DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

The Association for Fundraising Professionals describes a donor’s rights as 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 nonprofit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights.

What follows is a specific list of rights which the AFP has promulgated and AG Bell has adopted to extend to donors.

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 that 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.

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. AG Bell publishes its public documents on its website at www.agbell.org.

Additionally, donors are always entitled to request a copy of AG Bell’s annual report, financial statements and 990 tax filing by contacting the organization at info@agbell.org.

Gifts are used for their intended purposes, and donors are acknowledged for their gifts at the time their gift is made. Information about donors is handled confidentially within the organization to the full extent of the law, and donors who request anonymity are acknowledged as “Anonymous.” Upon request to info@agbell.org, a donor will be removed from any mailing or solicitation list.