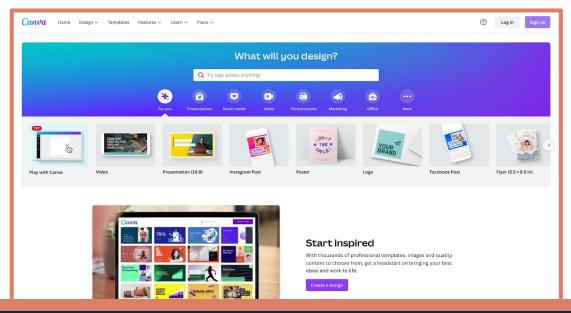


## Building a brand board



- Keep it simple
- Build one on Canva.com
- Use it!

### canva.com



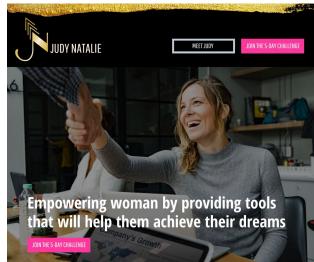
## When to use your brand board



## Whenever work is being done for:

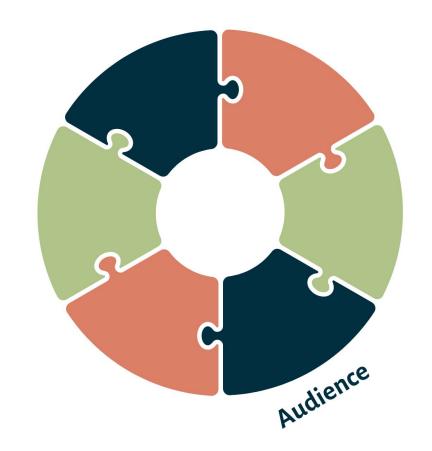
- website
- other online profiles
- business cards
- flyers
- brochures
- ALL marketing materials







# Telling a Better Story: Define all of your audiences



## Identify your audience(s)



Unique challenge with nonprofits: You don't just have one audience!

- Individuals you serve
  - (messaging should be unique for each service line)

- Partners
  - Donors
  - Volunteers
  - Advocates

## Understand each audience





Behaviors

(buying habits, activities and interests)

Beliefs

(family, growth mindset, community impact, social responsibility, faith-based motivation, networking and skill development, sustainability, health advocacy, etc)

Demographics

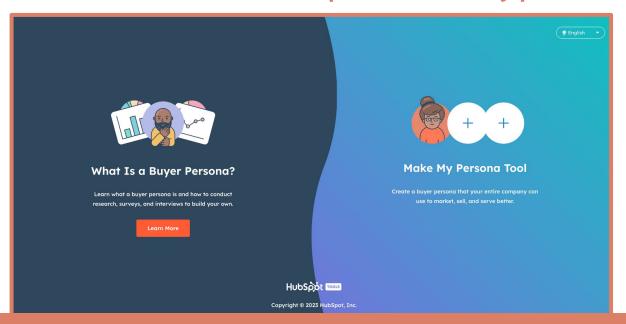
(age, geographic location, education level, occupation, income)

- What are their:
  - needs (clothing, food, housing, education)
  - wants (agency, goals)
  - fears (what does your service help them avoid?)

## **Build audience profiles**

Build a customer persona

### hubspot.com/make-my-persona



### **The Enthusiastic Entering Entrepreneur**



Job Title

Owner/Founder

25 to 34 years

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Highest Level of Education

Some college, no degree

-Social Networks









Industry Retail

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Organization Size
Self-employed

### **Preferred Method of Communication**

- Social MediaEmail
- Face-To-face

### **Tools They Need to Do Their Job**

Email

### Their Job Is Measured By

If they can continue to run their business and replace their income

### **Job Responsibilities**

Every part of the business - it's a one-person show!

