



The Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is based on a 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 Women Employed (WE)'s ability to utilize donated resources to advance its mission, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be acquainted with WE's mission and the manner in which WE intends to use donated resources effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on WE's Board of Directors, and to expect the Board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to WE's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured that WE will utilize donations for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the fullest extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing WE will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be assured that those seeking donations on behalf of WE are volunteers and/or employees, not hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity to request anonymity or to be removed from mailing lists. WE does not sell, barter, or exchange its mailing list, nor send donor mailings on behalf of other organizations.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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