



Donor Bill of Rights

The Donor Bill of Rights is all about our commitment to those visionary individuals and organizations who help us reach our goals.

Spinal Cord Injury Manitoba is proud to endorse the Donor Bill of Rights. We have done so because we believe our supporters are vital partners in pursuit of our mission. If we are to successfully assist persons with spinal cord injuries to achieve independence, self-reliance and full community participation, we will only do so by effectively engaging and serving our donors' interests.

Please read the Bill of Rights. If you are a donor, reflect on the relationship we have with you, and let us know if we are falling short of your expectations or any provision in the Bill. Send us an email now; we want to serve you well. If you are a prospective donor, please join us with a secure online donation now, knowing that we are fully committed to living up to the provisions of the Bill. We are committed to meeting your needs as we work together to serve those with spinal cord injuries.

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Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to 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 nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. 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.
- 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 organization's most recent financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- 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 that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

The Donor Bill of Rights was created by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). It has been endorsed by numerous organizations across North America, including Spinal Cord Injury Manitoba.

