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<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note, the images included in this document are specific to Bike MS; the Stair Climb MS Participant Center will be slightly different in design.



# WHY USE ONLINE FUNDRAISING TOOLS?

### **GUIDE TO ONLINE FUNDRAISING**

Each donation you collect brings us closer to a world free of MS. Your fundraising success is limited only by your imagination. Is there any greater feeling than knowing you have made an impact on the lives of those living with MS and their families?

### **ONLINE SECURITY**

The National MS Society has made every effort to protect your information and the information of your donors.

We use industry standard SSL encryption techniques to make sure credit card information, password and personal information travel securely over the Internet.

# PARTICIPANT CENTER

A customizable Participant Center is available to each registered participant. You can access the Participant Center by logging in through the 'Login to my Account' box with your username and password at the top of the screen.

#### PARTICIPANT CENTER FEATURES

- Add or import contacts to your Address Book.
- Send emails to family, friends, co-workers or anyone else you would like to ask to sponsor you for Stair Climb MS. We've even provided sample emails that you can use.
- Send thank you emails to those who have donated to your fundraising efforts.
- Monitor your fundraising progress receive email notifications when someone has donated to your fundraising efforts.
- Update your personal page include your story and explain why you decided to participate in Stair Climb MS. If you have a connection to MS, share it and tell others why they should Join the Movement®.
- Update your Fundraising Goal.
- Learn what to do next this box changes with suggestions to help you with your fundraising and get the most out of your Participant Center.
- Install the Fundraise with Facebook app It allows your entire Facebook network to donate directly to you.

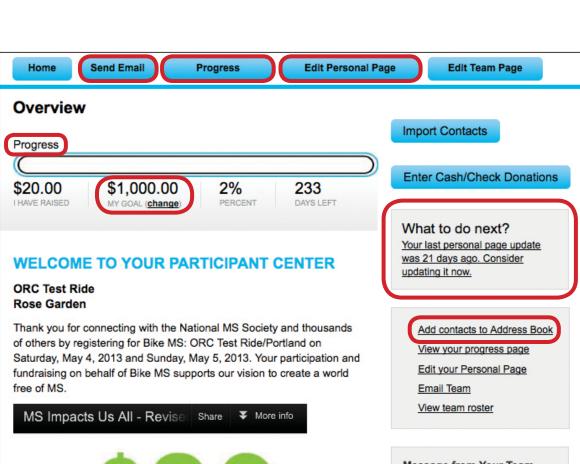
#### USERNAMES/PASSWORDS

If you participated in a previous event or are a newly registered participant, you created a username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please click the link or call us at 1-800-344-4867.



WELCOME, Sarah

Bike MS Participant Center | Edit Account | Log Out



## Message from Your Team Captain

You have not set a message for your team. Use the Edit link below to leave a message on the Participant Center Home page of your teammates.

Edit



#### Get the most out of your Bike MS Participant Center!

Supporters that use our online fundraising tools on average raise much more than those who do not.

- · Set your fundraising goal and track your fundraising progress
- · Customize your personal fundraising page
- Recruit other walkers
- Import contacts to your address book
- . Send emails requesting donations

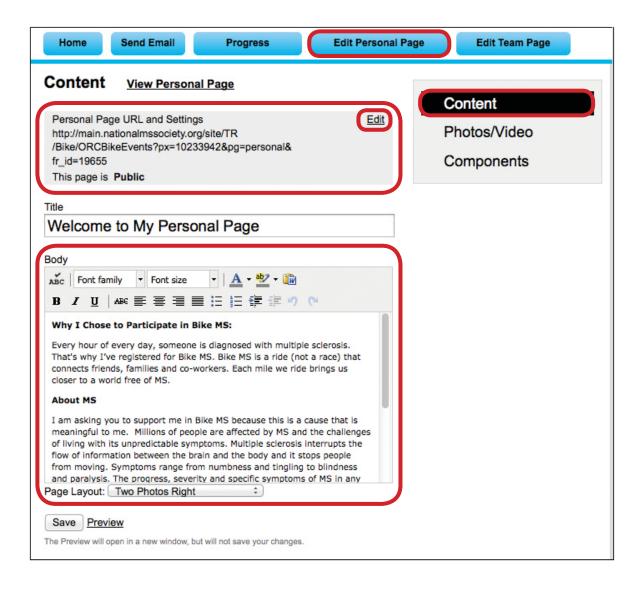
# fundraise with facebook

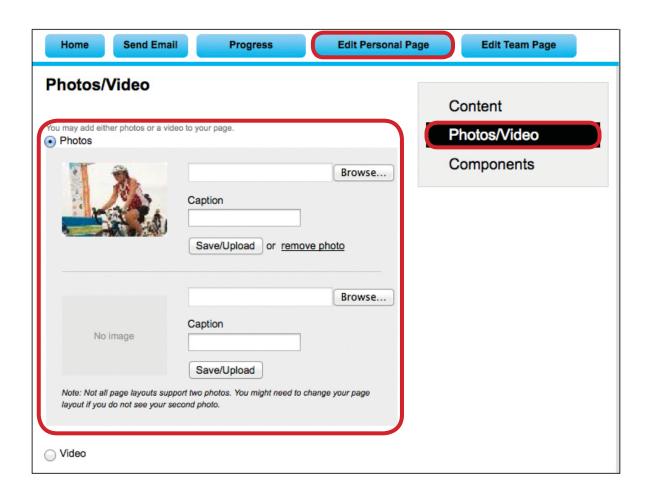
This app makes it easy for your entire Facebook network to donate directly to you.

