

# READ 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 your philanthropy merits respect and trust, and so that you the donor/prospective donor can have full confidence in The READ Center we declare that our donors have these rights:

- 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 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.