Digital advertising makes impact beyond the pavement for SickKids Foundation

Company Overview
SickKids Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Hospital for Sick Children, Canada’s leading center dedicated to advancing children’s health through the integration of patient care, research, and education.
“We truly appreciate Quantcast’s commitment to the ‘Million Reasons Run.’ Quantcast really stepped up as the event’s digital media sponsor, and its high-quality media and targeting were instrumental in driving sign-ups and making this first-time event a huge success. Thank you, Quantcast!”

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CHALLENGE
SickKids Foundation and digital media agency Aber Group set out to recruit participants and encourage them to fundraise for the ‘Million Reasons Run’ campaign. Their focus was on reaching runners, parents with children, and supporters of the 13 participating children’s hospitals. The campaign had the unique challenge of needing to drive awareness as well as recruit virtual community participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since this was the inaugural year for the ‘Million Reasons Run,’ there wasn’t any pre-existing data to pull from.

SOLUTION
Quantcast’s solution was twofold: audiences and insights. Leveraging Quantcast’s live view into consumer behavior, they built a highly niche audience based on running keyword interest to drive consideration and intent. They also placed a pixel on the ‘Million Reasons Run’ homepage, allowing them to collect new data on run registration, ultimately allowing them to grow their donor pool and drive conversions.

RESULTS
The SickKids Foundation created a successful digital advertising campaign that raised awareness, increased donations, and fueled event participation. Over 7,000 home page site visits occurred in the first two weeks with over 600 donation conversions. The run registrations exceeded over 400, and 8,000 people participated in the challenge in May. The campaign raised over $2.2 million in donations overall (129% of goal).

HIGHLIGHTS

$2.2M
in donations

+129%
better than donation goal