Improved User Experience Through Website Strategy, Usability Testing, and Design Collaboration

Overview
K-LOVE had a strong brand and a loyal following, but their website needed improvements in order to meet their goals of engaging their audience and showcasing more of what their ministry offers.

Challenge
To ensure their brand transcended from radio to web, K-LOVE needed a strategic partner to help them create their website development strategy, identify key performance indicators and goals, create information architecture and wireframes, and perform usability testing.

Solution
K-LOVE Radio engaged with Blast Analytics & Marketing to create a strategy for a multi-faceted project with many moving parts. Blast created a 3 phased development approach to ensure proper goals and timelines, working closely with their designers and programmers throughout the process.

Website Strategy and Project Leadership
Blast provided guidance with website strategy, defining goals and objectives, project planning and prioritization, information architecture, and more.

Wireframe and Page Layout Guidance
K-LOVE’s design team needed design and page layout guidance to achieve user-friendly web pages that were well-organized and easy to navigate. Blast offered leadership in the art and science of user centered design, and

Client Profile
K-LOVE is the largest contemporary Christian radio station in the United States. K-LOVE has about 12 million listeners each week in cities including New York City, Chicago, Phoenix, Nashville, San Antonio, Waco, Sacramento and Denver. It is also the sixth-most online-streamed station in the world.

“The website looks amazing!

On behalf of all of the project managers at EMF, I’d like to say thank you very, very much for all your contribution. What a huge success, especially for the K-LOVE listeners and fans!!!!”

Michael Cordato
Senior Project Manager

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provided wireframes, a style guide, as well as CSS/XHTML development support to ensure cross-browser compatibility and quality.

Usability and Site Structure Guidance
Using card sorting, competitive research and user feedback, Blast provided navigation naming recommendations to help users easily find what they were looking for. Blast also identified key user tasks and personas, created a site prototype, and performed usability testing in our lab to identify user difficulties before development began.

Results
After development was complete, Blast performed user acceptance testing to ensure the site met users’ expectations. We consolidated findings including recorded usability testing sessions and a detailed presentation and report of the results.

Strategic Partnership
Teamwork is the name of the game. Blast Analytics & Marketing continues to support K-LOVE radio as a consultant for various strategic, programming and design efforts. We value the role of strategic partner, working in collaboration with our clients to achieve outstanding results.