Send Year End Letters

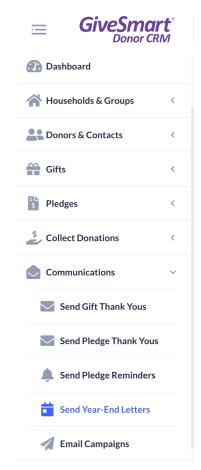
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It's the end of the calendar year, your fiscal year, or both, and it is time to send year end thank you notes to all your supporters for the year. While you can send regular Thank You notes using the Send Gift Thank Yous as outlined here, we have made it easy for those year end thank yous, with the Send Year End Letters feature in **Donor CRM**.

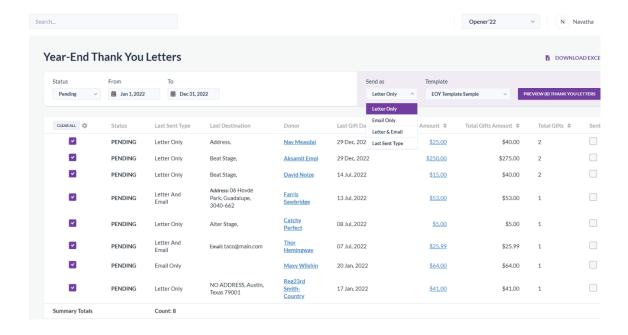
Gifts > Send Year End Letters

The process is very similar to the Send Gift Thank Yous, with a few additions:

- Go into your **Donor CRM** account.
- Open the **Communication** category from the left navigation.
- Click Send Year End Letters



• You will go to the **Year End Thank You Letter** section.



As shown in the **Last Sent Type** column, by default it will show all the types of contact you may have sent, including none or No Thank You. Because the Year End Thank You Letters group a donor's contributions into a single line, you will only see the last type of communication that was sent on the last donation. If they have donated at other times during the year, you will see the Total Gift Amount and Total Gifts, but not each individual gift they have sent.

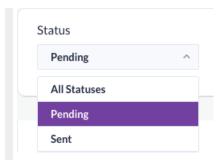
The reason is that you are sending them a consolidated Year-End thank you, so you don't want to spam them with the same Year End Thank You several times, if they have donated several times throughout the year.

Filtering your list

You can filter your list in different ways by choosing the appropriate drop-down menu at the top of the section.



Status

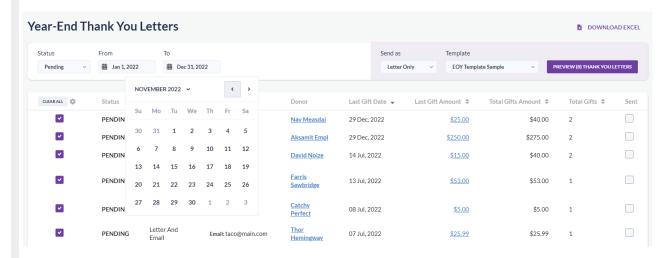


You can filter by status by choosing between the following:

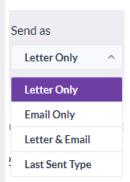
- All Statuses
- Pending
- Sent

Date Range

Your Year-End may be From January to December, or July to June or anything. Maybe you want to do a six-month Thank You. You can choose whatever date range you prefer by clicking on the **To** drop-down and the **From** drop-down.



Send as

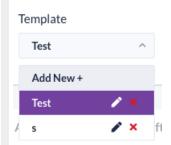


Send as allows you to select the method by which you want to send the End of Year Thank you Letter to the Donor. This includes:

- Letter Only
- Email Only
- Letter & Email
- Last Sent Type

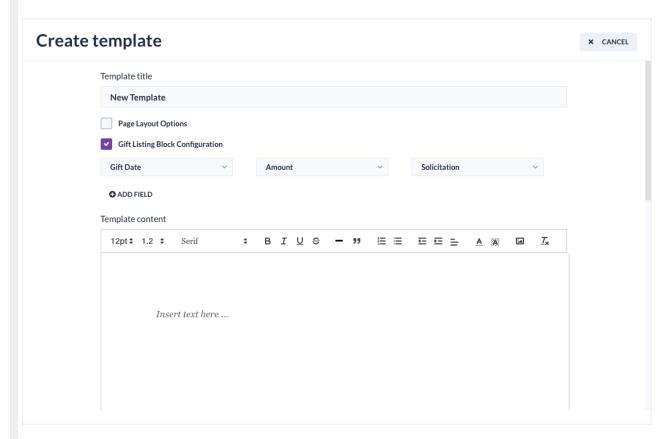
Attach a Template

You can use the Template drop-down to use an existing Thank You Template or you can add a new one from the menu.



