

Notice of Data Breach

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What Happened

In July 2020, we received notification from Blackbaud, a company that provides software tools and management resources for nonprofits across the world, that they had discovered a cyberattack on one of their systems that houses donor information. Unfortunately, the Baruch College Fund (BCF) was one of a number of organizations impacted by this security breach. A detailed explanation of the incident is available on Blackbaud's website.

What Information Was Involved

We understand from Blackbaud that after discovering the attack, Blackbaud worked with their own security teams, an external forensics firm and federal law enforcement to expel the attacker from their system. However, prior to locking the hacker out, the hacker removed a copy of our backup file, including prospective donors' biographical information, giving summary, preferred address and business address. Although this information was stored in the removed file, Blackbaud does not believe the hacker was able to view this information, as it was all encrypted. It's important to note that the hacker did not access your credit card information, bank account information, or social security number, as the BCF does not store such information.

Blackbaud's Response

Blackbaud obtained confirmation that the data was deleted in exchange for a payment to the hacker, and has provided assurances to BCF that the risk to individuals whose data was stolen is very low. In an abundance of caution, Blackbaud has put in place dark web monitoring intended to detect trafficking of any of the copied data, and BCF will maintain regular contact with Blackbaud to stay well informed of any developments of this nature.

BCF's Response

BCF places the highest level of regard on security and protecting our donor information. We will continue to prioritize security, both internally and with all of our third-party vendors. Our donors trust us with their information, and we do not take this lightly. We have and will continue to take steps to protect donors' information in our combined efforts to promote the educational welfare of the students of Baruch College.



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For More Information

We are grateful for your continued support and we regret that this happened. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact us at (646)660-6060 or email us at bcf@baruch.cuny.edu.