



ICM Donor Bill of Rights

ICM Food & Clothing Bank is committed to meeting the highest standards of accountability to earn our donors genuine confidence. In striving to do so, we fully endorse and adopt the "Donor's Bill of Rights" developed by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. This document has also been endorsed by other organizations including the Independent Sector, the National Committee on Planned Giving, the National Council for Resource Development and the United Way of America, among others.

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life. To ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

We encourage donors or potential donors to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding the "Donor Bill of Rights" and hope that our adherence to these rights strengthens the trust our donors have shown in us.

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