



LIBRARY FOUNDATION FOR SARASOTA COUNTY

Donor Bill of Rights

(adopted by Board of Directors October 3, 2012)

Philanthropy is passed 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, the Library Foundation for Sarasota County, (LFFSC), declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of the LFFSC mission, of the way the organization 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 LFFSC governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
3. To have access to LFFSC most recent audited financial statements.
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
5. To receive appropriate acknowledgement 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 organization of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
9. To be secure in the knowledge that LFFSC does not sell, trade or otherwise share its mailing lists.
10. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.
11. To be informed how personal information shared with LFFSC will be used and how to be removed from any LFFSC mail or phone contact lists.

This statement has been modified from text developed by the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel (AAFRC), Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).