

St. Joseph Food Program, Inc.

Donor Bill of Rights

This Bill of Rights for charitable givers was developed by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education and (CASE) Giving Institute: Leading Consultants to Non-Profits and has been adopted by St. Joseph Food Program.

The Donor Bill of Rights supports the premise that philanthropy is a voluntary action taken by individuals or groups for the common good and defines the tradition of giving and sharing that is essential to the quality of life. Donors and prospective donors should expect the following from the nonprofit organizations that they support:

- I. To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. To be informed about who is serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise good judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured that their gifts will be used for their designated purpose.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is treated confidentially, to the extent required by law.
- VII. To expect that relationships with the individuals who represent nonprofit organizations will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed about the role of those seeking donations for nonprofits; are they volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors?
- IX. To have their names deleted from any mailing lists that an organization intends to share.
- X. To be given every opportunity to ask questions when donating and to receive a prompt, truthful and forthright response.