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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 acknowledgment 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.
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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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