Add a Template

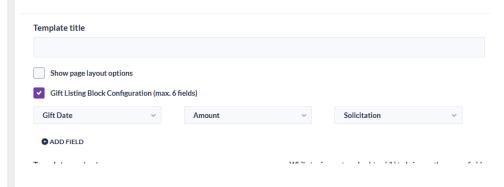
If you click **Add New +** it will show you the Create template pop-up window to configure the details and write your letter template.



Gift Listing Block Configuration

The Year-End Thank You Letter template includes a Gift listing Block which is intended to list all gifts the Donor gave for the year. This option is checked by default and a maximum of 6 fields can

be displayed. The selectable fields are: Gift Date, Amount, Solicitation, Asset Gift Date, Asset Amount, General Ledger, Sub Solicitation, Campaign, FMV (Fair Market Value), TDA (Tax deductible Amount) and Quantity.



You can add or edit to your template as desired and described here.

Previewing and Sending End-of-Years

Currently only **50** records can be previewed and sent at a time.

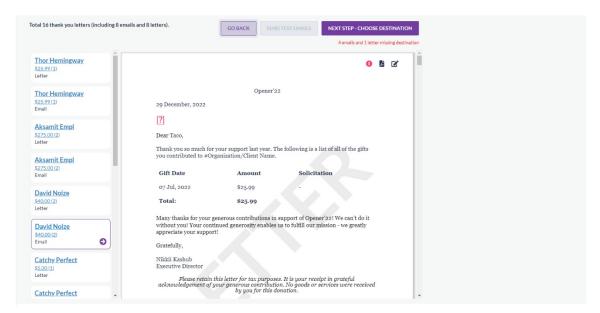
Please Note: If Merge fields such as a Salutation or a Suffix are added to the template and that information is missing from their Contact record, a red question mark will appear in the generated PDF letter.

As a workaround, we recommend creating a separate template omitting the Merged Field(s) for print purposes and utilizing filters in order to determine which contacts are missing data. More information on creating filters can be found here

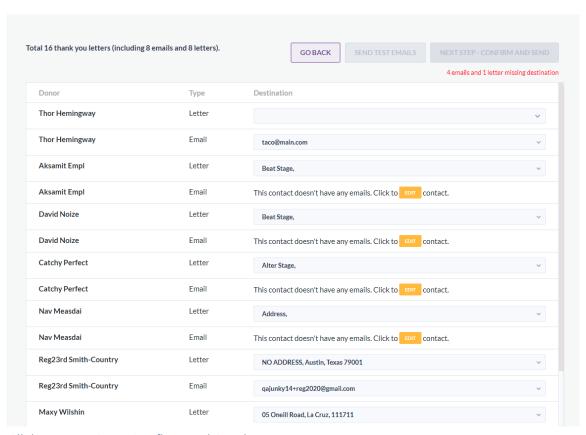
When you are ready to send, it is the same process as any other Gift Thank You message:

- Click Preview
 - This also shows you the count of how many thank you letters you are sending.
- Review your messages with the donors information in the letter or email.
 - If the email address or mailing address is missing, you will get a notification on the top right corner
- Click Next Step Choose Destination

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If there is any missing data, the Next Step-Confirm and Send will be disabled. Add any missing Email/Mailing address using the Edit Contact button.



- Click on Next Step-Confirm and Send
 - o It will generate the letters in a PDF that you can review and print
 - You can click on the download box in the upper right to view and print the letters.
- Click Next to go to print envelopes
 - · Adjust anything you want for the envelopes from the preview
 - Click Print Envelopes for it to create a PDF file
 - You can click on the download box in the upper right to view and print the envelopes.

Thank You Merge Field Options

- System Fields
 - Organization/Client Name
 - Long Today's Date
 - Mid Today's Date
 - Short Today's Date
 - User's Name
- Contact Fields
 - Address Block Options
 - Address Block Full Name

Stephanie Hann

#Address Block Full Name [Address Block Line 1] [Address Block Line 2] [Address Block Line 4 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 5 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 6 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 7 - if necessary]

Salutation

{salutation only information} Stephanie and Chris Havely or Stephanie Hann and Chris Havely

#Address Block Salutation [Address Block Line 1] [Address Block Line 2] [Address Block Line 3] [Address Block Line 4 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 5 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 6 - if necessary]

Salutation and Last Name

{salutation} + {last name} Stephanie and Chris Havely

#Address Block Salutation and Last Name [Address Block Line 1] [Address Block Line 2] [Address Block Line 3] [Address Block Line 4 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 6 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 6 - if necessary] [Address Block Line 7 - if necessary]

- Title
- First Name
- Last Name
- Suffix
- Salutation
- o Address 1
- o Address 2
- o Address 3
- o Address 4
- City
- State
- Zip
- Donor ID
- Gift Block Listing Fields
 - Gift Listing Block
 - Total Gifts Amount

- Total Gifts
- Date Range
- Contact Custom Fields