CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Constitutional Rights Foundation seeks to instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today.
In 2006, Constitutional Rights Foundation continued to advance its agenda to educate our nation’s young people about their constitutional heritage, the rule of law, and the rights and responsibilities of effective citizenship. This year, CRF enjoyed particular success in focusing on local, Los Angeles-area programs.

CRF staff and volunteers made great progress by introducing two new law-related programs into local Los Angeles classrooms. Organized under CRF’s Lawyer in the Classroom program, Courtroom to Classroom (C2C) and the Appellate Court Experience connect Los Angeles youth to the local legal community through educational activities in the classroom and the courthouse. In 2006, Courtroom to Classroom introduced volunteer judge and attorney teams to Los Angeles-area middle and high schools where they engaged over 900 students in lessons and moot court activities. California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno coached C2C student justices as part of a C2C judge-attorney team.

The Appellate Court Experience provides local students with an opportunity learn about the judicial system through visits to the California State Court of Appeals. Here, students observe an oral argument of a criminal appeal and afterward meet with appellate court justices. Classroom visits by the judge and attorney teams help students prepare for the visit; a second classroom session enriches the courtroom experience through a mock trial re-enactment of the proceedings.

CRF’s Teaching American History program provided 641 teachers in 13 local school districts with U.S. history resources designed to support classroom instruction, while CRF’s Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition attracted 2,000 students, 100 teachers, and 320 volunteer attorneys and judges.

In 2006, CRF also selected high school students from 10 Los Angeles-area schools who traveled to Washington to meet and interview U.S. Supreme Court Justices Stephen G. Breyer, Anthony Kennedy, and former Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. The event, sponsored by the Annenberg Foundation, brought the Los Angeles students to the U.S. Supreme Court building where they interviewed the Justices with prepared questions.

The Youth Internship Program continued to expand its collaborations with Los Angeles-area law firms, businesses, government offices, and non-profit organizations. This year, the program placed 93 qualified local students as interns in skill- and experience-building positions in engaging workplaces.

Beyond the local arena, CRF’s publications department released an updated new edition Of Codes and Crowns: The Development of Law. Sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, CRF also updated its juvenile-justice publication, Giving Back. Our teaching periodical, Bill of Rights in Action, continued to provide over 30,000 American educators with classroom readings and lessons published in four yearly issues.

The CRF web site received over 2.2 million page hits in 2006. Service-Learning NETWORK, CRF’s service-learning resource made a successful transition from print to an online format, where it reached 7,000 readers. Our new youth-voice web site, CRF Forum, made great strides in 2006 by increasing student participation and upgrading its design. In total, CRF programs, materials, and online resources reached approximately 2.4 million students in 2006 at an average cost of $1.42 per recipient.

Although CRF reaches out to teachers and students nationwide and globally, we work hard to ensure that our presence in Los Angeles remains a high priority. By expanding and sustaining flagship local programs such as the Youth Internship Program, Youth Leadership for Action, and the Los Angeles County Mock Trial Competition, CRF continues to provide the youth of Los Angeles with opportunities to become active and responsible citizens in their own community.
Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization dedicated to helping our nation’s young people become well-informed, engaged, and active citizens and to understand their rights and responsibilities as members of our democracy. Established in 1962, CRF is guided by a dedicated board of directors drawn from the worlds of law, business, government, education, and the media.

CRF’s professional staff includes teachers and educators, lawyers, designers, editors and writers, and youth development specialists. Volunteers provide vital support for many CRF programs and activities and serve as adult role models for our youthful participants. To accomplish its goals and objectives, CRF applies its resources in eight areas:

**Mock Trial.** In 1980, CRF introduced a statewide Mock Trial program to help California students learn about our judicial system. Each year, CRF develops and distributes a new Mock Trial case and administers the Los Angeles County and statewide Mock Trial competitions. School districts in 36 California counties participated in the 2006 *California State Mock Trial Competition*, involving 9,000 students, 500 teachers, and 2,500 volunteer attorneys and judges.

