

## Donor Privacy and Code of Ethics

As a nonprofit organization, Great Lakes Science Center relies on donors to support our mission of making science, technology, engineering and math come alive. As such, we greatly appreciate our supporters and steward their gifts with the utmost respect and privacy.

The Science Center does not share donor information with any organization or individual. Donors may receive public recognition for their generosity but can also request to remain anonymous. Donations are accepted and processed in a secure manner and information is only used to process the donation.

Donations either support the Science Center's operations or can be designated to a specific program. To keep donors informed, the Science Center may use mailing addresses or emails to provide updates and invitations. If you have any questions, please contact [development@qlsc.org](mailto:development@qlsc.org) or 216-696-4521.

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Great Lakes Science Center adheres to the Donor Bill of Rights, developed by the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#).

### The 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 not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

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| 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. | VI. To be assured that information about their donation is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.    |
| 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.         | VII. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing organizations of interest to the donor will be professional in nature. |
| III. To have access to the organization's most recent financial statements.  | VIII. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.                    |
| IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.   | IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that an organization may intend to share.                     |
| V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.   | X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.                            |