



United Way
of South Hampton Roads

We bring people and resources together to solve problems too big for any of us to solve alone.

United Way of South Hampton Roads Contributor Bill of Rights

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 contributors and prospective contributors can have full confidence in the non-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all contributors have these rights.

- To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organization intends to use contributed resources, and of its capacity to use contributions effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of the identity of those serving on the organization's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities.
- To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.
- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgement-recognition.
- To be assured that information about their contribution is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the contributor will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking contributions are volunteers or employees of the organization.
- To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- To feel free to ask questions when making contributions and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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