

**Agency****POLICY / PROCEDURES****BLACKBURN CENTER**

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**POSITION STATEMENT**

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**COMMITMENT TO DONORS****Our Commitment**

Blackburn Center is dedicated to its mission to advocate for the rights of all individuals to live free from domestic and sexual violence in their homes and communities by eliminating the root causes of this violence and providing for the well-being and safety of survivors/victims since 1976.

**Effective Use of Donations**

Blackburn Center has relied on both monetary and in-kind donations since its foundation. We recognize the critical role that donors play in making our mission possible, from support for programming to credibility in the community. We make an effort to personally cultivate donors to create meaningful connections and inspire giving. The relationships we build with donors are essential to our agency. We appreciate the confidence donors have in our mission, which is why we strive to maximize every dollar donated to make the greatest possible impact. These donations allow us to invest more of our resources in services critical to victims and significant others that have been impacted by domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes. In addition, it provides reassurance that the community supports those affected by violence. When we receive donated items that the agency is unable to use, we ask another community organization that we collaborate with if there is a need for the donated item. Donated items are never discarded unless they are deemed unusable.

**Agency Transparency**

We are committed to transparency in our communications with supporters. Blackburn Center has been recognized with a perfect score from Charity Navigator. Throughout the year, we report on how we are utilizing the donations we receive, the impact that they are making, and our financial standing. The agency's annual report is published on our website.

**Feedback**

Comments about any aspect of our work are always welcome. We encourage donors to share any donation or fundraising-related feedback with us at [info@blackburncenter.org](mailto:info@blackburncenter.org). We cannot do this work without our donors and we value their input.

**Respect for Donor Privacy**

We take every reasonable measure to protect the privacy of donors in accordance with our privacy policy. Any questions regarding this policy or requests that a donor is not contacted will be addressed by emailing [info@blackburncenter.org](mailto:info@blackburncenter.org).