

# Donor Bill of Rights

As a donor, you have certain rights. Among them are:

- To be informed of the organization's mission, the way it intends to use donated resources, and its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To know the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- To be assured gifts to the organization will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition of all gifts.
- To be assured that information about an organization's donations is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to you will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- To have the opportunity to delete your name from mailing lists that an organization intends to share.
- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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