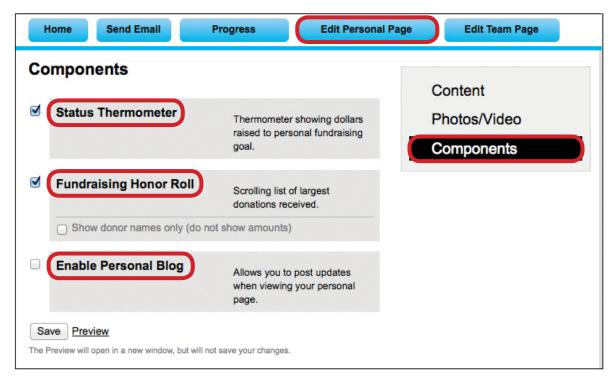
# EDIT PERSONAL PAGE

Your Personal Page is a unique web page asking friends and family to join your team or support you by making a donation.

- Customize your page to share your story about why you are riding to create a world free of MS.
- Choose a layout for your personal page.
- Create a personalized/vanity URL shortcut for easy reference by clicking edit.
- Upload pictures or video to make your story more powerful.
- Enable a water bottle thermometer showing dollars raised towards your personal fundraising goal.
- Choose how you would like your donors to be listed on your page by donor name only or name and amount of donations received.
- Enable the blog feature to post updates about your fundraising success and event experience.







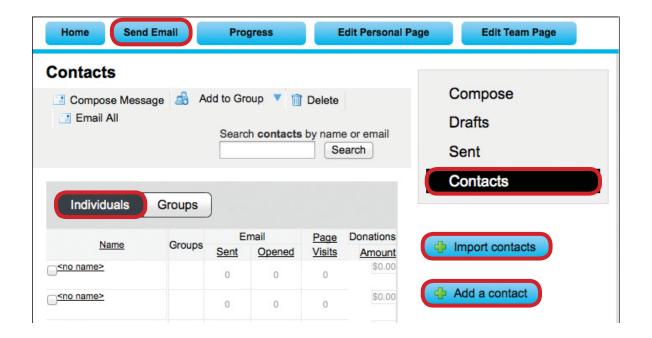
# ADDRESS BOOK

Keep it simple by uploading your existing address book from your personal email account. Click on "Import Contacts" to import contacts from another email application you use.

#### THE SOCIETY'S ONLINE FUNDRAISING TOOLS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING:

- Outlook/Outlook Express
- AOL
- Yahoo! Mail
- Gmail
- Generic CSV

You can also upload a .csv file exported from another email client. Add contacts manually by choosing "Add a contact" and typing in each contact name and e-mail address.



# **EMAIL**

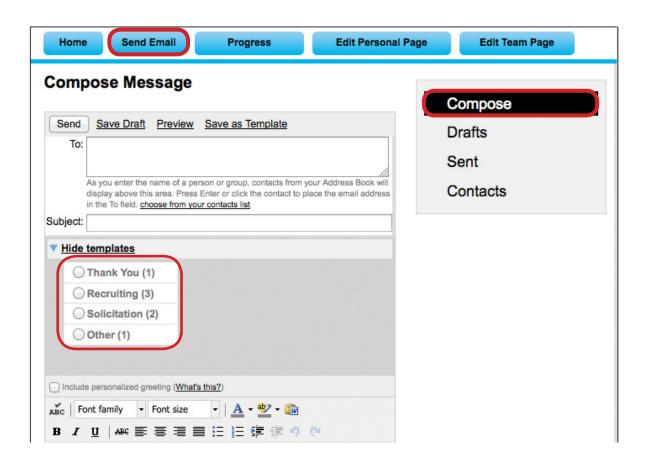
The email section allows you to send messages to your friends, family and co-workers to ask for donations in support of your participation.

#### **EMAIL OPTIONS**

- Thank those who have made a donation
- Recruit team members
- Solicit donations
- Other

Corresponding messaging is available for each Email Option. There is also event stationery and a blank template.

Note: If you would rather email from your personal email account, you can copy and paste any of the content into an email and send.

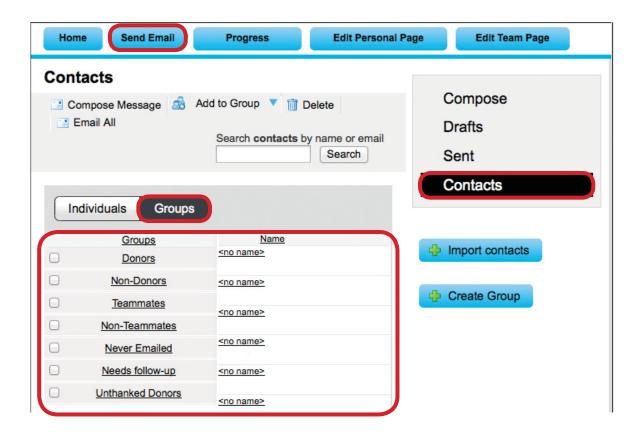


# FOLLOW-UPS

This section allows you to manage your contact list by monitoring emails you have sent and by sorting and filtering various groups within your list.

#### FILTERING OPTIONS

- By Donor Status have or have not donated
- By Team Status current team members
- By Past Team Members Status past team members that have not joined your team
- By Never Emailed Status have not contacted
- By Needs Follow-Up Status need to send an email, a follow-up email
- By Unthanked Donors Status need to send a thank you message



# MY PROGRESS

The My Progress section allows you to monitor your personal fundraising progress based on the components chosen.

#### MY PROGRESS FEATURES

- View your monthly progress with a chart showing your fundraising success
- Track the number of gifts you have received
- View your gift history
- Change your fundraising goal
- Enter a new gift checks & cash that you receive from donors

