

## St. Vincent Early Learning Center 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. 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 nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, St. Vincent Early Learning Center declares that all of our donors have the following rights:

**I** To be informed of our mission, of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.

**II** To be informed of the identity of those serving on our Board of Trustees, and to expect the Board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

**III** To have access to our 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 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.

**X** To feel free to ask questions when donating and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.