

**2024**  
ANNUAL  
REPORT

# Shaping the Narrative



**CRHE** Coalition for  
Responsible  
Home Education

In 2024, CRHE entered our second decade of affirming homeschooled children’s right to safety and a quality education for homeschooled children. We marked the occasion with a monumental achievement: **launching the Make Homeschool Safe Act, first-of-its-kind model legislation to protect homeschooled children.** The impact of the Make Homeschool Safe Act is two-fold: it serves as a blueprint for advocates and legislators to enact common-sense protections for homeschooled children in their states. It also highlights the deficiencies of current homeschool policy more clearly than ever. For years to come, this vital document will shape the narrative of homeschooling to one focused on safety and empowerment for children and families.

**The successful launch and continued efforts to advocate for the Make Homeschool Safe Act would not have been possible without your support.** Our CRHE Advocates program consists of over 130 dedicated supporters whose monthly gifts power our mission. I extend a sincere thank you to all who contribute. As CRHE continues to meet and exceed our fundraising campaign goals, your generosity does not go unnoticed.

**Furthermore, your support has enabled us to turn an all-volunteer team into consultants, part-time team members, and two full-time team members.** This incredible team made great strides this year, including participating in an expert workshop hosted by the United Nations, presenting at an internationally renowned conference, being cited by editorial boards of major national publications, and much more. CRHE developed and delivered a live webinar-based training program to train child welfare professionals to recognize and prevent abuse and neglect in homeschool settings. We also made good on our promise to advocate for homeschooled children by tracking high-stakes legislation, and we helped draft child-centered legislation in two key states.

For decades, the narrative of homeschooling has been shaped predominantly by bad faith actors. They have led the public to believe that all homeschooled children are safe from abuse and neglect and that all are receiving an education. Unfortunately, this is not true. In 2025, **CRHE will continue to shape the narrative into one rooted in reality — that the current state of homeschool policy allows for children to fall through the cracks of a system susceptible to abuse.** There is a lot of work that still needs to be done, but with your support, CRHE is primed and ready to do it. We will continue to elevate the voices of homeschooled children and alum in the media, we will continue to educate the public and professionals on the dangers that too many homeschooled children face, and we will continue to advocate for better policies to protect our community.

**We will make homeschool safe, together.**

# GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

- **Launched** first-of-its-kind model legislation, the Make Homeschool Safe Act, placing our policy recommendations in the hands of policymakers across the country.
- **Assisted** homeschooled children and homeschool alumni in attaining denied or withheld identification documents, such as birth certificates and Social Security numbers.
- **Hosted** our Parental-Rights Extremism webinar independently in February, with the National Center for Youth Law and Advocates for Youth in June, and for the Association of Secular Elected Officials in October.
- **Drafted** legislation with the Minnesota Department of Education to define homeschooling as separate from “nonpublic education,” and add the stipulation that convicted child abusers are not eligible to homeschool, to be introduced in Spring 2025.



- **Supported** legislators in Illinois in drafting legislation for homeschool accountability.
- **Strengthened** our partnership with the Student Rights Working Group, a sub-committee of the National Safe Learning Partnership, to develop strategy and messaging as a trusted voice for homeschooled children.
- **Attended** the Homeschool Policy Summit hosted by the Johns Hopkins Institute for Education Policy, and the Casa BruMar Foundation’s LGBTQ+ Symposium: Building Bridges 2024, both in Washington, D.C.
- **Participated** in a closed-door expert workshop hosted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) titled “Homeschooling and Human Rights: What Is at Stake?”



# RESEARCH UPDATE



- **Conducted** a comprehensive analysis of findings from Homeschooling’s Invisible Children database and **published** a major report on our website.
- **Developed** a live webinar-based training program to train child welfare professionals to recognize and prevent abuse and neglect in homeschool settings.
- **Presented** the live training to over 300 professionals, including attendees at the Arnold Palmer Children’s Advocacy Center in Orlando, Florida; the internationally renowned Crimes Against Children conference in Dallas, Texas; and the Child Advocacy Centers of Pennsylvania.
- **Recorded** an on-demand version of the training for approximately 200 additional professionals who registered for the Dallas session but were unable to attend live.
- **Updated** the Homeschooling’s Invisible Children website with new branding.
- **Produced** additional resources on red flags for child sexual abuse in the homeschool setting for child welfare professionals.

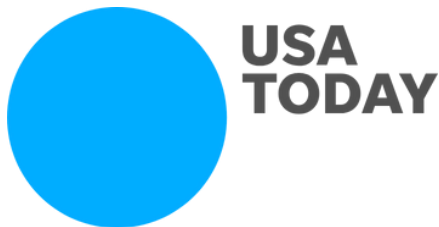


# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE



- **Commemorated** the second annual Day of the Homeschooled Child with a month-long awareness campaign and a virtual event.
- **Reached** over 200,000 unique social media users organically across Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- **Added** 310 new signatures to the Bill of Rights for Homeschooled Children.
- **Endorsed** in editorials advocating for homeschool reform by the Washington Post and Scientific American editorial boards.
- **Cited** in a USA Today opinion piece by National Children’s Alliance CEO Teresa Huizar calling for stronger laws to protect homeschooled children.
- **Mentioned** in an episode of NPR’s Fresh Air exploring the dangers of lax homeschool laws.
- **Spoke with or was cited by** over 20 local and national media outlets, including Teen Vogue, and Financial Times.

The Washington Post



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# SUSTAINING OUR MISSION

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- In January 2021, CRHE had 20 recurring donors, giving \$4,000 in total each year. Today, we have over 130 CRHE Advocates who donate \$38,300 a year. These monthly donors are building a strong and stable base for us to continue our work.
- This year we received three new grants including a renewal and expansion from the World Childhood Foundation USA for \$50,000 over 12 months. We received a grant from the Ben & Jerry's Foundation for \$60,000 over 24 months and we also received a one-time general operations support from the Sidney Stern Memorial Trust for \$3,000.



## FY 2024

July 2023 - June 2024

Total Support & Revenue  
Total Expenses  
Net Income

\$217,106  
\$170,385  
\$46,721