### **Goals or Objectives**

Increase sales, streamline processes, grow product lines

### Reports to

Themselves

### **Biggest Challenges**

- · Navigating Client Relationships & Communications
- Resources

### They Gain Information By

Entrepreneurial Assistance Centers, networking groups, circle of family and friends

## Finding current demographics

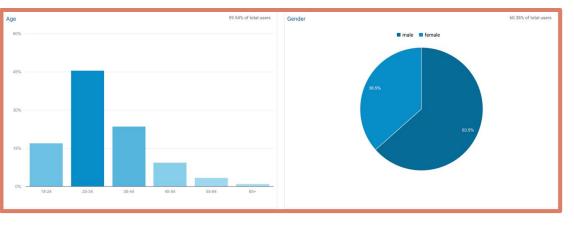
Google Analytics

(requires a Google Tag be installed)

Meta for Business (Facebook/Instagram), Twitter, LinkedIn

(minimum followers)





## Invite your audience into a story



## Talk about your services:

- What are the benefits? (meets basic needs, fosters personal growth, life skills)
- What are the features? (bilingual, accessible, personalized)
- How will your service impact the life of those who engage?
  - Share stories of transformation from past clients

## Connect with your audience(s)

- Educate
  - Information, testimonials
- Share resources
- Provide entertainment
  - Quizzes, inspirational quotes

### Al chatbot prompt:

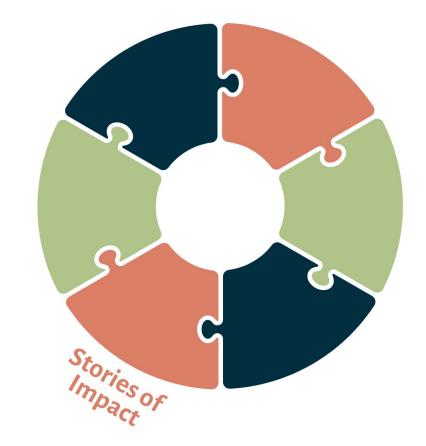
What type of high-value content should I include in my social media posts for a company that provides [your product or service] for [description of your audience]?

- 1. **Educational Guides**: Create guides or tutorials on topics related to jewelry, such as how to care for different types of jewelry, the history of specific gemstones or materials, or tips for styling jewelry to complement different outfits or occasions.
- 2. **DIY Jewelry Projects**: Share DIY jewelry-making projects or craft ideas that your audience can try a home. This could include simple tutorials for making earrings, bracelets, or necklaces using basic materials or techniques.
- 3. **Expert Tips and Advice**: Offer expert advice from jewelry designers, artisans, or gemologists on topics like how to choose the perfect piece of jewelry, how to spot high-quality craftsmanship, or insider tips for finding unique and rare gemstones.
- 4. **Style Inspiration**: Provide style inspiration and outfit ideas featuring your jewelry. Show how your pieces can be styled in different ways to suit various personal styles, from casual to formal, bohemiar to minimalist.
- 5. Exclusive Discounts and Offers: Reward your social media followers with exclusive discounts, early access to new collections, or special offers available only to your online community. This adds value and encourages engagement and loyalty.
- 6. Interactive Q&A Sessions: Host live Q&A sessions or AMA (Ask Me Anything) sessions where followers can ask questions about jewelry, design, craftsmanship, or anything else related to your brand. This fosters engagement and builds a sense of community.
- 7. **Storytelling and Behind-the-Scenes Content**: Share the stories behind your jewelry collections, highlighting the inspiration, creative process, and craftsmanship that goes into each piece. Behind the-scenes glimpses into your workshop or design studio can also be intriguing and engaging.
- 8. **Customer Spotlights**: Feature stories or testimonials from satisfied customers who have a unique connection to your brand or who have a compelling story to share. This humanizes your brand and helps build trust with potential customers.
- 9. Sustainability and Ethical Practices: Highlight your brand's commitment to sustainability, ethical sourcing, and responsible manufacturing practices. Share information about your materials, production processes, and any initiatives or partnerships aimed at promoting environmental and soc responsibility.



## Telling a Better Story:

Use testimonials as powerful marketing tools



## Share stories of impact



- Invite those who have been impacted by your organization and are willing to opt in to tell their story
  - Where were they before they found your organization? What was the need that brought them to your door?
  - How is their life different because of your organization?

