

## **Relief, Inc. Statement on Donations:**

1. Relief, Inc. welcomes donations and contributions (cash and in-kind) from all. We however reserve the right to refuse donations for several reasons including but not limited to the following:

- a. The item donated has no perceived value to us relative to our programs
- b. Recovery or use of the item poses an undue burden as perceived by us.
- c. Etc.

2. Donations and contributions will be solicited and accepted for specific programs. Relief, Inc. subscribes to the **Donor Bill of Rights** (see below) and gifts / contributions will be used for the purposes for which they were given.

3. Relief, Inc. reserves the ultimate right to use contributions at our discretion for purposes consistent with our purpose.

## **Donor Bill of Rights:**

Relief, Inc., believes in the rights of donors and subscribes to the Donor Bill of Rights. This statement of rights was developed by the following organizations: the American Association of Fund Raising Counsel, Association for Healthcare Philanthropy, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and National Society of Fund Raising Executives. The full text of the Donor Bill of Rights follows.

"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 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 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 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."