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#### **A Little About Tony our CEO**



• 1994-1995: Pizza business in college

1996-1998: LinkExchange (online advertising)

Sold to Microsoft for \$265 millon

• 1999: Venture Frogs, LLC (angel investment fund)

20/20 – Invested about \$20M in about 20 companies

Invested in Zappos.com

• 1999-Today: Zappos.com





## **Zappos at a Glance**Corporate Background

- Founded in 1999
- 1400 employees (half in Las Vegas headquarters, half in Kentucky)
  - #23 in FORTUNE MAGAZINE's "100 Best Companies To Work For"
  - Highest debut for a newcomer in 2009
- Zappos is "Powered by Service"
  - Providing the best online shopping experience possible.
  - Fast, Free Shipping. Free return shipping. 365-day return policy.
  - Fast fulfillment. Expedited delivery. Fast, friendly & expert customer service.
- Best selection
  - Over 1200 brands, over 200,000 styles, over 900,000 unique UPCs.
  - 4 million items in warehouse
  - 100% of products inventoried (no drop ship).
- Zappos is a service company that happens to sell clothing, shoes, handbags, eyewear, watches (and eventually a bunch of other stuff).





#### **Recent Recognition:**

#### Nice, but we pay more attention to our customers

- TV Stories
  - Donald Trump-Apprentice (2009)
  - Oprah (2008/2009)
  - ABC Nightline (2008)
  - 60 Minutes (2007)
- Fortune "100 Best Companies to Work For"
  - #23 (2009) Highest ranking newcomer to list
- Fast Company "50 Most Innovative Companies"
  - #20 (2009)
- BusinessWeek Top 25 "Customer Service Champs"
  - #7 (2009)

















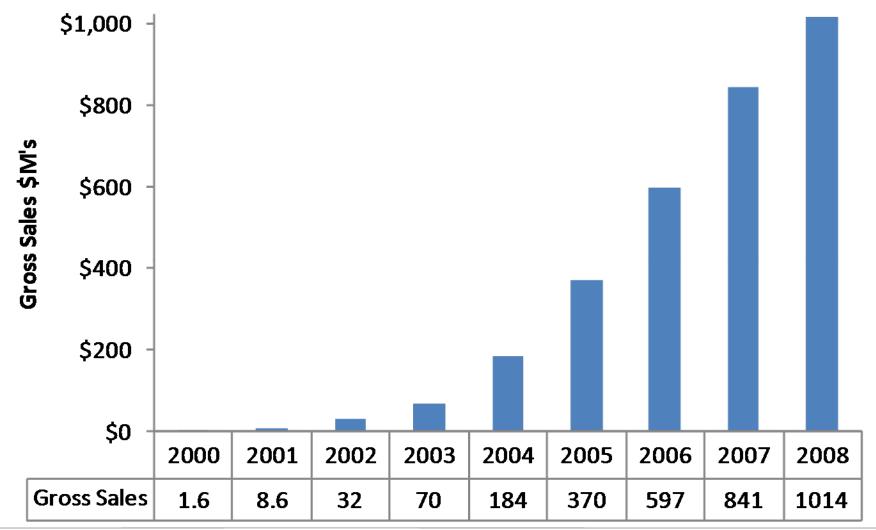
## Customer service value proposition in action... Zappos is committed to WOWing every customer.

- Customers come...
  - 9.9M total purchasing customers (3.3% of US population)
  - 4.1M have purchased in the last 12 months
- Customers come back...
  - On any given day, about 75% of purchases from returning customers
  - Repeat customers order >2.5x in the next 12 months
- Customers come back, order more and order more often...
  - Repeat customers have higher average order size
  - \$123.86 first time customers in Q407
  - \$156.27 returning customer in Q407





