# " Effective Use of Communication Tools for Public Awareness Program "

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## Agenda

- Getting started
  - Define the goals
  - Identify target audiences
  - Key message development
- Introduce communication channels
- Case studies

## **Define The Goals**

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- Assess the current outreach situation
- Goal setting
- Behavioral and attitudinal changes



# **Target Audiences**

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What matters they concern most

What would motivate them

What are their current perceptions, needs, knowledge, wants, preferences, and behavior

How they obtain daily information

Demographic and psychological profile

Divided by their characteristics, gender, information of age group, profession, interests, etc.

# **Key Messages**

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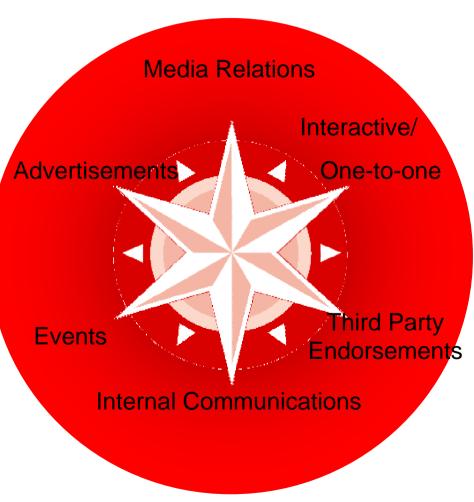
- Objective-oriented
- Consistency
- Less is more
- Engagement
- Counteract oppositions



## **Communication Channels**

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## **Case Studies**



## The Issue

 Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in the United States.

## The Challenge

- Heart disease was considered a man's disease.
- Women believed they were at a higher risk of developing cancer, specifically breast cancer, than of dying from heart disease.
- Heart disease kills more women than all cancers combined.

## The Insight

- Women needed to understand heart disease is "an equal opportunity killer" that does not distinguish between sexes.
- The heart disease public education message needed to break through years of undistinguished yet broadly disseminated heart health messaging.

The Tagline - "Heart Disease Doesn't Care What You Wear – It's the Killer of Women"

- Rationale
  - Directly addresses the prevailing myth that women aren't seriously affected by heart disease
  - By echoing a common phrase, "the hard truth", it made women realize that this was an issue they had to face

The Red Dress – as the centerpiece creative element

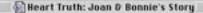
- Rationale
  - Incorporates the color most associated with the idea of the "heart"
  - Forge an emotional link between a woman's focus on her outer self (appearance) and the need to focus on her inner self (health in general and heart health, in particular)



## The Heart Truth Campaign: Public Education Materials

 Creative design using compelling photos and stories of real women's struggles with heart disease







#### The Heart Truth Campaign: Website











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#### SELECT A STORY

Susan Apr. 41

Rosario Age: 43

Stephanie Age: 38

Paula Age: 45

Joan & Bonnie Age: 52 & 49

Ann Age: 58

Debbie Age: 51

#### STORIES FROM THE HEART

JOAN & BONNIE'S STORY

#### Joan:

\*Five years ago, I was driving with my sister when I began having shoulder pain. She had experienced a heart attack two weeks earlier, so she drove straight to the hospital. Sure enough, I was having a heart attack. My doctor tells me that if I have another I might not make it through, because the first one damaged my heart. I had no choice but to change everything in my life. I guit smoking, I exercise, and I eat healthy now. Until I had a heart attack myself, I thought heart attacks were for old men.\*

#### Bonnie:

"I had a heart attack at the age of 44. I thought I was having indigestion, but when my sister saw the blood drain from my face, she called 9-1-1. I remember thinking, 'Why's she calling 9-1-1? I'm going to take an antacid and it's going to go away." Two weeks later, she also had a heart attack. Now our whole family eats healthier and works out together, since we have this family history."

