Thrive Networks Brand DNA

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Introduction

Brand DNA

Your brand is the sum total of words, emotions, images and aesthetics that your target audiences thinks of when they think of you. Because your brand lives in them, it can't be controlled. It can, however, be built.

Brand building consists of:

- Target Audiences
- Brand Values & Experience
- Editorial Tone & Voice
- Key Messaging
- Storytelling Approach
- Visual Language

Thrive Networks has three target audiences (in order of priority):

- 1. Institutional Donors
- 2. High-Net-Worth Individuals
- 3. Small Donors

Your editorial tone & voice, storytelling approach, key messaging and visual language must connect with all three audiences. Yet, there will be instances where specific language, messaging and stories will be employed to connect with a specific target audience.

Institutional Donors



Tracy Bryant, 45

Target Audience #1: Institutional Donors

Age/Gender: 40s-50s/both

Professional Background: Expert economists, physicians, researchers,

engineers, public health professionals

Location: DC, Seattle, London, Canberra, NYC, Bay Area

How Connected: Networking (introductions, conferences)

Key Concerns: Demonstrated measureable impact, efficiency, innovation,

alignment with their internal priorities, organizational stability

Why Thrive Networks: Performance, scale, field capacity, other funders

have previously supported

Audience Visualization

















High-Net-Worth Individuals



Steve Rowe, 50

Target Audience #2: High-Net-Worth Individuals

Age/Gender: 40s-70s/both

Professional Background: VCs, finance, law, tech

Location: Bay Area, NYC, LA, London

How Connected: Networking, warm introductions

Key Concerns: Effective use of finances, heart/justice, pet projects

Why Thrive: High leverage ratio (ROI), feeling of "discovering" a hot

opportunity, emotional stories

Audience Visualization















Small Donors



Robyn Thorton, 36

Target Audience #3: Small Donors

Age/Gender: Varied

Profession: Varied

Location: U.S. city centers, Asia

How Connected: Knew the org as East Meets West, previous donor

of Embrace or other merged organization

Key Concerns: Helping someone in poverty, tax deductions

Why Thrive: Emotional stories, local connection (if donors live in Bay Area)

Audience Visualization





















Brand Values & Experience

Your brand values are the essence of your organization. They are who you are, how you work and how you communicate.

Rigorous

Academic / Expert / Meticulous / Comprehensive

Pioneering

Innovative / Cutting Edge / Front Line / Novel

High Performing

Results Oriented / Execution Focused / Determined / Accomplished

Your brand experience is the translation of your brand values into individual interactions.

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Each interaction with the Thrive Networks will be:

- Professional
- Leading
- Effective

Editorial Tone & Voice

Thrive Networks' editorial tone and voice is a combination of Bill and Melinda Gate's Annual Letter and *Foreign Policy* magazine.

The Gates Foundation

Be approachable yet willing to go in-depth and use industry-specific terminology when necessary; be humble while not hiding your expert status; be optimistic and passionate yet remain focused on answering your audience's questions, meeting their needs and respecting their time

Foreign Policy

Call conventional wisdom into question; provoke, surprise, and present memorable information and rigorous analysis; connect the dots between a great injustice/intractable problem and Thrive Networks' work; use numbers (statistics, results) compellingly and definitively

Editorial Tone & Voice

Notes:

- Embrace will be highlighted in some situations because of its strong brand and donor base, yet de-emphasized overall when discussing Thrive Networks.
- East Meets West will be highlighted in some instances due to the legacy of the brand and the fact that Thrive's work is still known as East Meets West in much of Southeast Asia.
- The use of "Reach Global" and "Hands to Hearts" should be discontinued as they are no longer active entities.

Avoid	Use Instead "Thrive Networks" for the first reference to the organization, then switch to "we," "our" or "Thrive"				
Repeatedly using "Thrive Networks" after establishing the organization					
Emphasizing Thrive's previous merger and acquisition strategy; terms like "innovation network", "social change", and "changing the nonprofit model"	Thrive's integrated, evidence-based programs: Thrive Health, Thrive Water and Thrive Education				
Describing Thrive as a "social venture" or "charity"	"Development organization", "INGO" or "NGO"				
"Third world"	"Low resource", "low income" or "developing countries" (for less technical audiences)				
"Poorest of poor"	"Underserved populations", "rural poor" or "those living in poverty"				
"Clients"	"Recipients" for Thrive Health and "beneficiaries" for Thrive Water				
"Invest", "fund" or "give money"	"Donate" or "donation"				
"Entities" or "collaborators"	"Partners" or " partners" (international, local, implementing, government, etc.)				
"Native born", "indigenous"	"Field staff"				
Using the old tagline: "We help people move from survival to potential"	The new tagline: "Evidence-based international development at scale"				
"Infant" as in infant mortality	"Neonatal" as in neonatal mortality				

Key Messaging

Tagline

Evidence-based international development at scale

NOTES:

- "Evidence-based" is rare in the nonprofit space and connotes rigor, evaluation, and experience.
- "International" communicates where you work.
- "Development" communicates the type of work you do (i.e. not disaster relief) and implies who you work with (those in poverty).
- "At scale" communicates the scope of your work.