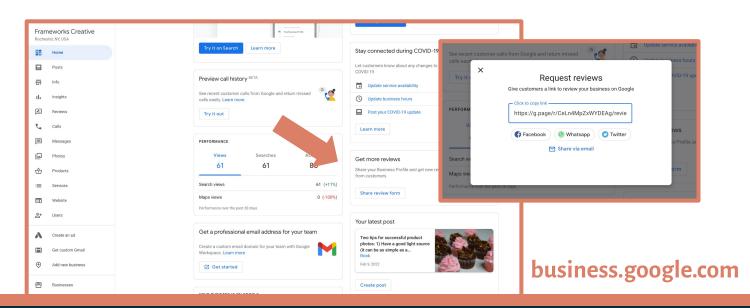
## **Empowering vs. exploitive**

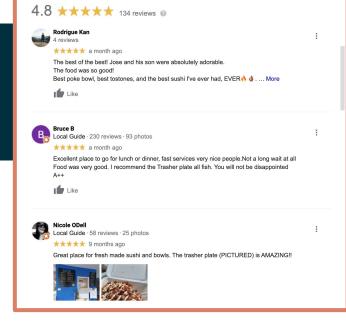


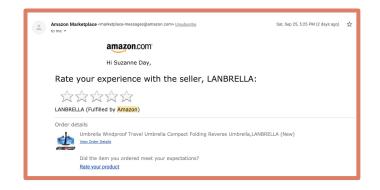
- Keep the client the hero in the story (the program/service is just there as a tool to help them win the day)
- Keep anonymity when needed
  - Tell story using graphics, change names

## **Collecting stories: Reviews**

- Unhappy clients will rate your organization
- Set up a process for asking customers who love your services to provide a review
- Use them in your marketing!







## **Collecting stories: Testimonials**



- Good way to improve your product and customer service and spark new product ideas
- Use Google Forms or website form builder (most sites have a built-in option)
- Use content in your marketing (with permission)

## Where to use client stories

- Website
- Digital marketing
- Annual report
- Print material
- Informational sessions

"Thank you for the many ways you helped me in making my dream of being an entrepreneur a reality."



### Providing a Place Where Seniors Can Thrive



### Social and Emotional Needs Met

"Durante la pandemia fue de gran ayuda. No pude salir de mi casa por motivos de salud y estar con otras personas. Me siento feliz de levantarme en la mañana. A otras personas les diría que hay bastantes beneficios, muchas clases de ejercicios, aquellos que no pueden cocinar se pueden beneficiar de los alimentos. Aprendemos muchas cosas."

- **Edna**, Participante

"Being a member of Centro de Oro from Ibero has helped improve my health mentally as well as physically. I enjoy both the exercise lessons and the visitors who come to teach us in nutrition and many other topics. I also enjoy and treasure socializing with others since it has helped me cope with depression."

- Wilma, Participant







### Celebramos la Cultura Latina "Me ha impactado el hecho de que es el úr

"Me ha impactado el hecho de que es el único centro de habla hispana aquí en Rochester y su programa es muy eficiente. Únete de

## Share your organization's story



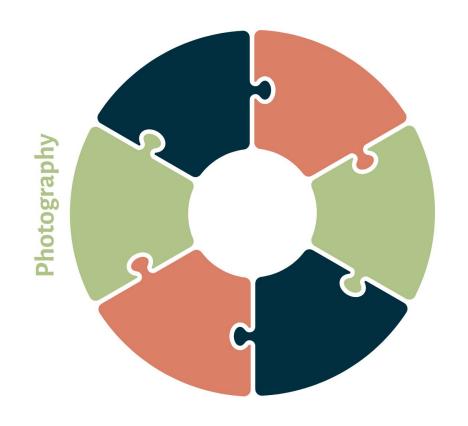
- Keep it focused
- Be authentic
- Share the "why"
- It should lend to your authority

What are some key moments in the story of your organization (think in terms of your customer)?

