**Donor Bill of Rights**

## **1. Commitment to Donors**

* The Foundation is dedicated to transparency, accountability, and ethical stewardship of all contributions. Donors have the right to understand how their gifts are used and the impact they create.

## **2. Donor Rights**

1. **Transparency**: Donors have the right to be informed about the Foundation’s mission and how their contributions further its purpose.
2. **Use of Funds**: All donations will be used for the purposes for which they were given, with responsible financial management.
3. **Governance**: Donors have the right to know the identity of those serving on the governing board and to expect accountability in decision-making.
4. **Recognition & Anonymity**: Donors will receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition unless they request anonymity, which will be fully respected.
5. **Privacy & Confidentiality**: Donor information will not be shared, sold, or used for purposes outside of their intended contributions, except as required by law.
6. **Ethical Fundraising**: The Foundation will conduct fundraising with honesty, respect, and without undue pressure. Donors will be informed if those soliciting donations are volunteers, contractors or Board Directors.
7. **Access to Information**: Donors may request and receive timely access to the Foundation’s most recent financial statements and reports.
8. **Control Over Giving**: Donors have the right to:
	1. Limit the frequency of solicitations.
	2. Opt-out of fundraising requests.
	3. Request printed materials about the Foundation’s work.
	4. Receive updates on how their gifts are being used.
9. **Respectful Communication**: Donors have the right to ask questions when making a gift and receive prompt, truthful, and forthright responses.
10. **Independent Advice**: Donors are encouraged to seek independent financial, tax, or legal advice when considering major or planned gifts.

## **3. Accountability & Reporting**

* The Foundation will publish an annual report detailing financial performance and the impact of donor contributions.
* Donors may request financial statements to ensure full transparency.
* The Foundation upholds the highest ethical standards in donor stewardship, ensuring all contributions are managed responsibly.
* This Donor Bill of Rights reaffirms the Foundation’s commitment to ethical giving and maintaining trust with its valued supporters.

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