WHAT IS THE HEART TRUTHS

HEART TRUTH PARTNERS

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#### The Heart Truth Campaign: Red Dress Public Service **Announcement**

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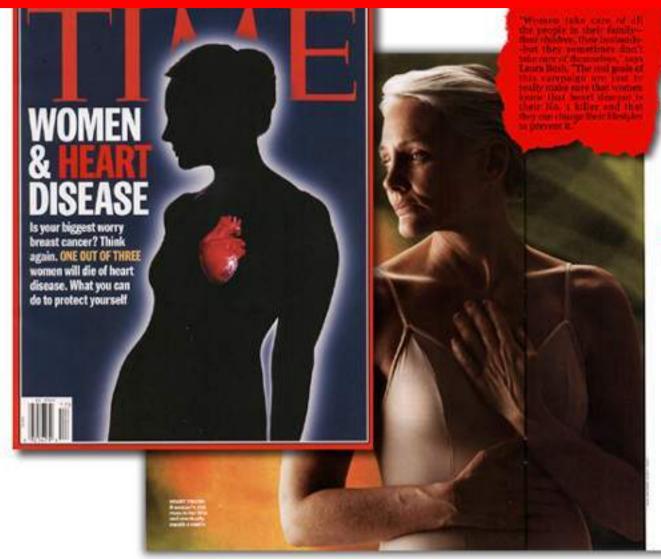
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#### Fashion Week, Feb 2003

- Heart disease awareness and women was chosen as the cause 19 top designers
  from Vera Wang to Donna Karen to Oscar de la Renta
  contributed red dresses
- Collaborated with Federal Government and fashion industry
- Engaged First Lady, Laura Bush, to champion the cause and introduce the campaign



## The Heart Truth Campaign: The 2003 Time Magazine Cover and Feature Article on the Heart Truth Campaign



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# THE NO. 1 KILLER OF WOMEN

No, it's not breast cancer. More women die of heart disease than of all cancers combined. What you should know about the latest research, and how you can protect yourself

By CHRISTING GORNAN

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#### The Heart Truth Campaign: Additional National Coverage on The Heart Truth Campaign



### Results

- Awareness of heart disease among women climbed from 33% to nearly 50% in one year
- Media coverage and partnership programs are unprecedented for a government public education program



### **Background**

- SARS attacked Hong Kong in 2003. It brought Hong Kong's economy to a complete halt and the morale in Hong Kong sank to bottom.
- Operation UNITE is a multi-sector, action-oriented campaign driven by a Steering Committee with Mrs. Betty Tung as the Honorary Advisor and Dr. Rosanna Wong as the Convenor
- Operation UNITE was conceived as an Action Campaign to boost solidarity and morale in Hong Kong during this anxious time.

## **Objectives**

- Instill hygiene best practices (both personal and public) in the community through the Hygiene Charter
- Galvanize the public and influencers to support the Hygiene Charter
- Bolster Hong Kong people's confidence
- Rebuild Hong Kong's image in the eyes of world

## Target Audience

- The Hong Kong community
- Divided into three segments: senior management, employees, and the general public
- Media (local and international media)
- Influencers (Industry associations, trade bodies, consumer council, influential media)

# Operation Unite: Hygiene Charter signature campaign press launch

- Driving hygiene best practice across different sectors for Hong Kong
- Key goals of the Hygiene Charter:
  - To further unite the community
  - To enhance the environment and public health



## Operation Unite: "Taking off with Hong Kong in Unity" campaign at the airport

- Nurture local and international confidence in the rebound of Hong Kong
- Mobilized Hong Kong youths to form a giant "Heart of Hong Kong" at the Hong Kong International Airport





### Result

- The campaign generated a good level of media interest.
- Coverage in the media was multi-faceted, ranging from the objectives of Operation UNITE, the importance of hygiene, to its impact of the entire community.
- Operation UNITE was highly regarded as a thought leader in the fight against SARS.

## **Key Learnings**

- Identify the goals
- Simple messages
- Don't be limited by one channel
- Build relevance to audiences



## THE END