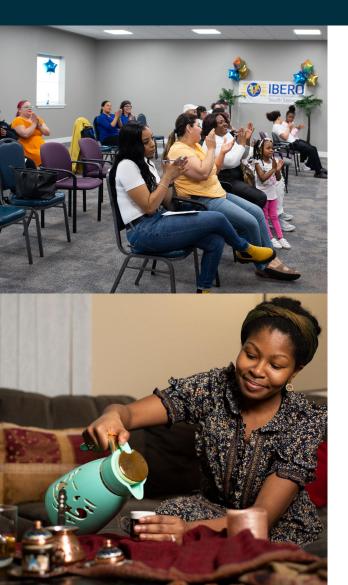


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Let photography communicate who you are and what you do



## Photography: Why it matters



- Photos help you represent your organization
- Clarify what it is you offer
- Allow potential customers to visualize how their life could look if they engage in your services
- Content for your marketing

## **Photography: Sources**

### Stock

- Easy
- Fast
- Many free options

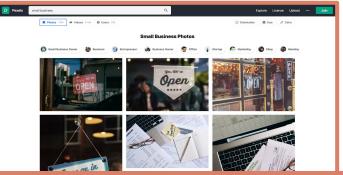
### Custom

- Reflects your brand authentically
- Doesn't have to take any extra equipment
- Photos can help ease fears (what does your location look/feel like, how does your product work)

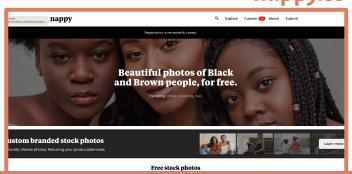


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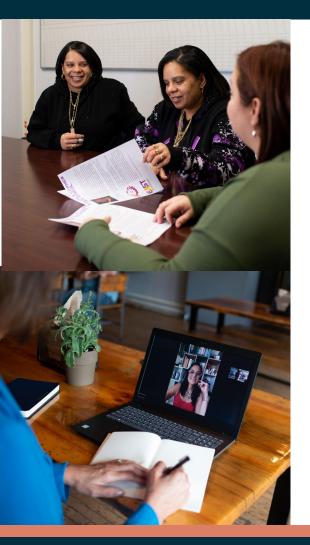
### pexels.com







## Photography: Highlight your service



- What kind of photo would showcase your service well?
- What does engaging in your service look like? What's the process?

## Photography: Show the process or location



- If you have a physical location, take photos in that space!
- Can you show a customer making a purchase or engaging in your services?

## Photography: Focus on your customer



- What matters to your customer?
- What does a happy client look like for your organization?
- Can you show customers engaging in your services?
- What is their life like after they engage with you?

## Photography: Taking your own photos



- Get permission/use release forms
- Take photos outside or use windows for light when possible
- Be mindful of the background
- Take photos consistently (keep things updated!)
- Only keep best photos
- Keep photos organized (name example: organization-program-service-date.jpg)

## Photography: Generate ideas

## Al Prompts:

-Please provide a list of photoshoot ideas for [type of organization] to highlight services that entail [what services you provide] for [your customer]

-Can you give me a list of photo ideas and props needed to showcase [detailed description of service]

**Goal:** Capture engaging photos showcasing your organization's support for Latino entrepreneurs and the business planning services you offer.

#### Locations:

 Consider a mix of settings: your office (if inviting), a co-working space, a local Latino-owned business, or an outdoor location with cultural significance.

#### People:

- Feature Latino entrepreneurs at different stages someone brainstorming, reviewing a business plan, or celebrating a launch.
- Include staff members interacting with clients, offering guidance, or presenting workshops.
- · Ensure a diverse representation of Latino backgrounds and ethnicities.

\*\*Photos (Consider both posed and candid shots):

### 1. Community & Support:

- · A group of Latino entrepreneurs engaged in a workshop discussion.
- · A staff member mentoring a client one-on-one.
- A handshake between a client and staff member symbolizing a new venture.

