

The Freedom Together Foundation Moves Finances to the Cloud With Sage Intacct Management

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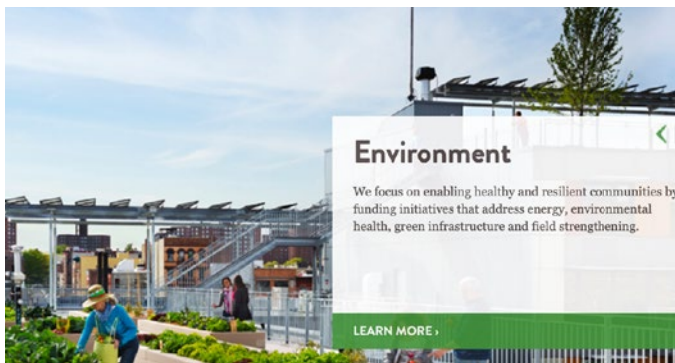
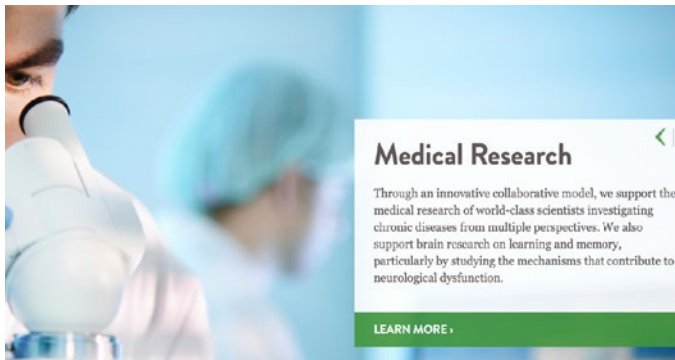
Created in 2011, the Freedom Together Foundation is an engine of the non-profit world. Grants from its large endowment fuel charitable organizations to carry out their missions.

The Freedom Together Foundation's mission is to advance opportunity in the United States through transformational initiatives that empower those living in poverty, enrich and sustain our environment, and enable pioneering medical research.

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Challenges With a Legacy System



When the Freedom Together Foundation hired Michael Vaccaro as its controller (he's now CFO) in 2014, the foundation was using Sage 300. The system wasn't configured correctly, and simple accounting tasks were challenging.

"A journal entry was several steps," Michael explains. "If someone asked how to do one, the answer was to hand them three pages of instructions."

Michael moved the foundation to Sage 50. ***"It worked fairly well," he says. "We could drill down into invoices, and journal entries and research were much quicker."***

But there were drawbacks. As file sizes grew, the system became cumbersome to boot up. And when the 2020 pandemic forced global lockdowns, accessing Sage 50 remotely was difficult.

Time to Take Flight to the Cloud

The Freedom Together Foundation needed a cloud solution to carry out its mission uninterrupted. Michael evaluated a few options. During his research, he spoke to an auditor who provided some initial feedback on what to look for and focused on user-friendly solutions.

"I didn't want something overly complicated," Michael says. "I wanted an interface my team would be familiar with."

Sage Intacct was the natural next step for Michael and his team to enjoy a modern financial management solution while sticking with the Sage brand. lockdowns, accessing Sage 50 remotely was difficult.

Finding the Right Partner

The right solution is only half the equation of a successful technology implementation. The other—more important—half is the partner. Michael did his due diligence and narrowed his search to a few providers.

“Vision33 had a lot of good reviews and the most interactivity with other systems,” Michael notes.

That interactivity was a tipping point, as the Freedom Together Foundation plans to integrate Sage Intacct with two of its other mission-critical applications. Not only is Vision33 an expert in Sage Intacct and enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions, the firm developed Saltbox Integration Platform, a cloud-based integration platform as a service (iPaaS) solution that seamlessly integrates organizations’ entire tech stacks.

