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- To have access to the Foodbank’s most recent financial statements.
- To be assured that gifts will be used for the purposes for which they were given.
- To receive appropriate acknowledgement and recognition.
- To be assured that information about their contributions is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by law.
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