### 2. Business Planning Process:

- · A client brainstorming ideas on a whiteboard with colorful markers.
- · A close-up shot of someone writing a business plan on a laptop.
- A client and staff member reviewing a document together (both smiling).

#### 3. Success & Empowerment:

- A Latino entrepreneur confidently presenting their business plan to a potential investor.
- · A group celebrating the grand opening of a new Latino-owned business.
- · A client holding a "We're Open!" sign in front of their business (smiling proudly).

S You

please provide a shot list for my marketing and branding business to nighlight my services that entail marketing coaching with small business owners

### © ChatGP

Certainly! Here's a shot list tailored for your marketing and branding business to highlight your marketing coaching services with small business owners:

### 1. Introductory Shots:

- Headshot of yourself with a friendly and approachable demeanor.
- $\hbox{$^\bullet$ Wide shot of your office/work environment, showcasing professionalism and organization.}\\$

#### 2. Client Interaction Shots:

- \* Candid shots of you engaged in conversation with small business owners.
- . Close-up shots of you discussing strategies or reviewing analytics with clients.
- \* Medium shots of you conducting workshops or giving presentations to small groups.

#### 3. Before-and-After Shots:

 Visual representations (graphs, charts, or images) showing the progress made by your clients under your coaching.

### 4. Action Shots:

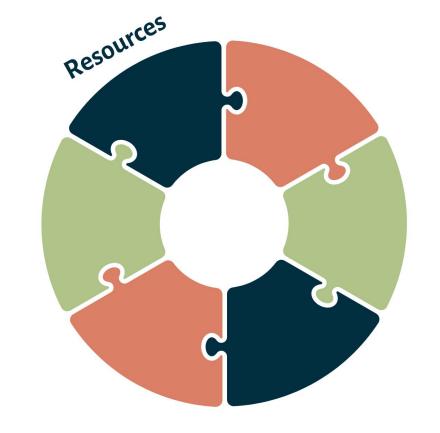
Dynamic shots of you leading coaching sessions, possibly with clients taking notes or actively
participating.

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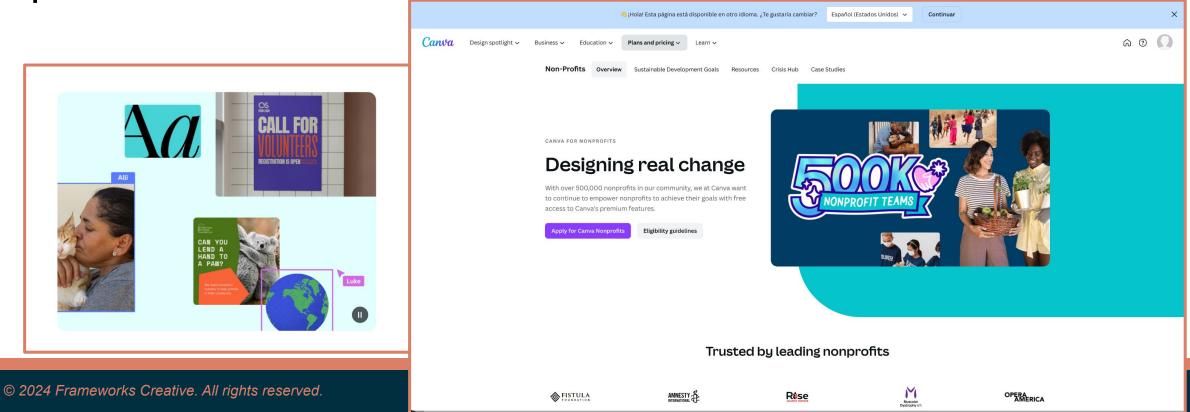
Know what tools are available



## Free tools: Canva for Nonprofits!!

With over 500,000 nonprofits in their community, Canva wants to continue to empower nonprofits to achieve their goals with free access to Canva's

