

HOMELESS YOUTH CONNECTION DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS/PRIVACY POLICY

Homeless Youth Connection believes 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. Homeless Youth Connection is committed to ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in Homeless Youth Connection. Homeless Youth Connection declares that all donors have these rights and protections:

- I. To be informed of the agency's mission, of the way the agency intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- II. 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.
- III. To have access to the agency's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement, and recognition and tax benefit information.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- VII. To expect under no circumstances will Homeless Youth Connection sell any information from its donor list to any private or public sector entity.
- VIII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing Homeless Youth Connection will be professional in nature.
- IX. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the agency or hired solicitors.
- X. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from lists.
- XI. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.
- XII. To expect that the specific gift amount of any donation, if publicized, will be by level of giving category unless express permission is given to do otherwise.