Organizational statement

Thrive Networks is an international NGO pioneering evidence-based programs and technologies in health, water and sanitation, and education for underserved populations in Asia and Africa.

Mission statement

To improve the health and well-being of underserved communities in Asia and Africa through evidence-based programs and technologies.

Beneficiaries

Underserved populations in Asia and Africa

Key Messaging

Stats

- Thrive Networks currently works in 8 countries: Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Uganda and Vietnam.
- In 2015, Thrive Networks' health, water and sanitation, and education programs benefited more than 345,000 people living in poverty. That number will more than double in 2016 to 890,000 people.
- Since 1988, Thrive Network's programs have benefited more than 3.36MM people around the world.

Why Thrive Networks?

- Comprehensive Intervention Design
 We identify innovative technological and operational ideas, implement
 programs employing these innovations, carefully measure the performance
 of these programs, scale them when appropriate and disseminate our
 learnings to key institutional actors.
- Evidence-Based
 We rigorously evaluate each action, participate in RCTs and academic research, and employ third-party M&E to determine what works best.
- Locally led / Partnership Focused
 Our work is locally-led and in partnership with governments, NGOs and local organizations.
- Operate at Scale
 We operate at scale across mulitple geographies with more than 890,000
 benefiting from our programs.
- Professional Program Execution
 Our field staff are extraordinary performers, managing ambitious and complex programs, consistently meeting performance targets at or below budget.
- Bay Area's Largest International NGO Working in Health, Water and Education Founded 28 years ago by a Vietnamese woman who fled to the United States after the Vietnam war, Thrive Networks (formerly East Meets West Foundation) was established and has proudly resided in the Bay Area.

Key Messaging

What We Do

- Innovate: Develop innovative technological and operational ideas.
- **Implement**: Implement programs employing these innovations.
- **Measure**: Carefully measure the performance of these programs.
- **Scale**: Scale successful programs.
- **Disseminate**: Document and disseminate successes and highlight obstacles to key institutional actors (governments, donors, investors, academic institutions).

How We Do It

- **Recruit High Caliber Staff:** attract, develop, and retain capable, high performing field and international personnel.
- **Build Strategic Partnerships:** engage public and private sector partners for implementation purposes, and research/evaluation partners for third party evaluation purposes.
- **Prioritize Performance Excellence:** emphasize operations (financial viability, supporting activities and structures, hardware maintenance)
- **Employ Leverage:** execute programs that catalyze local investment, whether from beneficiaries, the local private sector, or governments.

Primary Near-term Performance Goals

- **WASH:** By 2018, Thrive Water seeks to convince the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Lao governments to adopt output-based aid (OBA) as a policy for delivering WASH services to the underserved. In addition, it aims to generate robust evidence for the potential synergies to mass deworming of school deworming offered by hygiene education.
- **Health:** By 2018, Thrive Health aims to treat 750,000 babies across eight countries: Afghanistan, India, Kenya, Myanmar, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda, Vietnam. In addition, it aims for these governments to adopt the newborn health program and integrate it into the existing health system.

Storytelling Approach

Storytelling is a vital component of Thrive Networks' communications. How those stories are told makes all the difference.

Thrive Networks' storytelling approach will:

- Connect with target audiences.
- Translate brand values into your brand experience.
- Employ the editorial tone & voice.
- Include key messaging (where appropriate).
- Include direct quotes from recipients, partners, and Thrive Network's staff.

The meta story arc for Thrive Network's stories will:

- Paint a vivid picture of a recipient's life before Thrive Networks (where she lives, what challenges she faces, what her family situation is, what her average day looks like, etc.).
- Clearly articulate a recipient's need and the urgency to meet it.
- Describe how she first encountered Thrive Networks and her initial impressions of the organization.
- Demonstrate how Thrive Networks' evidence-based programs and/or technologies met her need.
- Enumerate the ways that her life has changed, then cast a statistically informed vision for her future.

This meta story arc does not need to be in the same order each time, nor does each story need to feature all the above elements, but complete stories should strive to include as many of the above points as possible.

Aesthetic Attributes

The visual language needs to present a distinct, recognizable look and feel that unifies the Thrive Networks brand as a single entity.

An organization's look is defined by strategic use of color, typography and graphics. An organization's feel is the emotional sum of those parts. The emotional feel of Thrive Networks will be aligned with its **brand values:** rigorous, pioneering and high performing.

To advance these brand values, the visual language must speak with more authority. We want to appeal to the business acumen and scholarship of our target audiences by demonstrating Thrive's expertise while maintaining a sense of approachability.

We will accomplish this with design decisions made in line with the brand experiences: professional, leading and effective. These attributes are the foundation for all stylistic choices presented here.

Typography: Primary

Gotham will be maintained as Thrive Networks' primary typeface. Gotham is a sans serif typeface with the inherent ability to speak with professionalism and authority in a contemporary voice. It is an incredibly functional workhorse that works equally well at both display and body sizes.

Primary Font - Gotham

Gotham Book is shown here. All weights of the Gotham family can be used.

