



Donor Bill of Rights Policy

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, South County Outreach (SCO) declares that all donors have these rights.

1. To be informed of SCO'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 serving on SCO's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to SCO'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 acknowledgement and recognition.
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by the law.
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing SCO's interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of SCO or hired solicitors.
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that the organization may intend to share.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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