



Donor Bill of Rights

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The City of Fort Collins values the support of our donors and respects the discretion and complexity of decisions regarding charitable giving. Our commitment is to provide donors with options that best meet their charitable giving needs and abilities, as well as advance the mission and strategic objectives of the City.

To assure donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the City of Fort Collins, we adhere the following Donor Bill of Rights, which states that a donor has the right:

1. To be informed of the City'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 governing the City of Fort Collins, and to expect those individuals to exercise prudent judgment in their 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 the City 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 feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

The Donor Bill of Rights was created by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Giving Institute.