LISTENING TO YOUR CUSTOMERS

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Small Planet Foods Listening with Purpose

Using customer feedback to guide business decisions



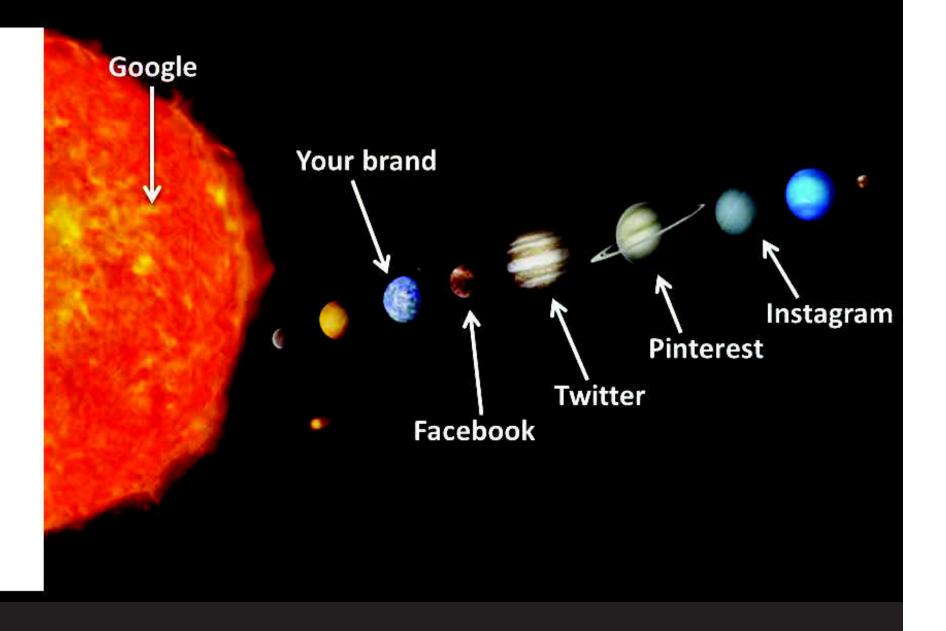








Tune in to <u>all</u> of your networks.





Eat customer service for breakfast.



Take care of your people.

If someone makes an effort to call, write, or fill out an email form, they are "your people." Go above and beyond for all customer service inquiries. Keep a record of the most important ones and share with your entire team. Consumer comments *should* lead to change.



Cascadian Farm: Uh O's





3. Get on your network's bus, and sit in different seats.



Become interested in what interests your people.

Your followers are telling you what they care about on an hourly basis. Dig deeper into comments, shares, pins, retweets, blogs, etc. Grow your interest in their passion points, and then say something relevant. If they like what your brand has to say, build. If not, try another seat.



LÄRABAR: For the love of dogs







Dangle lots of carrots.



Make testing a strategy.

Testing ideas is easy and inexpensive. Is your gut telling you that your consumers might love a mobile app that that helps with food allergies? Put it to the test. Social metrics are valuable votes. If an idea resonates with your people, follow through in some form.



Food Should Taste Good: Finding the goal







5. Prepare for uprisings.



Social unrest will happen. Have a plan.

Sometimes your brand will do something that your people won't like. If you know in advance, anticipate every possible question and have a truthful answer ready. If not, have an action plan in place. Change what they don't like if it makes sense, but don't fall prey to bullies.



Muir Glen: BPA Freeally?



Claire Sparks Reddick

Are your cans BPA free?

Like · Comment · February 10 at 11:03am





Muir Glen Organic Thanks for your question, Claire. We recently completed our transition to can lining made without BPA.

February 10 at 11:31am · Like · 1 1



Claire Sparks Reddick Great! Are these in stores yet?

February 11 at 6:01am · Like



Muir Glen Organic HI Claire - There is a good chance that our newer cans are on store shelves. Because we made the transition over a two year time period and our products have a shelf life of 2 1/2 years, both cans might be on shelves. But, the newer cans will replace the old in time.

February 11 at 11:40am · Like





Engage in space travel.



Listen outside of your networks.

You may have a good handle on how your people feel about your brand, but what about the people who aren't interacting in your networks? Pretty sure they're talking about your brand and your competitors. It's worth seeking them out. Their thoughts matter too.



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