

# Statement of Principles of Donors' Rights

The Donor participates in the very essence of our mission and purpose, exercises rights, prerogatives and fundamental privileges that must be recognized at all times and without reservation.

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**T**he right to be informed of the organization's mission and purpose and to become a member of the organization if the donor so wishes;

**T**he right to know the identity of the organization's officers and members of the Board of Directors and to expect that they act with the greatest transparency, integrity and discernment in implementing the organization's mission and purpose for the best interests of the community;

**T**he right to have access to the organization's annual financial statements and to easily obtain a copy;

**T**he right to know how donations, directly or indirectly, contributed to the organization are distributed, and to be assured that donated funds are used as intended by the donor;

**T**he right to be treated with consideration and respect by the organization and to receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition;

**T**he right to confidentiality regarding personal information about donors and facts about their donations;

**T**he right to expect that all relationships between the organization's representatives and the donor will be professional in nature;

**T**he right to be informed of the exact nature of the relationship which exists between fundraisers and the organization;

**T**he right to expect that the organization will not share or sell a mailing list which includes the donor's name, without providing the donor with a meaningful opportunity to decline;

**T**he right to ask questions of the organization and to expect prompt, truthful and complete answers in an easy-to-understand manner.