



Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action (a personal investment and sometimes a sacrifice) for the common good and community. Philanthropy 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 those with whom we build relationships can have full confidence in Carey Services and the people we support, we declare that all donors to Carey Services have these rights:

- I. To be informed of the mission of Carey Services, of the way we intend 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 the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to our most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their 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 their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationship with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

Developed by:

American Association of Fund Raising Counsel (AAFRC)

Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP)

Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)

National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE)