

Sponsor 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 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; COLS declares that all donors have these 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 the Central Ontario Leadership Seminars Board of Directors, 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 acknowledgement 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. All members seeking donations are volunteers of Central Ontario Leadership Seminars.
- IX. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from our mailing list. Central Ontario Leadership Seminars does not sell or share any donor or alumni information with outside parties.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.

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