

## **KEEN Greater DC 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 ensure that KEEN Greater DC (“KEEN GDC”) merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in KEEN GDC and the programs of KEEN GDC that donors are asked to support, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of KEEN GDC’s mission and of the way that we intend to use donated resources.
- II. To be informed of the identity of those serving on KEEN GDC’s governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to KEEN GDC’s most recent annual financial statement.
- IV. To be assured their gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- V. To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition, where desired by a donor.
- 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 the relationships of representatives of KEEN GDC with donors will be professional in nature.
- VIII. To be informed, on request, whether persons seeking donations for KEEN GDC are volunteers, employees of the organization or hired solicitors.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that KEEN GDC may intend to share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

*The Donor Bill of Rights was based on a form created by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP), the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Giving Institute: Leading Consultants to Non-Profits. It has been endorsed by numerous organizations.*