

*What is STEWARDSHIP?*

*Stewardship is the felicitous and symbiotic relationship between the nonprofit organization and the philanthropist, the synergy from which results in the betterment of humankind. The relationship is interdependent because the organization fosters the mission, programs and access to a constituency, while the philanthropist supplies the resources to support the organization in its work. Organizations steward philanthropists and philanthropists steward organizations.*

*Who is the PHILANTHROPIC STEWARD?*

*Philanthropists believe that voluntary private action offers the best means of addressing humankind's most persistent challenges. By gathering, evaluating and acting upon the best information available, philanthropists work to give responsibly and accountably. To make their decisions, philanthropists accumulate information and education. When engaged through solicitation and recognition, philanthropists seek to give to their highest level of capacity and to bring others along in the enterprise.*

*What is NONPROFIT STEWARDSHIP?*

*An organization survives and flourishes by engaging a significant group of enthusiasts who are passionately committed to supporting its mission with their wealth, wisdom, and work. That passion is based on a relationship between the individual and the institution which must be sustained. Relationships built between individuals and the institution are made permanent through a program of recognition, engagement, and communications that encourages regular involvement and giving to the highest priorities of the institution.*