The Freedom Together Foundation and Vision33 collaborated to implement Sage Intacct within an aggressive timeframe. ***“Vision33 hit every deadline,”*** Michael says. ***“And that’s a good thing, because as CFO, I wanted to get it done.”***

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The Sage Intacct Difference

As soon as the Freedom Together Foundation's historical data was transferred to Sage Intacct, Michael and his team began reaping the benefits of the robust financial management solution.

Because Sage Intacct runs in the cloud, the Freedom Together Foundation's staff can access it from anywhere, on any device. ***"It's easy to log on and get information,"*** Michael says. ***"I just go to the cloud and type in my credentials to access information, like my trial balance, quickly."***

Sage Intacct makes it fast and easy to upload the Freedom Together Foundation's data in large batches, including investment transactions and payroll.

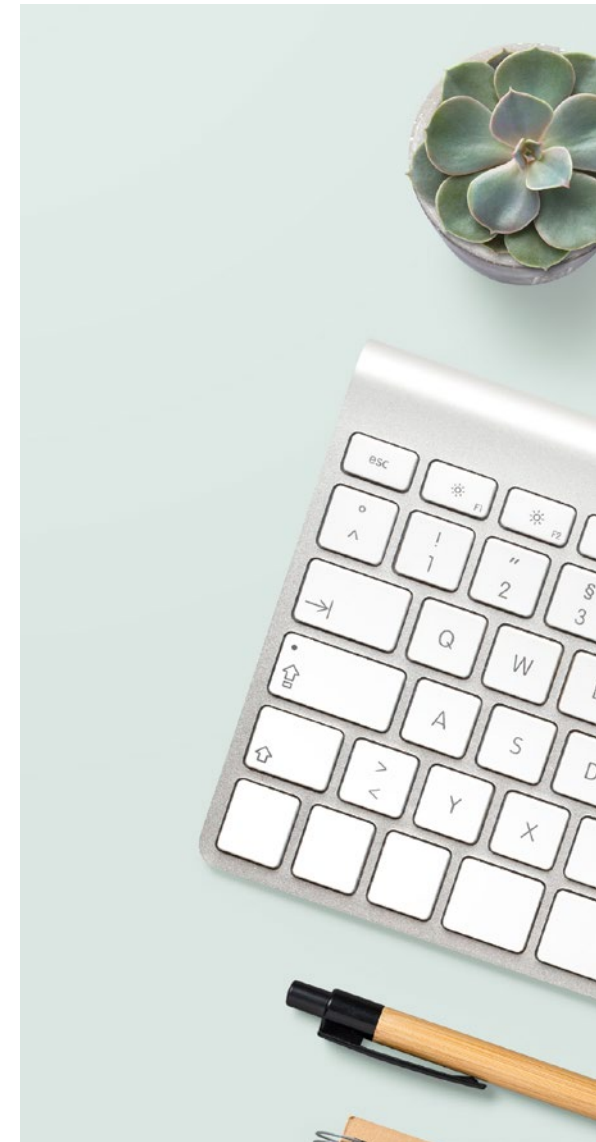
Up-to-the-second information is accessible with a few clicks.

"The reporting is superior," Michael notes. ***"There are a lot of options."***

Michael's coworkers appreciate Sage Intacct's simplicity. ***"They like this system, and it was easy for them to learn,"*** he says. ***"They're doing more in Sage Intacct than they ever did in our old system."***

Sage Intacct works how the Freedom Together Foundation works—not the other way around. Its configurable design has delivered flexibility and automation to the foundation's critical financial functions, freeing up time to continue helping non-profit organizations. Sage Intacct's scalability will support the Freedom Together Foundation's mission well into the future.

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Vision33 transforms business processes and results for customers by delivering value through the promise of technology and its benefits for growing businesses. For over 30 years, Vision33 has helped companies integrate and automate their business processes and applications to better serve their customers, employees, and stakeholders. The technologies may have changed drastically in 30 years, but Vision33's mission has never wavered.

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