## Enhancing Sales Without Increasing Your Marketing Budget



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#### Introductions



- Name
- Place of work
- What is your best low cost marketing strategy?

#### Agenda

- Identifying new and finding out more about your present customers - Market Research
- Why do People Buy Things?
- How Much Does it Cost to Lose a Customer?
- Changing 4p's during recessionary times
- Advertising and Promotion Mix
- Constant Contact Training
- Customer Service and strategies to take better care of the Client

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Inexpensive and Simple Methods of Conducting Research to Aid in effective Marketing Strategy Development

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#### Marketing Research

- Purpose
- How to Identifying Symptoms
- Determining the Problem and Establishing Objectives
- Sources of Information
- What Information is Do I Need?

#### Purpose of Conducting Research

- Closes the information gaps
  - Enhances the decision making process
  - Reduces the discrepancy between the current information and desired information levels
- Information aids:
  - Problem resolution
  - Opportunity identification

### Identifying Symptoms Leading to Problem Identification

#### Symptoms

- Reduced sales
- Reduced market share
- Increased customer complaints

#### Problems

- New competitive products are eroding sales
- Market conditions are eroding product sales
- New process is not being received favorably by customers

#### Sources of Data

#### Primary

- Company records
- Survey Monkey Online Surveys www.surveymonkey.com
- Mail/Telephone Surveys

#### Secondary

- Census Bureau Information <u>www.census.gov</u>
- Lexis Nexis <u>www.lexisnexis.com</u>
- www.Google.com Search
- Published University Studies
- Trade Association Studies

#### What Information Do I Need?

- Purchase Behavior (recency, frequency, monetary)
- Demographics
- Promotion Effectiveness
- Offering Importance
- Offering Rating
- Overall Satisfaction
- Competitive Information

#### Information Gathering Worksheet

#### **Information Needed**

**Source** 

#### Why Do People Buy Things?

- Identify the consumer behavior of your target market (Millionaire Next Door)
- Case Study Bike Shop
  - Exerciser, transportation, recreational, competitive, youth

#### Changing the 4 P's



Product - Different mix? Enhance or cheapen? Complimentary product (exercise equipment)

Remember External Forces – economic, technical, political, cultural

#### Take care of your present customers

# How Much Does It Cost to Lose a Customer?

#### Let's Get Warmed Up

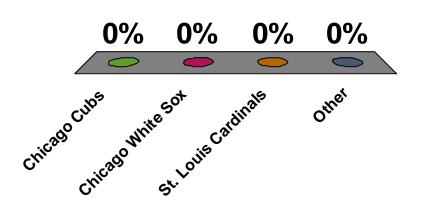
- Two Sample questions
- 5 Question Quiz

#### What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

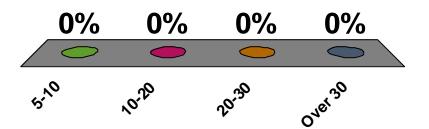
#### Who is your favorite baseball team?

- Chicago Cubs
- Chicago WhiteSox
- 3. St. Louis Cardinals
- 4. Other



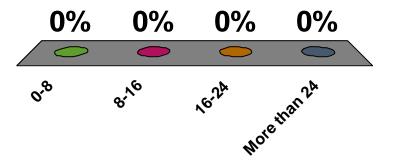
# For every customers who bothers to complain, there are \_\_\_\_ who remain silent.

- 1. 5-10
- 2. 10-20
- 3. 20–30
- 4. Over 30



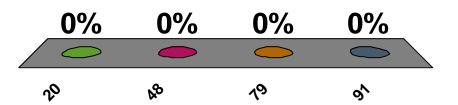
# The average "wronged" customer will tell \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_ people.

- 1. 0-8
- 2. 8-16
- **3.** 16–24
- 4. More than 24



# \_\_\_\_ % of unhhappy customers will never purchase from you again.

- 1. 20
- 2. 48
- 3. 79
- 4. 91



If you make an effort to remedy the complaint, \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ % of them will stay with you.

- 1. 51-59
- 2. 76-81
- 3. 82-95
- 4. All of them

It costs about \_\_\_\_ times as much to attract a new customer as it does to keep an existing one.

- 1. 2
- 2. 4
- - 4. 10



#### The Truth - Persistence

- 80% of all sales are made after the fifth call
- 48% of all salespeople call 1x and quit
- 25% of all salespeople call 2xs and quit
- ▶ 17% of all salespeople call 3xs and quit
- ▶ 10% of all salespeople keep calling
- 80% of all sales are made by 10% of all salespeople

#### Advertising Pros and Cons



See handout



#### www.constantcontact.com

Email Blast
List management
Reporting
Surveying Capabilities

#### **Promotions**

- See Handouts
- Solicit Public Relations
- Cooperative Advertising (links, joint brochure)
- Go to Where the Customers are (Camp E3, trade shows)
- Use gift certificates to build sales
- Consider a contest or sweepstakes (Doudna)

#### **Using Other Internet Tools**



- Web 2.0 Facebook www.callenfilms.com
- Viral marketing (blogs and groups)
- U-tube Videos

#### Wrap-Up

What was the most useful thing that you learned today?

What will you implement in the next 30 days?

#### Any Questions?

Evaluations

