



DONOR Bill of Rights

DuPage PADS Donor Bill of Rights Fundraising Policy

DuPage PADS is dedicated to providing this community with the highest standards of excellence in programs. DuPage PADS is also committed to our donors. We recognize that DuPage PADS would not be where it is today without the support of this community. To ensure that DuPage PADS merits your trust and confidence, the Board of Directors declares that all donors have the following 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 donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes that they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 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 donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- 7 To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest 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 be assured that donor privacy is respected; donor names on mailing lists are not exchanged, sold, or rented.
- 10 To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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