Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to quality of life. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in Star Island, we declare that all donors have these rights:

1. To be assured that all gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
2. To receive appropriate acknowledgment and recognition.
3. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists that Star Island may intend to share.
4. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provide by law.
5. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing Star Island of interest to the donor will be professional in nature.
6. To be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of Star Island, or hired solicitors.
7. To feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.
8. To be informed of the mission of Star Island Corporation, of the way Star Island will use the donated resources, and of Star Island’s capacity to use donations effectively for the intended purposes.
9. To be informed of the identity of those serving on the Board of Directors of Star Island and members of the Fund Development Committee, and to expect the volunteers to exercise prudent judgment in their stewardship responsibilities.
10. To have access to the most recent audited financial statements.

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