

## **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 CREATE 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 wish to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I.** To be informed of CREATE's mission, of the way CREATE 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 CREATE's governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III.** To have access to CREATE'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 CREATE, or hired solicitors.
- IX.** To expect that CREATE will not share their names for mailing lists for other organizations.
- X.** To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

## **CREATE Foundation, Inc.**

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