

# Sprint Corporation Doubles Digital Engagement Rates by Sending Custom Hallmark Greeting Cards

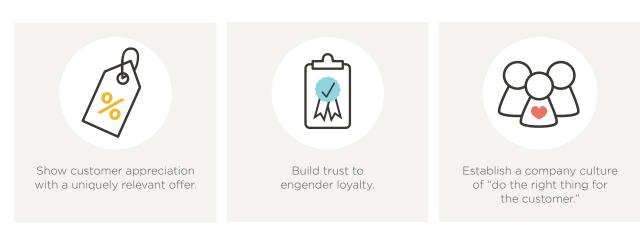
DISCOVER HOW ONE OF THE LARGEST MOBILE NETWORKING OPERATORS IN THE
UNITED STATES UTILIZED CUSTOM HALLMARK GREETING CARDS TO DELIVER A CUSTOMER
APPRECIATION MESSAGE AND SPECIAL OFFER TO IMPROVE DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT.

### BACKGROUND

In the highly competitive telecom industry, being described as a customer-centric company is not just a nice-to-have; it's a must-have. Implementing a customer-focus approach must extend beyond the customer service department—it must become an emphasis for all facets of the business, including marketing.

Sprint Corporation, one of the largest mobile network operators in the United States, wanted to deliver an offer that would demonstrate a new, customer-first approach. Looking to differentiate itself in the crowded and competitive marketplace, Sprint outlined the following three goals for the initiative:

#### **Sprint's Goals for a Customer-centric Campaign**



## THE SOLUTION

Sprint teamed up with Hallmark Business Connections, the B2B subsidiary of Hallmark Cards, Inc., to strengthen its most critical customer relationships. The two powerhouse brands ideated on the approach, and Hallmark artists and writers created a greeting card with original artwork that included a fun customer appreciation message. The personal message was digitally printed into each card using Hallmark's proprietary digital handwriting, which mimics real handwriting, for an authentic delivery.

In addition to the card design and personal message, Hallmark Business Connections helped Sprint craft an offer that demonstrated just how much Sprint valued its customers' business, security and privacy. Printed on a coordinated insert tucked inside the card, the offer included a free, no-strings-attached enrollment opportunity into the company's Lookout Premium Protection Program.



### THE RESULTS

Together, Sprint and Hallmark Business Connections knocked the initiative out of the park. The overall campaign exceeded the initial objectives, met offer conversion objectives and drove digital engagement rates.



Digital engagement rates were twice as high as the rates for other targeted programs.

Considering the high engagement rates, Sprint customers experienced exactly what was intended—an unexpected gesture of heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

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