

PROPELLING FORWARD THE FIGHT TO PROTECT HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN





A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Angela Grimberg Executive Director

Approaching almost a decade of hard work and determination to protect homeschooled children, this report marks CRHE's ninth anniversary. 2022 has been a year of building momentum and sustainable growth that will carry us long into the future. We are thankful that Jeremy C. Young stepped in as interim executive director at a time when CRHE needed him most - building a successful campaign that allowed CRHE to hire its first part-time executive director. When Jeremy completed his mission, Kieryn Darkwater graciously rose to the occasion before I was officially onboarded in August.

Over and over again this year, you and all the members of our incredible community at CRHE showed us your commitment to this cause and to seeing this work continue. With your energy and enthusiasm behind us, we will move this organization forward to see our mission through.

This would be impossible without the staff and volunteers who are equally driven to provide quality resources and support to empower homeschool students and families. This year, they strategically added social media platforms such as Instagram and LinkedIn to broaden our reach. They represented CRHE at national conferences and were quoted in outlets like *The Washington Post*. They answered calls for help and resources in the U.S. and internationally. I am sincerely grateful for this committed team.

So how will we harness this momentum in the upcoming year? CRHE is taking a collaborative approach as we grow. We cannot protect homeschool children alone. We are securing vital partnerships in the child protection space, including children advocacy centers across the country. We are joining forces with organizations that are pioneering the movement to prevent childhood sexual abuse. CHRE is consulting medical providers, social workers and mental health counselors to guide best practice and spread awareness.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as CRHE's first part-time executive director. I have full confidence that we will channel this momentum - continuing to fight for every child's right to a safe education.

Angela Grimberg
Executive Director



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE



This year our government relations team launched a new campaign, tracked legislation across the country, and advocated for the interests of homeschooled kids. In 2022, the team:

- Launched a grassroots advocacy campaign in Michigan with the goal of introducing a reform bill to protect homeschooled children.
- Tracked 357 bills that impact the lives of homeschooled children, including 50 bills pertaining to Parent's Bill of Rights.
- Presented before the Orange County Policy Department and partners including Florida Department of Children and Families to spread awareness of childhood abuse and neglect in homeschool settings.
- Represented CRHE at the Casa BruMar and Rights and Religious Freedom conferences.
- Joined Creating a Resilient Community (CRC) Network, a network of 250+ organizations over Central Florida working to prevent adverse childhood events (ACEs).
- Continued partnerships with organizations including CHILD USA, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Unchained at Last, Child-Friendly Faith, Precious Little Ladies, Courage 365, the Casa BruMar Foundation, the Harvard Child Advocacy Program, and the National Coalition to End Child Marriage.
- Assisted almost a dozen students with securing identification documents or enrolling or other government interfacing/ government services









"Parental rights extremism has uniquely affected home-school children, and that way of thinking and prioritizing parental rights will harm children at large."

Board Chair Carmen Longoria-Green in the Washington Post, "How Christian home-schoolers laid the groundwork for 'parental rights"



RESEARCH UPDATE









With the help of two new researchers and dedicated volunteers, the research department sustained long-standing resources and developed new projects. In 2022, CRHE's research team, board members, and volunteers:

- Updated our state pages, a comprehensive collection of homeschool laws and policy state to state.
- Maintained and expanded Homeschooling's Invisible Children, a database of documented child abuse and fatality cases in homeschool settings.
- Drew 40,000 site visits this year to our most visited page, "How to report homeschool educational neglect."
- Published a guide on how to pursue justice and healing as a homeschool alumni.
- Published a rebuttal "Abused homeschooled children deserve legal protections: A response to Ray and Shakeel" (2022)
- Completed a manuscript under review on the socio-economic status and college expectations of homeschool families in 2019.
- Presented at a conference panel on school choice, "Beyond Multiple Choice," at the Harvard Child Advocacy Program, at the Maryland State Bar Association Conference, and to a law student group at the University of Illinois.

In 2023, the team will will:

- Complete *Charting Your Own Course*, a free online guidebook tailored to homeschool students on how to pursue a career, college, or vocational programs after high school.
- Attend a roundtable with competing views on homeschooling at the International School Choice and Reform Conference.



HOMESCHOOLING'S INVISIBLE CHILDREN

This searchable database has documented almost **600 cases** and nearly **180 child fatalities** in homeschool settings. With your support, we continue to document severe abuse and neglect in connection to lax homeschool policy.



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

CRHE's communications team continues to raise awareness of homeschool abuse and neglect, provide expert commentary in media outlets, and expand our channels for advocacy. A look at this year:

MAY

• Released a press report condemning SCOTUS's efforts to deny abortion rights and illustrating how it elevates children's risk for abuse and neglect.

JUNE

• Issued a press release speaking out on parental rights extremism and explaining its historical connection to the homeschool rights movement.

JULY

- · Cautioned the public on deciding to homeschool after school shootings
- Spoke on how public funds for homeschooling can create perverse incentives

OCTOBER

 Hosted a virtual summit to educate journalists and nonprofit leaders on parental rights extremism and its unique connection to the homeschooling movement. Over 10 different organizations attended along with a cohort of news analysts, reporters, and journalists.



Increased Instagram reach by 750%



Amassed over 751,000 Twitter impressions



Drew hundreds of participants for biweekly #HomeschoolChat



Added 500 supporters' signatures to the Bill of Rights for Homeschooled Children



Appeared twice in the Washington Post as well as Chalkbeat, Sojourners, Detroit Free Press, and Salon



SUSTAINING OUR MISSION

THANK YOU



For helping us exceed our goal of raising \$30,000 by March 2022 to hire a paid executive director. You gave above and beyond-- \$37,700-- to advance our mission.

For sustaining our mission through your recurring gifts. CRHE started January 2021 with 20 recurring donors giving \$4,000 a year. Today, our recurring donors give \$20,800 a year, building a strong and stable base for us to continue our work.

FY 2022July 2021 to June 2022

Total support and \$47,856 revenue

Total expenses \$15,851

Net income \$32,005

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.