

Bethany Christian Services Donor Bill of Rights Policy and Practices

POLICY

It is the policy of Bethany Christian Services (Bethany) and its subsidiaries to disclose descriptive and financial details for revenue generating activities (including fee-for-service programs, for-profit subsidiaries, and related or unrelated business ventures) upon the request of a donor or funding source.

PROCEDURE

Bethany accepts donations and assets that are in line with Bethany's mission statement and goals. Bethany will obtain legal input and advice when appropriate. Donations will not be knowingly accepted from funds that were acquired illegally. Bethany provides copies of its most recent audited financial statements to any donor or organization requesting this information. The audit provides detailed disclosure of revenue generating activities including fee for service programs and all other sources of revenue and expense.

According to [The Association of Fundraising Professionals Donor Bills 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 not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of the organization'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 annual publicly available 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 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 for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers".

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