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# Conscious Consumerism: What You Need to Know About New Buying Behaviors

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# **Today's Presenters**



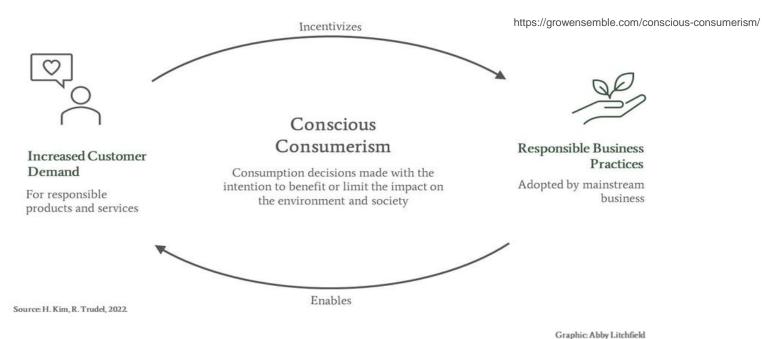
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### **What is Conscious Consumerism?**



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# The Shift to Social Responsibility



81%

of millennials expect companies to make a public commitment to good corporate citizenship

Georgetown University
Center for Societal Impact Communication<sup>1</sup>



58%

of consumers choose a brand based on its values and beliefs

Societal leadership is now a core business function

Edelman Trust Barometer 2022 Global Report<sup>2</sup>



**72%** 

of consumers expect brands to be positive contributors to society

**64%** expect brands to use their resources and power to help people

sproutsocial #BrandsGetReal Report<sup>3</sup>

### **The Rise of Conscious Consumerism**



#### **Millennial Generation:**

- By 2025, they will make up 75% of the workforce.
- They represent \$1 Trillion in consumer spending.
- 81% of Millennials expect companies to make a public commitment to CSR.
- 47% actively look for diversity in the workplace.

### **Evolving Corporate Expectations:**

- 73% of investors state that efforts to improve the environment & society contribute to their investment decisions. (HBS)
- Ethnically diverse companies outperform less diverse companies by 35%. (Forbes)





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# **Social Responsibility**

### **Action is expected**

- DEI is on consumer's minds and action is expected
- Consumers have high expectations of brands when it comes to taking a stance on social and environmental issues
- The 2022 Higher Impact report says over 50% of U.S. respondents stated that factors related to DEI have become more important over the past 3 years



**75%** 

of consumers today demand that companies give back

Linked In – Paul Rodney Turner



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93%

of employees believe companies must lead with purpose

40%

of millennials have taken a job due to a company's sustainability initiatives



**80%** of all Fortune 500 and S&P 500 companies now issue a CSR report





Shaklee<sup>\*</sup>



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At Shakles, we're part of a movement to make people and the planet health is:

#### Founded in 1956, shokles is the first moony in the world to obtain almore

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### Visit your end users' websites:

Companies are making sure their commitment to sustainability and social responsibility is front and center

Many corporations have responsibility initiatives

Many companies are investing heavily into their efforts and are proud to market their progress





Products susiness and marketing processes and conserve resources

Ecosystem Policy advocacy, partnership and commitments strengthen our thought leadership.









Our Renewable Energy Journey



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### **Define What CSR Means for the End User**

What stage of the journey is your end user currently engaged? Understanding what's important to them will determine your approach:

- Do they have a complete sustainability initiative?
- Do they have a target % of promotional product spend they're aiming to achieve?
- Does the broader group of end users have interest in cause marketing vs sustainability?



# **Case Study – Health System**

### **Background**

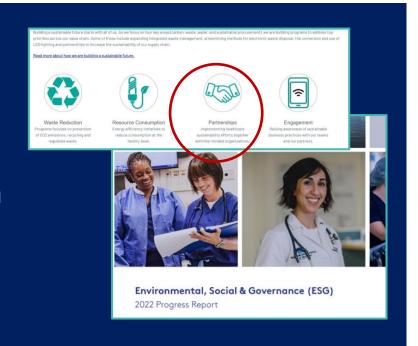
Distributor wanted to offer sustainable products to a local hospital during sales pitch

#### **Problem**

Couldn't find information about eco initiatives at the hospital

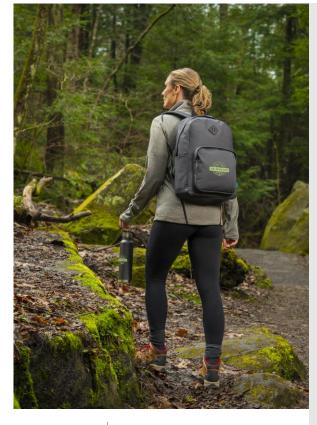
#### Solution

Found a parent company site online for the full health system and a many causes they supported. This gave a lot of great info and ideas to pitch from brands that give back, minority owned businesses, and sustainable products.





