

# The Families Forward Donor Bill of Rights

Families Forward donors share in a tradition of giving that promotes a return to self sufficiency of members of the community. Your confidence in our organization and assurance that your help will go directly to the programs and causes we promote is paramount, therefore, we declare that Families Forward donors have these rights:

## I.

To be informed of the mission of Families Forward and the ways Families Forward intends to use donated resources effectively within our capacity and for intended purposes.

## II.

To be informed of the identity of those serving on Families Forward's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

## III.

To have access to Families Forward's most recent financial statements.

## IV.

To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they are given.

## V.

To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.

## VI.

To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.

## VII.

To expect that all relationships with individuals representing Families Forward will be professional in nature.

## VIII.

To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of Families Forward or hired solicitors.

## IX.

To know that Families Forward will not share, sell or release donor information.

## X.

To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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