

Donor 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 ensure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the University of Redlands, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- 1.** To be informed of the University's mission, of the way the University 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 University's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- 3.** To have access to the University'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 University will be professional in nature.
- 8.** To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the University, or hired solicitors.
- 9.** To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that the University 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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