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With so many retail brands and products, there are all kinds of ways to create gifts people will love and make an impact.

Looking for something specific? ProudPath™ retail partners and products can be found in these five categories:

**Purpose Partners** 

**Brands That Give Back** 

**Owner Diversity** 

**Responsible Sourcing** 

**Eco-Friendly & Sustainable Products** 

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# **Purpose Partners**







Corporation

This company meets the highest standards of social and environmental impact









### **TERRA THREAD**

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### **Brands That Give Back**







Brands making a difference through charitable foundations, nonprofit partnerships and volunteer efforts.



**CAMELBAK** 

**Skullcandy**.



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### **Brands That Give Back**

# Skullcandy.



# CAMELBAK



By 2025, all CamelBak products will be designed to reduce our climate impact and continue to be made with the safest materials.



Thule Group and the Science Based Targets initiative



Scope 1 46% reduction in absolute numbers of greenhouse gases from our production sites, compared with the base year 2019.

Scope 2 100% renewable electricity at our own manufacturing sites and offices.

Scope 3 An absolute reduction of greenhouse gases by 28% related to purchased materials and upstream and downstream logistics, compared with the

base year 2019.

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**Owner Diversity** 









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# **Responsible Sourcing**



### **3rd Party Certifications**

- BLUESIGN
- Forest Stewardship Council<sup>(R)</sup>
- GRS
- RDS
- BSCI
- GOTS
- B Corp
- WRAP
- ACCORD
- FLA
- SEPEX
- SA8000

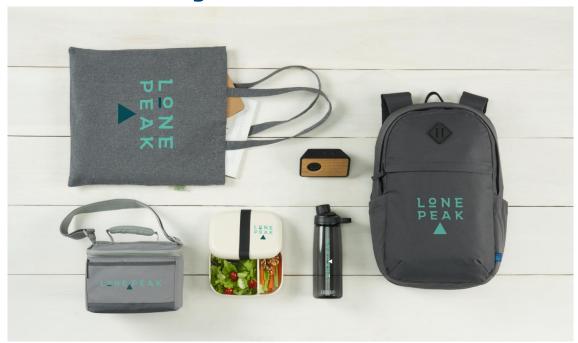




Forest Stewardship Council®



# **Eco-Friendly And Sustainable Products**



- Over 20 different sustainable or recycled materials
- Across all categories
- All contributing to 1% For The Planet



# **Making An Impact**





FOR THE PLANET





27,500

People Provided With Clean Drinking Water \$940K

Total Certified Giving(USD)

20M

Plastic Bottle Upcycled

6,089,290

Trees Planted



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# **Case Study – Automotive Company**

#### **Background**

End user looking for a wearable for conference in Vegas

Eco friendly items would be a huge plus due to sustainability initiatives

#### Solution

An eco-friendly polo that not only looked sharp but met the sustainability needs through recycled content

#### **Bonus**

The conversation with the end user turned to how they can utilize this polo in different areas and the distributor was <u>awarded a 2-year</u> <u>program</u>





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# Case Study - Finance / Banking

### **Background**

The end user was looking to gift inexpensive items to their store owners. Their deep commitment to sustainability presented an opportunity to gift a sustainable product.

#### Solution

- An Eco-friendly notebook
- Value priced item with deep inventory and environmentally friendly story
- Eco conscious items don't always have to be the most expensive!





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# **Case Study – Entertainment/Artist**

### **Background**

Well-known musician needed a solution for their outdoor concert series.

Was looking to support their passion for sustainability by reducing plastic water bottle waste at the concert.

#### Solution

- Reusable Water Bottle
- Eco-friendly Picnic Blanket







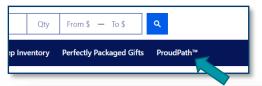
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### **PCNA Tools and Resources**

- Digital Hub and Landing Page
- Customizable Digital Flipbook
- Sales Flyers
- Photo Library
- Blog Content

www.pcna.com/proudpath













### **We Want To Hear From You!**



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