



Richmond Peace Education Center

2010 Annual Report

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The staff and Board of Directors of the Richmond Peace Education Center are pleased to present this report to you covering our activities during 2010. The Richmond Peace Education Center was founded in 1980 as an initiative to widen the Richmond community's understanding of nonviolent approaches to conflict. In 2010, the center marked its 30th anniversary, celebrating three decades of work for nonviolence and social justice in the greater Richmond region. RPEC continues to work actively in a variety of ways to build a more peaceful and more just community and world through five program areas:

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 in collaboration 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 2010, RPEC organized or cosponsored more than 50 different programs, trainings, and events, reaching 5,000 people. The center also celebrated its anniversary with a year-long series of anniversary activities.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

RPEC's conflict resolution workshops teach concrete skills for resolving disagreements nonviolently, focusing on communication, conflict problem solving, affirmation, cooperation and emotion regulation. In 2010, RPEC facilitators led 30 conflict resolution trainings reaching a wide diversity of populations. Clients included: Armstrong Leadership Program, Asbury United Methodist Church, Fairfield Court Elementary School, Female Healthy Choices Truancy Program, First Presbyterian Church, Hanover Quality Child Care, Henderson Middle School, Partnership for the Future, Richmond Friends Meeting Youth, Richmond Public Schools New Teachers and Principals, Shiloh Ministries, Sixth Baptist Church, Sixth Mt. Zion Church, Virginia Department of Social Services, Virginia Holocaust Museum Anti-Genocide Conference, Westover Hills Community Center and Westover Hills Elementary School. Several of these conflict resolution programs were co-led by teen members of our Youth Conflict Resolution Team.

In addition, RPEC facilitators Ram Bhagat and Santa Sorenson piloted a trauma healing program, Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC), with members of the African Immigrant Fellowship for Peace and Reconciliation, and continued RPEC's Alternatives to Violence Project with basic and advanced trainings.

One hundred percent of clients surveyed in 2010 said RPEC conflict resolution programs were "useful." Seven out of eight youth program clients said that they observed changes in behavior in the youth who attended our programs (for example, less fighting and more cooperating), after RPEC training.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

RPEC made youth programming a top priority in 2010.

- In January, RYPP held two powerfully inspiring youth performances of poetry and music honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. About 500 people attended the productions held at VCU's Singleton Center for the Performing Arts and the Henrico Theatre.
- In April, more than 100 youth attended the Sixth Annual Youth Peace Summit, taking part in workshops and activities focused on conflict resolution and positive self expression.
- In the fall, RPEC held a youth forum about gun violence, "No One is Bulletproof" in collaboration with Virginia Center for Public Safety, Armstrong Leadership Program, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- Also in the spring, nearly 500 young people from dozens of different schools submitted thoughtful essays to RPEC's Peace Essay Contest. Their essays addressed "Living in a World of Diversity."

RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

In September, nearly 300 people attended the RPEC forum "Overcoming Richmond's Racial Divide" featuring former first lady Anne Holton, Dr. John Moeser, and RPEC board member Iman Shabazz. Following the forum, more than 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.

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

PUBLIC FORUMS AND EVENTS

RPEC organized and cosponsored several discussions, film showings, and large public events in 2010 on a range of topics. The spring featured a film and discussion with educator John Hunter, "The World Peace Game." Also in the spring, we explored the impact of war as entertainment in a forum on the militarization of culture. In September, RPEC and partner organization Richmond Friends Meeting expanded their Eyes Wide Open-Virginia exhibit to include an Afghanistan display in addition to the Iraq war display. The combined exhibit consists of combat boots tagged with the names of Virginia soldiers who have died in both Iraq and Afghanistan. It also includes shoes representing civilian casualties in both countries, and information about the economic cost of war. The Afghanistan portion of the exhibit was launched in September at the University of Richmond. Also in September, RPEC co-sponsored the Family Peace Festival, a regional celebration of tolerance and diversity, which drew its largest crowds to date, and supported a public forum on public housing issues as part of its participation in the housing justice coalition RePHRAME.

Newsletter, E-mail List & Website

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 1,000 members. The e-mail list links 500 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 continues to be strengthened as well by its partnerships with the faith community. Twelve different faith communities contributed to the peace center in 2010, providing essential support for RPEC's peace and justice.

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 summer of 2010, internationally known singer-songwriter John McCutcheon returned once again to perform a concert for peace. The 30th Anniversary Dinner & Auction in November honored RPEC's founders, who 30 years ago had the foresight to establish a peace education center in Richmond. As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations, RPEC also held a Membership Appreciation Dinner featuring its first director and founding member Steve Hodges, and launched a Founders Fund, raising more than \$5,000 to be set aside and the interest used to support special investments.

The Thrifty Quaker, a project of Midlothian Friends Meeting, made RPEC its beneficiary for one month in 2010, providing RPEC with vital funding from the proceeds of sales.

RPEC was fortunate to receive a grant in 2010 from The Wonder Fund of The Community Foundation. It received crucial additional grants from the Youth Philanthropy Project of The Community Foundation, The Doherty Family Fund of The Community Foundation, and the Carillon Civic Association.

We are grateful that total income has increased by 13% between 2008 and 2010, enabling program expansion. RPEC keeps administrative expenses low, spending just 18% 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 2008-2010

	<u>Jan - Dec '10</u>	<u>Jan - Dec '09</u>	<u>Jan - Dec '08</u>
INCOME:			
Contributions	\$ 67,024	\$ 60,425	\$ 65,246
Fundraising Events	18,442	11,102	14,233
Grants	15,252	11,750	10,812
Program Income	10,541	18,601	7,930
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Total Income	\$ 111,259	\$ 101,878	\$ 98,231
EXPENSE:			
Program Expense	\$ 84,128	\$ 77,425	\$ 85,610
Management	16,116	15,571	2,800
Fundraising	3,826	5,800	7,611
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Total Expense	\$ 104,071	\$ 98,796	\$ 96,021
Net Income	+7,188	+ 3,082	+ 2,200
FUND BALANCES:			
	<u>END 2010</u>	<u>END 2009</u>	<u>END 2008</u>
General Checking Account	\$ 21,599	\$ 20,649	\$ 18,001
Savings Account	6,035	5,965	5,895
Special Accounts	8,162	1,484	1,120
Materials Sale Inventory	992	1,500	1,500
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Total	\$ 36,788	\$ 29,599	\$ 26,516
Change to Total Funds:	+ 7,189	+ 3,083	+ 2,202



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Another Limited Rebellion

Summer Concert Program Sponsors

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