

MAKING YOUR GOD-SIZED VISION A REALITY

a note from Danya



Gratefully,

HELLO FRIENDS,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and for many, the new school year is beginning. What better time to announce something extremely exciting for Blessings Brokers! I am so happy to let you know that we are launching our first (of many) online courses on the “Teachable” website.

First, what is Teachable? Teachable is a platform that houses educational classes for people to take at their own convenience, in the comfort of their home or office. I have personally taken teachable courses and find it to be a tremendously valuable tool. *Proverbs 11:14 ESV, “Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.”*

As Blessings Brokers was launched, I kept thinking about ministries and nonprofit organizations who might not be able to afford a consultant yet, but need assistance in raising funds for their mission.

Creating courses on Teachable is an excellent way for me to share what God has taught me over my 26+ years of experience in Donor Development.

This first course, “How to Raise the First \$50,000 for Your Dream Nonprofit,” will launch tentatively September 22, 2020. It is designed to share practical and applicable steps to build the necessary funds to achieve the God-sized dreams you have for your nonprofit organization or ministry. Below are a few highlights of what you can expect. You will:

- Receive step-by-step practical instructions of what you need to know to be successful in fundraising
- Receive fill-in-the-blank templates
- Learn how to make a successful ask and how to thank your donors well
- The opportunity for a 30-minute free consultation

If you are interested, please visit <https://teachable.com/>. This course and all downloadable materials will be available for \$49.99. If you have any questions regarding the course or Blessing Brokers, please reach out to us on info@blessingsbrokers.com or call 704-999-7244.

THE CARES ACT

THREE INCENTIVES TO

Charitable Giving

The CARES Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law on March 27th, 2020. This act provides relief to Americans donors. Below are three big ways you can help others now!

1

People who make smaller gifts will be able to deduct them up to \$300. For the rest of 2020, an individual will be able to deduct up to \$300, whether or not they itemize their deductions. This will be helpful for organizations as they ask for donations through email, direct mail, and in person from donors who usually make smaller gifts.

2

People who make larger gifts will be able to deduct a much higher amount. Before the CARES Act, an individual could deduct up to 60% of their adjusted gross income (AGI) for charitable deductions of cash (not stock). The stimulus package lifts that restriction, so that an individual can make a gift only of cash and deduct it up to 100% of their AGI for the year 2020. This is helpful for wealthier major donors; it could allow a person to make charitable gifts that eliminate their tax burden. This may not be used to fund Donor Advised Funds or Supporting Organizations.

3

Corporations have much greater incentive to make charitable gifts. Usually this is limited to 10% of taxable income for the corporation. That limit has been increased to 25% of the taxable income, making charitable gifts much more attractive to many companies. A similar limitation on corporate giving of food inventory, currently limited to 15%, has also been boosted to 25%. Obviously, organizations which work closely with corporate gifts will find this useful. It is especially helpful with corporations which are giving food inventory to an organization.

For more information, go to <https://afpglobal.org/news/cares-act-charitable-giving-incentives>

OUR CLIENTS

Blessings Brokers has the privilege of working with wonderful clients. We are so honored to work shoulder-to-shoulder, shield to shield and heart-to-heart with all our clients to support their kingdom- sized missions.



Beautifully Flawed Productions is a film company whose mission is to spread the Gospel by creating and producing female-driven inspirational content empowering women of all ages by tackling critical real-life topics that will change the world. To learn about their newest film, "Sophie's Song," or to give visit sophiessong.com.



Courage For Life is a ministry whose mission is to help at-risk women develop the courage to restore and transform their lives through Christ. For more information on Courage For Life or to give, visit courageforlife.org.



eMite is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to connecting donors with impactful charity around the world. A matchmaker for donors and charities, their mission is to unite people in trustworthy, global charity through a first-class, donor experience. Visit emite.org for more information or to give.



Five Stones Church was planted to serve and share God's love with the communities, in Union County, NC. By actively living out their faith through serving others and engaging their neighbor they, believe they will fulfill their mission of encouraging people to know God and take their next step with Him. To see how Five Stones is Making a Difference in their community or to give, visit fivestoneschurch.com



Oaks Christian School, located in Charlotte, NC, is a new model of school that exists to nurture, develop, and educate the whole child – mind, body, heart, and soul as an image-bearer of God. Learn more about their new and innovative methods, community partnership mindset, and ways to give at theoakscharlotte.org.



Radiant NYC exists to enlighten, equip, and empower NYC women to live a lifestyle of resilience and radiance. They will walk alongside of them to give clarity, courage, and confidence for what they face, all the while directing them to Jesus who is the true Change-Maker. For more information and to give, visit www.radiant.nyc.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

When designing our Blessings Brokers logo, it was important that we captured our dependence upon God and our passion for helping others. We wanted to share the reasoning behind our name and logo so that when you see it you are reminded of our mission and vision.

Let us start at the bottom of the logo and work our way up.

The name Blessings Brokers came out of the command that we are called to pour out blessings on others and to give open-handedly from what God has provided us. In addition to our regular tithe, we are beckoned to stretch ourselves in giving. We know this to be true because He tells us in Ephesians 3:20 that God can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." But we must take that first step and act upon His instruction. That is what makes us "brokers" of the "blessings" He has provided. So, we are all truly called to be "Blessings Brokers."

You will notice that the name of Blessings Brokers is at the foot of the cross. A posture of humble dependence on God is how we best serve Him. We are seeking His will and His purpose together, and then walking with Him confidently, to **"Fuel ministries to accomplish the Great Commission until Jesus returns."**

Above the cross you see seven rays of sunshine because seven is the number of completion in the Bible. Jesus is the Light of the world and we want to shine brightly for Him through Blessings Brokers. Our logo is rather simplistic and the meaning behind it is incredibly significant. We love helping others to become "Blessings Brokers." We consider there to be no higher calling than to serve our God and you.

In this time of uncertainty, some people may be fearful of giving. What we have to realize is that it is truly possible to give during times of trouble. The reward and blessing we receive when we do is more than we can measure.

May the following scriptural passages encourage you.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

— **Luke 6:38**

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

— **2 Corinthians 9:11**

All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.

— **Proverbs 21:26**

Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.

— **Deuteronomy 15:10**

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