**History Day.** History Day students research historical issues, ideas, and people and apply what they have learned to research papers, displays, media productions, performances, and web pages. This year, the program reached 1,025 students from 33 California counties.

**Youth Internship Program.** This CRF program places qualified inner-city students in law firms, businesses, government offices, and non-profit organizations. YIP empowers young people to serve as school and community leaders while they gain valuable work experience. In 2006, the program placed 93 local students in Los Angeles offices.

**Teacher and Professional Development.** CRF offers teacher-training and professional-development workshops in law and government and civic participation. In 2006, CRF’s Teaching American History program provided 641 teachers in 13 school districts with U.S. history resources designed to support classroom instructions. All TAH resources originate from CRF’s U.S. history materials, from scholars connected to local academic institutions, and from an extensive bibliography selected by TAH staff.
Youth Leadership and Civic Participation. Youth Leadership for Action, CRF’s Los Angeles-based leadership program, reached 440 young people to address community problems with positive change. Civic participation programs and materials such as CityYouth, ACT, Take Charge, and Giving Back provide teachers and students with the resources they need to plan and implement projects that meet real community needs.


CRF’s quarterly curricular newsletter, Bill of Rights in Action, reached 30,000 educators with four separate issues, while Service-Learning NETWORK, CRF’s online service-learning resource received over 21,000 individual page hits in 2006.

The CRF web site continued to serve the education community with a diverse publications catalog, free online lesson plans and materials for teachers and students, and access to CRF programs. CRF Forum, provides an online youth-voice platform for student discussion and commentary on topics including culture and diversity, governance, global climate change, and school-based events, issues, and news.

Youth Conferences. CRF offers a series of youth forums to educate young people about citizenship, government, politics, and the law. For example, CRF’s Youth Leadership for Action (YLFA) is a leadership development program for young people committed to initiating positive change in their communities.

YLFA’s Youth Forums allowed nearly 500 students to network with local community leaders, non-profits and businesses, and government officials to discuss community problems and develop collaborative responses.

The Summer Law Institute (SLI) offers a week-long summer program for high school students interested in learning more about the American legal system. Co-sponsored by UCLA School of Law, the 2006 SLI attracted over 50 high school students and awarded many participants with scholarships.

Educating for Democracy: The California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools. In 2006, CRF continued to develop this civic-education initiative in collaboration with the Center for Civic Education and the Alliance for Representative Democracy. Educating for Democracy seeks the support of education, business, law, veteran, labor, parent, and service groups around the state to promote civic education in California. In 2006, Educating for Democracy reached an estimated 3,800 students in 10 California school districts.

In 2006, CRF’s 27 staff members were guided by a 62-member board of directors and underwritten by a $4 million budget which enabled CRF staff to plan and implement delivery of its new and ongoing materials and programs.
Statement of Unrestricted Operational Revenues and Expenses

For the Year Ending December 31, 2006

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Endowments make sure that the future of CRF is secure. Since 1990, CRF has been fortunate to receive a number of endowments given by people who share our passion for civic education and support our mission, which loudly proclaims that democracy counts and is crucial to a civil society.

CRF acknowledges with enormous gratitude past presidents who established endowments at CRF: Jerome C. Byrne, James A. Cobey, and Alan I. Rothenberg; to past board members, Jack Stutman and Robert Rosenstiel; and to our long time supporters Phyllis and Robert Heginson for their continuing Life Income Gifts.

We would also like to recognize Dr. Jama Laurent and the board of directors of the Creative Kids Foundation for establishing an endowment allowing CRF to place students as interns in arts organizations in Los Angeles. As always, we send out a loud cheer to our champion of champions, Lloyd M. Smith, who throughout his life embodied the highest ideals of American democracy and believed in the importance that all young people be educated about their constitutional heritage. Lloyd Smith established the CRF Endowment Builders Program, ensuring that CRF’s mission will continue long into the future.

To all of our champions and to those people who have indicated that they will remember CRF in their will or by bequest: We thank you for your generosity and the trust you have given us. Most important, we thank you on behalf of the students of tomorrow who—through your contributions—will be given the opportunity to learn about, celebrate, and pass on the legacy of our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

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