#### Power of repeat customers and word of mouth...







#### **Repeat Customer Data for Zappos.com**

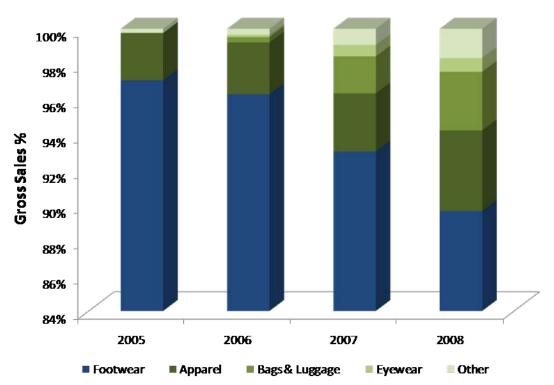
	% customers who buy again within next 12 months	avg # purchases by repeat customers over next 12 months	% repeat customers multiplied by avg # purchases
	(repeat customers)		
March 2001	20.4%	1.50	0.31
March 2002	27.0%	1.74	0.47
March 2003	33.5%	1.96	0.66
March 2004	44.6%	2.36	1.05
March 2005	51.0%	2.53	1.29
March 2006	51.3%	2.66	1.37
March 2007	54.3%	2.67	1.45





## **Clothing:** moving beyond shoes...great selection of clothing delivered with great service











## Zappos delivers happiness in a box: outfitting our customers from head to toe w/ great customer service.











## Customer Service: the Zappos way...establishing a personal emotional connection with the customer

See	Experience	Feel
What customers first see on Zappos web site?	What customers experience after their order?	What we do to establish a personal emotional connection?
Great selection	• Fast, Accurate Fulfillment	<ul><li>Manage Call Center Differently</li><li>No call times</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Easy to navigate web site</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most customers are "surprise"- upgraded to overnight shipping</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No sales-based performance goals for reps</li> </ul>
• 24/7 800 # on every page	<ul> <li>Friendly, helpful "above and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manage Fulfillment Differently</li> <li>Run warehouse 24/7</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Free shipping</li></ul>	beyond" customer service	<ul> <li>Inventory all product (no drop- ship)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Free return shipping</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Occasionally direct customers to competitors' web sites</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manage Culture Differently</li> <li>Interviews and performance</li> </ul>
• 365-day return policy	, and the second	reviews are 50% based on core values and culture fit
		<ul> <li>5 weeks of culture, customer service, and warehouse training for everyone in Las Vegas</li> </ul>
		<ul><li>Offer \$2,000 for trainees to quit</li><li>Culture book</li></ul>











#### Zappos is about the 3 C's:

Clothing, Customer Service, Culture

Culture

**C**ustomer Service

Clothing





## Zappos = Delivering Happiness (customers and employees)

"People may not remember exactly what you did or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel."

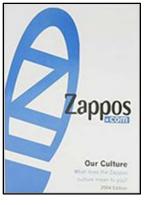
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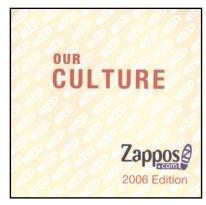


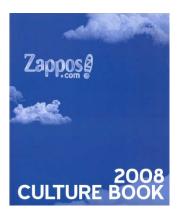


Culture: establish "committable core values"...
Every employee is asked to live & breathe the core values and inspire the culture in others.

- 1. Deliver WOW Through Service
- 2. Embrace and Drive Change
- 3. Create Fun and a Little Weirdness
- 4. Be Adventurous, Creative, and Open-Minded
- 5. Pursue Growth and Learning
- 6. Build Open and Honest Relationships With Communication
- 7. Build a Positive Team and Family Spirit
- 8. Do More with Less
- 9. Be Passionate and Determined
- 10. Be Humble













You are probably thinking...

