



BUILT TO LAST

SUSTAINING OUR MISSION TO
SUPPORT HOMESCHOOLED KIDS





FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This report marks CRHE's eighth anniversary, and our first without Dr. Rachel Coleman, CRHE's co-founder and executive director, at the helm. In virtually every way, CRHE is the house that Rachel built. Her visionary leadership and inexhaustible energy have been the driving force behind CRHE's emergence as the leading voice for homeschooled children. Rachel accomplished all of this while working, by and large, for free.

When I volunteered to serve a one-year term as CRHE's interim executive director, it was with a single, overriding goal: to transform CRHE from a labor of love into a lasting institution. We set the goal to raise \$30,000, twice what CRHE had ever raised in a single year, to pay a part-time executive director for the first time.

We reached out to new and old friends of CRHE, asking them to partner with us to sustain this crucial mission. Meanwhile, the rest of our staff—all volunteers—carried CRHE to one of our most successful years ever. They expanded our social media reach by a factor of ten, engaging thousands of new people in our mission. They coordinated research and resource working groups, representing CRHE at international conferences. They won a tremendous victory for homeschooled children in Michigan and helped the hundreds of homeschooling families and homeschool alumni who reached out to us for help. I can't tell you how proud I am to work with such a dedicated, professional, committed staff.

How did our fundraising go? Simply put, you delivered. Heading into CRHE's crucial December fundraising campaign, we have already raised nearly \$22,000 toward our goal. CRHE community: you came through for us when we needed you most. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Shepherding CRHE over the last year has been the honor of my life. As I prepare to hand over the organization to CRHE's first paid, part-time executive director in March 2022, I'm confident that CRHE can sustain its mission to empower and advocate for homeschooled kids.

Jeremy C. Young
Interim Executive Director



EXPANDING OUR ADVOCACY

In 2021, CRHE educated the public and broadened our base -- starting new social media dialogues on homeschool issues, activating new advocates, calling powerful homeschooling leaders to account, and announcing a bold *Bill of Rights for Homeschooled Children*.

A BILL OF RIGHTS FOR HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN



Children who are homeschooled have the right to the care necessary for their well-being, physical and mental safety, and respect for their human dignity.



Inspired by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and written with the collaboration of homeschool alumni and advocates, *A Bill of Rights for Homeschooled Children* articulates a profound vision of the human rights and dignity of homeschooled children.

ADD YOUR SIGNATURE: crhe.org/bill-of-rights

THE YEAR IN ADVOCACY



Increased CRHE social media followers by 58% (Twitter) and 29% (Facebook)



Featured in a dozen news outlets, including *Teen Vogue*, for our advocacy on homeschooling issues



Hosted 16 weekly #HomeschoolChats on Twitter to start a conversation on homeschooling and the need for oversight—with an average of **108,000 impressions** per chat

Statement on Homeschooling Leadership and Attacks on American Democracy

CRHE issued a September statement responding to reports that Michael P. Farris, founder and current board chair of the Home School Legal Defense Association, played a key role in attempts to overthrow the 2020 presidential election. CRHE's carefully-researched statement connected Farris' recent actions with HSLDA's extremist approach to homeschooling laws, resulting in a lack of legal oversight and accountability.

READ IT: crhe.org/democracy



BUILDING A NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE

This year, CRHE staff and board members spoke to researchers, advocates, parents, and ordinary citizens— all focused on deepening our shared understanding of homeschooling and how it can be an empowering, child-centered option.

RESEARCHERS

- CRHE staff and board members joined leading homeschooling reform advocates at a summit at Harvard University, co-hosted by the Child Advocacy Program at Harvard Law School. Our representatives spoke on preventing child maltreatment, the concerns of homeschool alumni, and the politics of homeschool advocacy.

ADVOCATES

- CRHE research director Dr. Chelsea McCracken presented CRHE's research agenda to a group of international researchers at the inaugural International Center for Home Education Research conference.

PARENTS

- Board member Jane Wettach presented to members of the Family Law Section of the Frederick County (Maryland) Bar Association—providing resources for attendees seeking to help homeschooled children involved in custody cases.

CITIZENS

- Government relations director Samantha Field spoke at the Homeschool Association of California's annual conference on a panel discussion titled "Let's Talk About Regulation. Where is the Sweet Spot?"
- CRHE launched a new parent portal, an exceptional collection of web resources to improve homeschool outcomes for families.

COMBATING MISINFORMATION

Drawing on years of research expertise, CRHE issued a September press release urging caution regarding inflated homeschool numbers. While the U.S. Census reported that 11% of school-age children were homeschooling and that the number had doubled during the pandemic, state-level enrollment data suggest that homeschooling increased by only 20-30% during the pandemic, to around 4% of the school-age population.





SUSTAINING OUR MISSION

\$21,471

THANK YOU

Thank you to every donor helping us achieve our goal to raise \$30,000 before March 2022 to pay a part-time executive director. With a strong year-end fundraising campaign and your ongoing support, we are on track. Tripling the amount we raise from monthly donors— from \$4,000 to \$12,800— puts CRHE on a path to sustain our work and continue advocating for homeschooled kids.



\$30,000 BY MARCH 2022

RAISED \$17,194 from April to November

PLEDGED \$4,277 from monthly donors through March 2022

TRIPLED monthly donors and total monthly donations

SPENT \$2,112 over a seven-month period



MISSION

The Coalition for Responsible Home Education empowers homeschooled children by educating the public and advocating for child-centered, evidence-based policy and practices for families and professionals.

VISION

We envision a future where homeschooled children's right to a comprehensive and empowering education and a safe and supportive home environment is affirmed and protected by laws, stakeholders, and society as a whole.