

Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is a voluntary action for the common good; a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To assure that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in us, we have adopted the following Donor Bill of Rights.

Donors have the right:

- To be informed of our mission, of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of the identity of those serving on our Board of Directors and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- To have access to our most recent financial statements.
- To be assured gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition of all contributions.
- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors.
- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

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