



Richmond Peace Education Center

2009 Annual Report

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The Richmond Peace Education Center works for a just and peaceful community by promoting nonviolence locally and globally.

The staff and Board of Directors of the Richmond Peace Education Center are pleased to present this report to you covering our activities during 2009. The Richmond Peace Education Center was founded in 1980 as an initiative to widen the Richmond community's understanding of nonviolent approaches to conflict. It has been a leading voice for non-violence in the greater Richmond region for almost 30 years. In 2009, the center worked actively in a variety of ways to build a more peaceful and more just community and world, reaching thousands of people through five programs:

Programs

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Workshops in conflict-resolution skill-building for adults and youth.

RICHMOND YOUTH PEACE PROJECT (RYPP)

Innovative violence prevention and empowerment program for teenagers, which RPEC runs jointly with Drums No Guns.

PEACE ESSAY CONTEST

Annual essay contest for youth, kindergarten through 12th grade.

RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Dialogue and action for racial justice in metro-Richmond.

PUBLIC EDUCATION ON PEACE AND JUSTICE ISSUES

Public forums and collaborations on a range of topics related to peace and justice. As part of this program, RPEC co-coordinates Eyes Wide Open-Virginia, a display of combat boots designed to promote reflection about the cost of war.

During 2009, RPEC organized or cosponsored dozens of different program opportunities and events.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

RPEC's conflict resolution workshops teach concrete skills for resolving disagreements nonviolently, focusing on communication, conflict problem solving, affirmation, and emotion regulation. In 2009, RPEC facilitators led conflict resolution workshops with more than 25 different organizations and schools, including these, reaching about 1,650 people: All Saints Catholic School, Amelia Street School, Armstrong Leadership Program, Art 180, Asbury United Methodist Church, Congregation Or Ami, Fifth Indigenous Women's Conference, George Wythe High School, Gilpin Jackson Center, Humphrey Calder Community Center, Milk and Cookies, Mt. Zion Church, Hickory Hill Community Center, Pathways Petersburg, Richmond Dept. of Parks and Recreation Staff, Richmond Public School Staff (including security specialists, bus drivers, principals, guidance counselors, and new teachers), Sacred Heart Center, St. Bridget's Church, St. Paul's Memorial Church, Volunteer Ministry Community, and Winchester Greens Community Center.

Several of these workshops were co-led by teen members of our Youth Conflict Resolution Team. In addition, RPEC offered the community two two-day basic trainings in conflict resolution and a weekend Alternatives to Violence Project training.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RPEC made youth programming a top priority in 2009.

- In January, RYPP held a citywide performance of poetry and music honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. About 500 people attended this creative youth production held at VCU's Singleton Center for the Performing Arts.
- In April, more than 100 youth attended the Fifth Annual Youth Peace Summit, taking part in workshops and activities focused on conflict resolution and positive self expression.
- Also in the spring, more than 200 young people from dozens of different schools submitted thoughtful essays to RPEC's Peace Essay Contest. Their essays responded to the African proverb "Peace is costly but it is worth the expense."

RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

In January and February, 20 community members participated in RPEC's four-part discussion series focused on racial justice in Richmond. The discussion focused on exploring racial justice, understanding racial inequality in our metro-region, and how violence and nonviolence relate to the struggle for racial justice.

PUBLIC FORUMS AND EVENTS

RPEC organized and cosponsored several discussions, film showings, and large public forums in 2009 on a range of topics. The spring featured a discussion about future of Iraq led by Raed Jarrar. Also in the spring, former director Chris Klug led two workshops on Gandhi and Nonviolence, and the peace center also co-sponsored a commemoration of the anniversary of the war in Iraq. Later in the year, RPEC co-sponsored a panel discussion, Jerusalem Women Speak, with the Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond, and screened the film Rethink Afghanistan. RPEC co-sponsored the Family Peace Festival, a regional celebration of tolerance and diversity, in September.

Throughout 2009, RPEC, together with Midlothian Friends Meeting and Richmond Friends Meeting, co-coordinated the Eyes Wide Open-Virginia exhibit statewide. The exhibit consists of more than 125 combat boots tagged with the name, rank, age and home town of Virginia soldiers who have died in Iraq. It includes shoes representing Iraqi casualties, and information about the economic cost of war. The display reached more than one thousand people over the course of the year, stimulating reflection and discussion about the human and economic cost of war.

Newsletter, E-mail List & Website

In addition to its programs, the center links concerned residents in the Richmond area with information on local, national, and international peace and justice issues through its bi-monthly newsletter, e-mail list, and Website. Each issue of the RPEC newsletter reaches more than 1,200 members. The e-mail list links 400 Richmond-area community members, keeping them informed about local events and opportunities. The Website (www.rpec.org) provides access to a wide range of resource materials on peace and conflict resolution. In addition, the office has a lending library and other educational resources.

Support

The center's greatest resource is its members. One-third of RPEC's financial support consists of donations from individual community members who believe in peace and justice.

RPEC also continues to be strengthened by its partnerships with the faith community. Thirteen different faith communities contributed to the peace center in 2009, providing essential support for RPEC's peace and justice work.

For a number of years, RPEC has held two major fundraising events each year, a Concert for Peace and Annual Dinner and Auction. In the spring of 2009, internationally known singer-songwriter John McCutcheon returned once again to "celebrate spring with a concert for peace." The November Dinner and Auction honored ROSMY as Peacemaker of the Year. The Thrifty Quaker, a project of Midlothian Friends Meeting, made RPEC its beneficiary for a month again in 2009, providing RPEC with vital funding from the proceeds of sales. We are grateful that total income has increased by 14% between 2007 and 2009, enabling program expansion.

We keep our administrative expenses low, spending just 21.6% of our total budget on administrative and fundraising costs.

The staff and board of directors recognize and appreciate your support of RPEC. Thank you for your partnership in making our community and world more peaceful and more just.

Annual Financial Summary 2007-2009



Richmond Peace Education Center 2009 Contributors

	Jan - Dec '09	Jan - Dec '08	Jan - Dec '07
INCOME:			
Contributions	\$ 60,425	\$ 65,246	\$ 59,823
Fundraising Events	11,102	14,233	16,971
Grants	11,750	10,812	4,999
Program Income	18,601	7,930	7,304
Total Income	\$ 101,878	\$ 98,231	\$ 89,097
EXPENSE:			
Program Expense	\$ 77,425	\$ 85,610	\$ 75,107
Management *	15,571	2,800	3,187
Fundraising	5,800	7,611	6,979
Total Expense	\$ 98,796	\$ 96,021	\$ 85,273
Net Income	+3,082	+ 2,200	+ 3,824
FUND BALANCES:			
	END 2009	END 2008	END 2007
General Checking Account	\$ 22,134	\$ 18,001	\$ 21,046
Savings Account	5,965	5,895	767
Special Accounts	1,484	1,120	700
Materials Sale Inventory	1,500	1,500	1,800
Total	\$ 29,599	\$ 26,516	\$ 24,314
Change to Total Funds:	+ 3,083	+ 2,202	+ 3,824

* The 2009 increase in management expenses reflects a change in bookkeeping procedures and does not reflect an actual change in the allocation of staff time.



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