

A 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. Like many non-profit organizations, Meals on Wheels relies on donations and volunteers to support its programs.

Meals on Wheels and our Board of Directors is committed to ensuring the respect and trust of the Northwest Indiana community; and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in our organization and the causes we ask them to support.

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana and its Board of Directors are committed to adhering to the AFP Donor Bill of Rights. ***We declare that all donors have these rights:***

I.

To be informed of the organization's mission, of the way the organizations 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 financial statements.

IV.

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

V.

To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.

VI.

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

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 for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.

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

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