

HMRI Donor Rights Policy

Purpose

The Donor Rights Policy shall govern all activities with donors.

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 HMRI, we declare that all donors shall have the following rights:

- I. To be informed of HMRI'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 audited financial statements.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they are given and HMRI meets all stated financial conditions and donor policies established for the gift.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- VI. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality as requested by the donor.
- VII. To have the opportunity for their gift to be anonymous in any printed or electronic materials. Additionally, HMRI does not routinely disclose amount of gifts for individuals who do not select anonymity.
- VIII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing HMRI to the donor will be professional in nature.
- IX. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt truthful and forthright answers.

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