

Passages 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 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 they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- To be informed of Passages mission of Passionately leading or assisting people with disabilities into a thriving and meaningful life, of the way Passages intends to use donated resources, and of its capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- To be informed of the identity of those serving on Passages governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- To have access to Passages most recent financial statements.
- To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
- To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
- To expect that all relationships with individuals representing Passages of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
- To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of Passages or hired solicitors.
- To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that Passages may intend to share.
- To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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