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## donor bill of rights

- I. At Friends of Youth, we recognize that donor confidence is essential to sustaining meaningful philanthropic partnerships. Philanthropy is a cornerstone of community well-being, rooted in voluntary action and the spirit of generosity. It reflects a longstanding tradition of giving and sharing that enhances the quality of life for all. To uphold the integrity of this tradition and foster public trust, it is essential that donors and prospective donors feel confident in the organizations they support. This policy affirms the rights of donors and outlines the standards that Friends of Youth must uphold to ensure transparency, accountability, and respectful stewardship of charitable contributions. To be informed of the organization's mission, how their contributions will be used, and the agency's capacity to apply those resources effectively toward 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 the organizations' 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 donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect that all interactions with individuals representing the organization be conducted with professionalism, integrity, and respect.
- 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 the organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.