







Our Mission

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.

Constitutional Rights Foundation 2013 Annual Report

Constitutional Rights Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization dedicated to helping our nation's young people understand their rights and responsibilities as members of our democracy and helping them become well-informed, engaged, and active citizens. 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, writers and editors, and youth development specialists. Volunteers also provide vital support for many CRF programs and activities and serve as adult role models for youthful participants. To accomplish its goals and objectives, CRF applies its resources in the following areas:

Civic Action Project. In 2013, CRF continued to expand CAP, an innovative program that provides a dynamic civic education experience for students, helping them explore public policy and government beyond the four walls of the classroom. Through CAP, students choose an issue that matters to them and address the issue by taking "civic actions," interacting with policy makers and community members as they initiate change. The program features a 14-lesson curriculum linked to state standards, teacher professional development and support, and teacher and student project planning tools. Through the CAP website, students from around the nation blog about their chosen issues and interact with each other on the discussion board. During 2013, the number of

teachers registered on the CAP site has increased to over 1,000 teachers in 44 states. CRF staff developed and presented professional development for social studies teachers and continued to pilot the CAP Youth Board, which consists of CAP student alumni who act as peer coaches to current CAP students via the CAP web-



site. Evaluation data of CAP's implementation this year demonstrated high levels of teacher satisfaction and improved student civic competencies and capacities as a result of the program.

Mock Trial. The Mock Trial program is designed to help California students learn about our judicial system. Each year since 1978, CRF has developed and distributed a new Mock Trial case and has administered the statewide Mock Trial competition. CRF began the



local competition in Los Angeles County in 1980. School districts in 36 California counties participated in the 2013 California State Mock Trial competition, involving more than 8,000 students and 3,000 judge, lawyer, and teacher volunteers.

Expanding Horizons Internships. This CRF program places qualified urban students in law firms, businesses, government offices, and nonprofit organizations. It empowers young people to serve as school and community leaders while they gain valuable paid work experience and college preparation. Since 1995, more than 1,650 students have participated in the program. In 2013, the program placed 77 local students in Los Angelesarea offices.

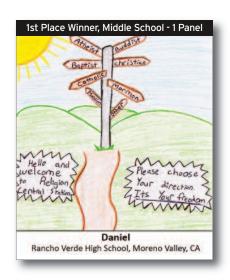
Professional Development for Teachers. CRF offers teacher professional development in Southern California and throughout the nation. In 2013, we provided programs and sessions on history, law and government, and civic participation. For example, we completed collaborative Teaching American History (TAH) projects that provided teachers in Southern California with U.S. history resources designed to support classroom instruction.

Project L.E.A.D. CRF has established this law-related education program in partnership with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to teach children that the choices they make today can affect their lives forever. The 20-week curriculum focuses on the social and legal consequences of juvenile crimes, such as truancy and illicit drug use, and includes lessons about conflict resolution, tolerance, and respect for diversity. The culminating mock trial gives students a hands-on experience of America's criminal justice system.

Educating About Intellectual Property. With funding from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, CRF has partnered since 2011 with Street Law, Inc., to develop exciting web resources on intellectual property. The website has high-interest materials for teachers, librarians, media specialists, and students, including interactive online case studies on patents, trademarks, and copyright. The site also offers webcasts, classroom lessons, webinars, and links to current issues of intellectual property. In 2013, with funding from the International Trademark Association, CRF and Street Law, Inc. facilitated classroom visits on the topic of intellectual property. Attorneys and teachers were recruited from around the nation with a focus on Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Chicago, and New York.

Educating About Immigration. CRF developed this teacher-friendly set of lessons and web resources to spark students' knowledge and interest about this crucial topic. Designed for accessibility in the classroom and home, the website provides lessons, information, and a place for everyone to share their personal or family immigration story. In 2013, CRF updated the Educating About Immigration website for teachers with new polls and ongoing featured news about immigration policies. Constructive lessons on current issues are a hallmark of Educating About Immigration website.

Judges, Courts, and the Law. Since 2010, CRF has partnered with the Judicial Council of California to create Judges, Courts, and the Law, a website providing a rich set of resources to extend civics-based learning about the third branch of government to more and more classrooms. The 2013 First



Amendment Cartoon Contest received close to 800 entries from elementary, middle, and high school students across the nation. The site also features *Courts in the Classroom*, a lively, animated feature geared toward students and teachers alike.

Lawyer in the Classroom. Two CRF programs provide students throughout Los Angeles County with a deeper understanding of the judicial system and its processes by connecting them with members of the legal community.

Courtroom to Classroom brought judge and attorney teams to middle or high school classrooms where they engaged students with materials designed to support U.S. history and government courses.

The Appellate Court Experience provided students with an opportunity to observe oral arguments in a criminal appeal, meet with presiding justices at the California State Court of Appeal, and engage in classroom activities.

Publications. CRF's data-collection instruments estimate that CRF materials and publications reach nearly 2.4 million students annually. CRF's signature newsletter, *Bill of Rights in Action*, reached over 40,000 educators with four new issues to help teachers and students with content-rich, standards-based curriculum on U.S. history, world history, U.S.



government, and current issues. The themes for 2013 were Industrialization and Labor, The Environment, Governance, and Making a Difference.

In 2013, CRF's websites attracted more than 1 million unique visitors to access CRF programs, download free online lesson plans and classroom materials, and buy materials from our publications catalog. Educators access the *CRF Blog* daily for news and updates on vital constitutional issues, education policy, civic education, curriculum, and a variety of social studies topics.

California Three Rs Project. CRF has long been a partner in this project to educate California's teachers about fostering rights, responsibility, and respect in teaching about religion and the First Amendment in our public schools. In 2013, CRF formally took the lead in administering the project, working with partners from county offices of education and religious studies scholars, helping to develop curriculum on First Amendment and comparative-religion issues, offering teacher-training, and providing vital information for school districts and the general public.

In 2013, CRF's 17 staff members were able to plan, develop, and deliver new and ongoing materials and programs, guided by a 73-member board of directors and underwritten by an approximately \$3.0 million budget.

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Government	26,125
Private	453,375
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General Contribution	ons 111,315
Events (net of expe	enses) 785,927
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INVESTMENT INCOME/(L	LOSS) 627,489
MATERIAL SALES	71,765
PROGRAM FEES	329,614
OTHER SOURCES	26,140
	\$ 2,740,719

Expenses

PROGRAM SERVICES	
Law and Government	701,770
Civic Participation	344,578
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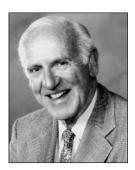
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