

#### BUILDING AN AUTHENTIC VOICE TO CREATE COMMUNITY

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#### WHO WE ARE

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#### JOHN MCKEEVER

I help organizations develop their strategies for growth.

I've helped organizations design new ways of creating and delivering exceptional experiences with their consumers and employees.

My experience has been cross industry, focusing mainly in the healthcare and energy industries.



#### RYAN NASH

Ryan is a global marketing executive who formed RTRN Strategy as a strategic marketing firm with experts from a dozen industries.

Collectively, that team has helped clients achieve more than \$80 billion in product sales, managed more than \$100 million in marketing budgets, and has driven 8 successful acquisitions.

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#### WHAT WE DO

- Work with organizations to set and implement their strategic imperatives
- Align brand, operations, and culture
- Accelerate time through uncertainty
- Realize real business impact



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### COMMUNITY IS AN ORGANISM

Self-selected based on a shared purpose

- It has a life span
- Has functional and emotional needs



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#### EVEN OLD FOLKS PLAY VIDEO GAMES

**219M** Gamers in the U.S.

**50.6M** Americans over 50 play games

54% - 46% Identify as Male - Female

40% Identify as Black, Indigenous, POC

**16% - 31%** Are **LGBTQIA** – have **disability** 



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## AUTHENTICITY IS PARAMOUNT

- Particularly for gaming
- Tested in a pressure cooker
- **Driven** by the community
- Influencer marketing Leveled Up in gaming

VIDEO GAMES IS A FAST-MOVING INDUSTRY THAT HAS TO EVOLVE AT THE SPEED OF CULTURE

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#### LOOK FOR EARLY SIGNS OF TRENDS

- Early adoption of trending preferences can lead to massive advantages
- **Design** for the **future**
- Build marketing messaging &
  brand experiences for them now





### DEVELOP A CONVERSATIONAL INFLUENCE MODEL

 Move from conversation-control to a conversation-influence model

- It's a matter of **survival**
- Take a stand on issues important to your audience

#### FOCUS AROUND A POWERFUL, PURPOSEFUL MESSAGE

Baddiewinkle 94 years old 3.3M followers on Instagram



#### CUSTOMERS DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THEY WANT

- How do you communicate without alienating?
- This is a complex sale with opportunities for education and trustbuilding

GAME DEVELOPERS ARE NOT AFRAID TO TAKE RISKS AND MIX **GENRES, EXPERIMENT WITH** STORYTELLING, AND EXPLORE **TOUGH TOPICS** 



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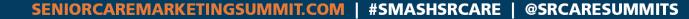
#### AGILE & QUICK TO MARKET

- Adapt quickly to new trends
- Video is key
- Livestreaming is a powerful tool

FROM GRASS ROOTS ESPORTS IS NOW A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY & HAS SUPPLANTED TRADITIONAL SPORTS



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## GAMIFICATION

- Create competition and excitement
- Build patterns of behavior that...
- Keep the audience engaged



## CREATE EXPERIENCES THAT GENUINELY HELP

What can we do that **helps us** and **genuinely helps** our **community**?



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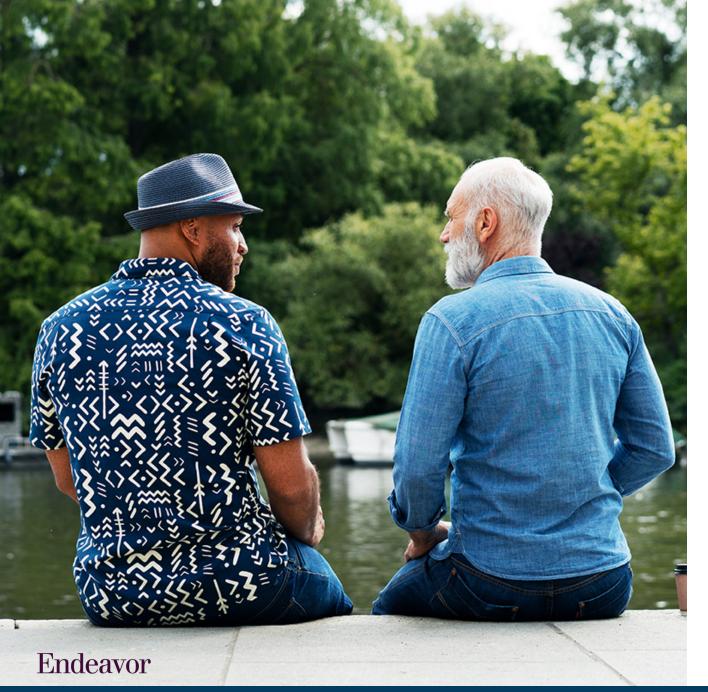
#### THE CHALLENGE

- The client wanted an ecommerce site to capture incremental revenue
- Endeavor uncovered that sales staff were avoiding certain issues
- Missing a lot of opportunity to upsell

# **COMPLEX SALES** PROCESS REQUIRES EMP SENIORCAREMARKETINGSUMMIT.COM | #SMASHSRCARE | @SRCARESUMMITS



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#### THE SOLUTION

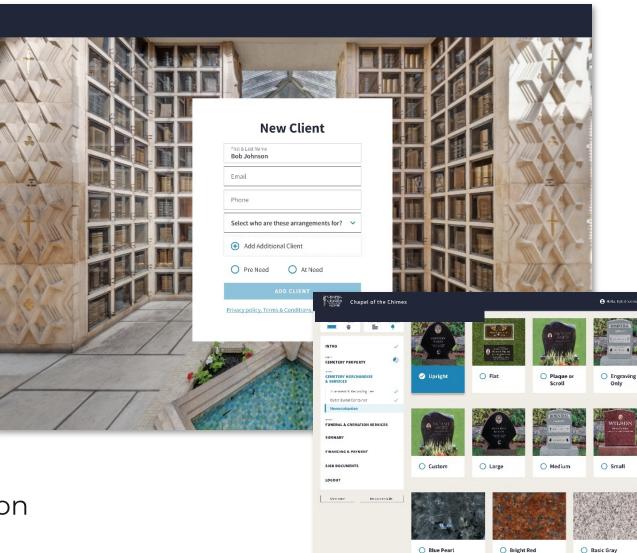
- Our tool guided both the salesperson and client through each step of the process
- Natural progression through all elements
- Finishing with a closed sale
- Micro Trends: See individual performance
- Macro Trends: See performance across the system

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#### IN THE FIRST 30 DAYS

#### **3X** # CONTRACTS CLOSED

# 3X REVENUE



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From the **lowest performing** salesperson to the **highest** 



### INSIGHTS & TAKEAWAYS

- Industries with complex sales requires empathy
- This in turn creates high turnover
- Low performers often underperform because they're thrown in the deep end
- A guided sales experience helps both the salesperson as well as the prospects – they go through the journey together



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### THANK YOU

Please contact us directly for any further help or information.

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