# "That's great for Zappos but it would never work at my company..."



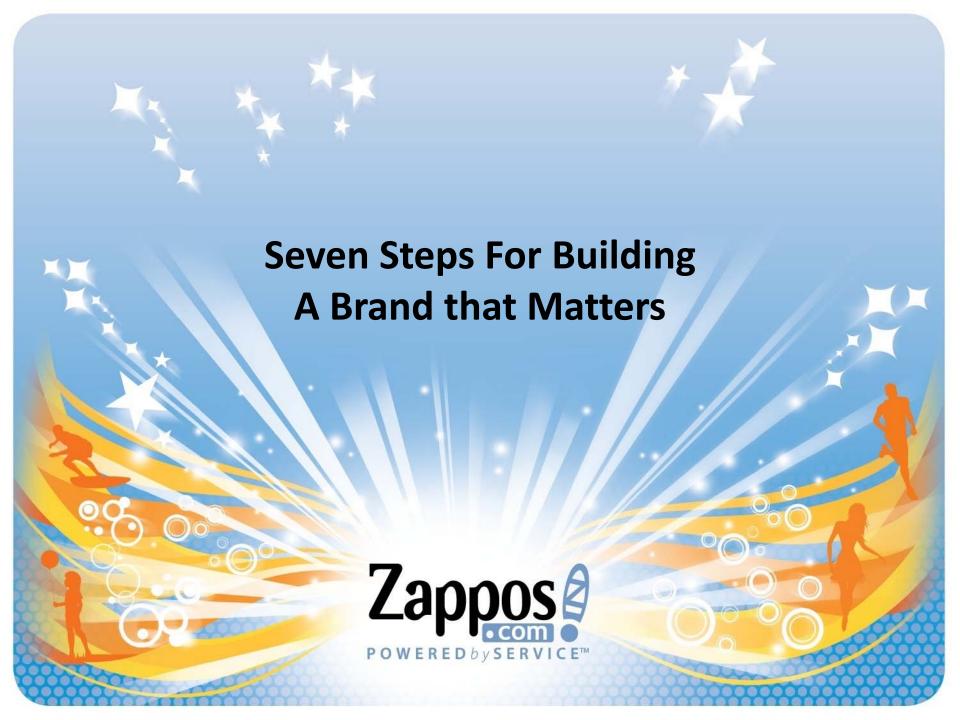
...that's great for Zappos but it would never work at my company...

It doesn't matter what your core values are...as long as you commit to them.

**ALIGNMENT** 







## DECIDE

If you're trying to build a long term sustainable brand?

Requires more patience with revenues & profits in order to lay the foundation

Decide sooner rather than later





# VALUES & CULTURE

Figure out values & culture sooner rather than later





#### **VALUES & CULTURE**

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- What are your PERSONAL core values?
- What are the COMPANY's core values?
- Start EARLY.
- It is surprisingly HARDER than you think.
- It doesn't MATTER what the values are.
- The most important thing is ALIGNMENT.
- ...and LIVE the BRAND.





## COMMIT TO TRANSPARENCY

"Be real and you have nothing to fear."

Your culture is your brand

Don't try to be someone you are not





## **VISION**

"Whatever you're thinking, think bigger."

Does the vision have meaning?

Chase the vision, not the money...





#### **VISION**

## "Don't chase the paper, chase the dream."

Sean Combs aka "Puff Daddy" to rapper
Biggie Smalls aka "Notorious B.I.G."
in Notorious





#### **Question for ENTREPRENEURS:**

"What would you be passionate about doing for 10 years even if you never made a dime?"





#### **Question for EMPLOYEES:**

What's the larger vision and greater purpose in their work beyond money or profits?





#### **VISION**

### MOTIVATION

VS.

INSPIRATION





## BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

(not networking)

Be INTERESTED rather than trying to be INTERESTING





### **BUILD YOUR TEAM**

"If you want to go quickly, go alone.

If you want to go far, go together."

(Al Gore quoting African proverb)

Hire slowly Fire quickly





## THINK LONG TERM

Repeat customers

Customer service

There is no "get rich quick" formula

"Overnight" successes are years in the making (both personally and in business)











#### **Questions and Answers**

Email me <u>-jjudd@zappos.com</u> for:

- A copy of this presentation
- Answers to any additional questions not addressed today
- Copies of our culture book (need physical mailing address)
- Tour of our offices when you're next in Las Vegas (takes about 45-60 minutes)
- Job Opportunities

Thank You .....





### Put a little Zappos in your day... ...some links to check out...

- http://twitter.zappos.com
   (public mentions, employees)
- http://blogs.zappos.com
   (photos & videos of culture)
- <a href="http://about.zappos.com">http://about.zappos.com</a>
   (more information about us & core values)
- <a href="http://www.zapposinsights.com">http://www.zapposinsights.com</a>
   video Q&A from different depts, book recommendations)



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