

SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE:

Ennis Center for Children, Inc. was made aware of a disturbing communication and wanted to share this experience. As a non-profit organization, we are always grateful for the kindness and generosity of any and all donations we receive throughout the year. In acceptance of those donations, we acknowledge it through a letter thanking you for the donation on Ennis Center letterhead. This letter is signed by designated Ennis Center staff members. We never ask for additional information such as a Social Security Number or ask a donor to sign an Authorization of Disclosure form.

We recently received a copy of a letter from one of our generous donors impersonating Ennis Center for Children. The letter indicated that "Ennis Center" could not process the enclosed donation until a Disclosure form was completed. This individual or group of individuals who intercepted the mail had returned the donor's original check with the letter. This is not our policy or practice. We wanted to bring it to the attention of you as donors, supporters, and sponsors, but more importantly as consumers.

If you receive or have received a letter that looks like this picture below please look for these warning signs of a potential scam.

- The letter is not written on agency letterhead
- The letter is asking for more personal information
- The letter is not signed by a staff member


Please contact our Development Department at 810.233.4031 with any questions or concerns as we continue with our internal efforts. We make it our priority to protect personally identifiable information of our children and families as well as the people who support our mission.

Thank you,

Robert E. Ennis
President & Founder
Ennis Center for Children, Inc.

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We are thrilled with your donation to the Ennis Center for Children. As you know, Family Matters. Unfortunately we cannot accept this donation without the proper Authorization of Disclosure. This form can be found on the IRS website. This provides the center with the necessary information. Please resubmit your donation with this form and we will be happy to take care of the situation for you.

If you wish you may just send a new check with your social security information on the memo line and we can take care of your Disclosure form for you.

We look forward to a happy resolution.

Thank you,

Ennis Center for Children, Inc.