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Typography: Secondary

Freight Text Pro will be used as a secondary typeface to provide emphasis for headlines, callouts, captions, etc. Freight is a serif typeface that will temper Gotham's cool contemporary appeal with a more scholarly aesthetic. The two perfectly complement one another.

Primary Font - Freight Text Pro

Freight Text Pro Book is shown here. All weights of the Freight family can be used.

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Typography: Alternates

Gotham and Freight require paid licenses to use. In the event that these fonts are unavailable, Lato and Merriweather are free fonts that can be used as substitutions. These fonts can be downloaded from the Google font directory at google.com/fonts.

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Typography Example

Combinations of serif & sans serif with upper & lowercase letters look professional and approachable.

Example of intro text nibh sem tortor natoque penatibus et magnis dis parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus. Duis mollis, est non commodo luctus, nisi erat porttitor ligula, eget lacinia odio sem.

EXAMPLE OF SECONDARY HEADINGS

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Photography

Compelling photography is essential to communicating the stories behind Thrive Networks. The photographic approach should be more photojournalistic (see *National Geographic*, *Boston Globe, New York Times Magazine*) and not over stylized.

Photos should feel like snapshots—authentic moments captured in time. Subjects should look like they are caught in action rather than posed. Color should be true to life, vibrant and crisp.











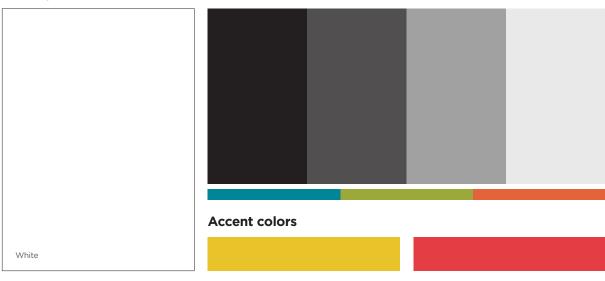




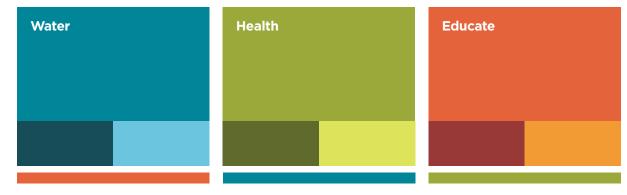
Color

Each program area will be color coded with a primary color. The complete Thrive Networks palette will feature all three colors in combination with neutral grays, white and accent colors. Color should come mainly from the photography on the page. Backgrounds should be limited to white and subtle tints of gray or color. Full color floods should be used sparsely and strategically for impact.

Primary Palette



Program Indicator Colors



Color Formulas

Primary Palette

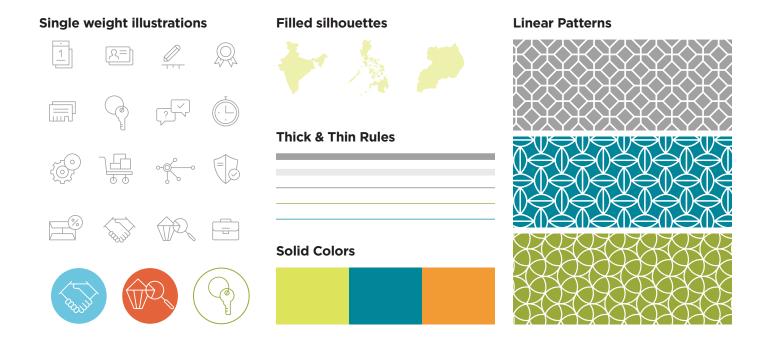


Program Indicator Colors

Water		Health			Educate			
teal	C 100 R 0 #0089 M 10 G 133 PMS 7 Y 29 B 153 K 20	712C	C 45 R 156 M 22 G 169 Y 100 B 59 K 0	#9ca93b PMS 7746C	orange	C 7 M 75 Y 85 K 0	R 227 G 100 B 59	#e2633b PMS 7579C
dark teal	C 96 R 7 #074e M 56 G 78 PMS 7 Y 51 B 89 K 32	476C	C 60 R 97 M 41 G 106 Y 100 B 46 K 26	#616a2d PMS 371C	dark orange	C 25 M 85 Y 75 K 25	R 152 G 59 B 56	#983a38 PMS 492C
light teal	C 50 R 109 #6cc4 M 0 G 196 PMS 6 Y 7 B 220 K 5	30C	C 16 R 222 M 0 G 228 Y 79 B 92 K 0	#dee45b PMS 379C	light orange	C 3 M 45 Y 90 K 0	R 241 G 155 B 53	#f09b35 PMS 7569C
accent color	= orange	accent color = t	teal		accent color =	green		

Graphics

Supporting graphics should be limited to linear, single weight illustrations—either used in isolation or placed inside geometric shapes. Filled silhouettes can also be used if the application merits. Thick and thin rules should be used to divide information. Areas of color should be solid as opposed to gradient. Linear patterns can also be used as backgrounds to add interest.



Application Example

The Thrive Health one-pager provides a visual example of how the proposed typography, color palette, graphics and photographic approach would look when applied.

