

Donor Bill of Rights

Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in Toledo/Lucas County CareNet, we declare that all our donors have these rights:

- To be informed of our mission, the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of those serving on CareNet's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities. To have access to CareNet's most recent financial statements.
- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization, or hired solicitors.
- To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists.
- To freely ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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