



# Donor Privacy Policy and Bill of Rights

Good Samaritan Community Services (GSCS) is committed to respecting the privacy of its donors. The types of donor information that it collects and maintains include such data as:

- Contact information: name(s), mailing address, physical address, telephone number and email address
- Giving information
- Information on events attended, publications received and special requests for program information
- Information provided by the donor in the form of comments and suggestions

GSCS uses donors' information to understand their interests in its mission and to update them on the organization's plans and activities. It is shared with staff, board members, volunteers and consultants only on a "need-to-know" basis.

GSCS also assures donors that their names and contact information will neither be shared with nor sold to any third party. Furthermore, GSCS will not conduct any type of mailing on behalf of another organization.

Furthermore, GSCS endorses the "Donor Bill of Rights" as developed and adopted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and Giving Institute: Leading Consultants to Non-Profits.

*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 assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:*

- I. *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*
- 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 organization's 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 relationships 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*

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