

COMPAS Donor Privacy Policy



At COMPAS we believe we are all born creative and we must work to stay that way. When we invest in the creative part of our mind, exercising it by engaging in creativity, not just appreciating it, we build up a part of ourselves that makes us better suited to not only survive in this world, but thrive.

For over 40 years COMPAS has set out to preserve and develop our creative selves by partnering with individual, corporate and foundation donors to bring high-caliber, practicing artists into Minnesota's schools, libraries, hospitals, care centers, shelters and other community locations to engage people through the arts.

COMPAS respects the privacy of our donors. We have developed a Donor Privacy Policy to honor that privacy.

Donor Information

COMPAS collects and maintains the following types of donor information when it is voluntarily provided to us:

- Contact information such as name, address, telephone number and e-mail address
- Giving information
- Information on events attended, publications received and special requests for program information
- Information provided by the donor in the form of comments and suggestions
- Connections the donor has in the community

Confidential donor giving information is kept on file for IRS purposes. It is also used to better plan for COMPAS' organizational needs, and to keep donors informed of our activities, programs, special events and funding needs. This information is shared with staff, board members, volunteers and consultants only on a confidential and need-to-know basis.

COMPAS does not sell, rent, trade or share its donor list, or the information on those lists, with any other organization. COMPAS does not send out mailings on behalf of other organizations. COMPAS does not sell, rent or exchange email addresses provided to us.

Discontinuing Contact Upon Request

It is the policy of COMPAS to communicate with donors according to their expressed preferences whenever possible. If at any time a donor notifies COMPAS through a written or oral request that they choose to not receive communications from us, COMPAS will discontinue or change the method used to contact that person.

Donor Bill of Rights

COMPAS subscribes to the Donor Bill of Rights, which was 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.

The COMPAS Donor Bill of Rights states:

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, we declare that all donors have these rights:

- I. To be informed of the COMPAS 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 COMPAS governing board, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.
- III. To have access to the most recent financial statements produced by COMPAS.
- 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 COMPAS 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 COMPAS may share.
- X. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful and forthright answers.