



Donor Bill of Rights

PHILANTHROPY is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life.

To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in our organization, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of our mission, of the way our organization intends to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on our organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to our organization's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- VI. To be assured that information about donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing our organization will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of our organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To not have your personal information or our donor mailing lists with other agencies.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.