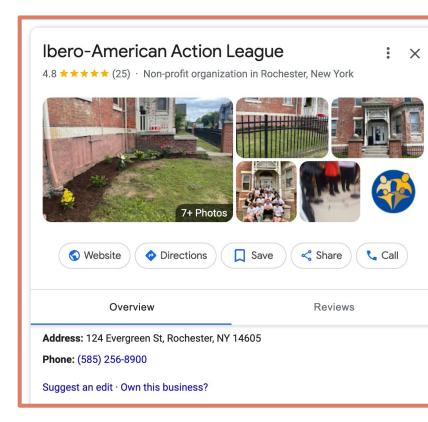
premium features. canva.com/canva-for-nonprofits/



## Free tools: Online profiles

- Google Business
- LinkedIn
- Facebook
- Instagram

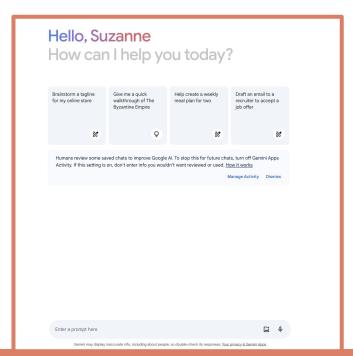




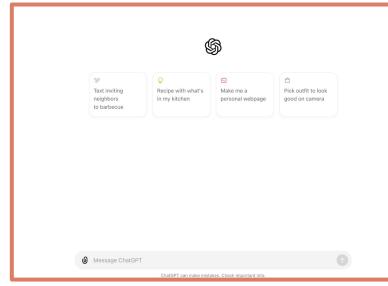
## Free tools for idea generation

### Al Chatbots:

- Google Gemini
- ChatGPT



chatgpt.com



gemini.google.com/app

## Free tools for defining your audience

### Customer persona profile:

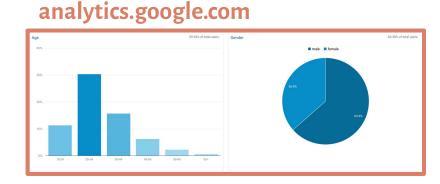
Hubspot

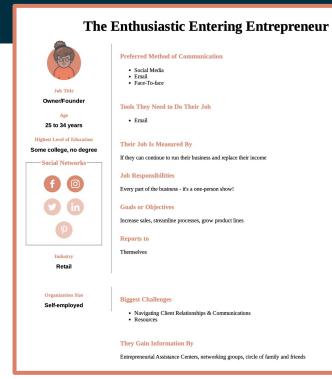
Reporting for current demographic data:

- Google Analytics
- Meta for Business

### business.facebook.com





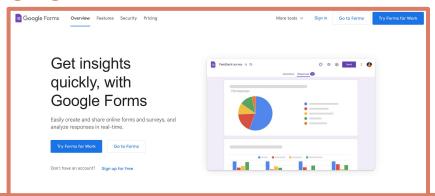


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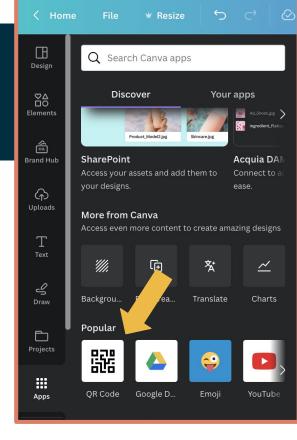
## Free tools for collecting stories

- QR Code Generators
  - Make it easy for customers to connect with you online
  - Free options: QR Code Monkey, QR Code App in Canva Premium
- Google Forms
  - Good for getting feedback/testimonials

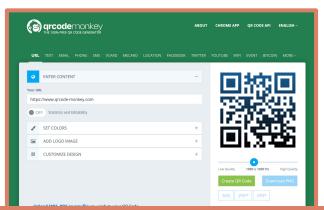
### google.com/forms



qrcode-monkey.com



### canva.com



## Determine your next steps

What are two action steps you can take to be able to invite your audience into a better story?



### Examples:

- Schedule a photoshoot
- Update messaging on website
- Set up client survey

- Make updates to visual brand
- Build audience profiles
- Send Google review link out to 5 clients

## Where to go from here















Schedule your FREE 1-on-1 Consultation



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# Thank you!

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