

Donor Bill of Rights **Capital Area United Way**

*As adapted from the
Association of Fundraising Professionals's
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 Capital Area United Way, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of the mission of the Capital Area United Way, 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 board of the Capital Area United Way, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to the Capital Area United Way'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, recognition, and communications from the CAUW.
- 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 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 to remain anonymous and to understand that the Capital Area United Way will not share its mailing lists with other organizations.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.