

## Join the Voices Asking for Change

You are a crucial part of ensuring homeschooling is a child-centered educational option, used to lovingly prepare young people for an open future. Speak up by signing our supporter page, sending us a testimonial, or pledging your financial support.

Our greatest challenge is limited financial resources and we need your help to sustain high-quality research and outreach on these issues. Please consider joining us as a voice for children and supporting the work of CRHE.

### I donate to Coalition for Responsible Home Education

because I know that they understand that homeschooling can be a wonderful experience with loving parents who care deeply about the quality of their child's education. CRHE cares about helping every homeschooled child to be just as safe and well educated as I was.

- Sereres Johnston, Monthly Supporter

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# Changing the Conversation



## Together, we're changing the conversation about homeschooling.

For decades, there was only one voice speaking for homeschoolers--lobbyists who fought against accountability and protections for homeschooled kids. As a result, only a handful of states have meaningful assessment requirements or measures to protect at-risk children. Earlier this year, Virginia Delegate Tom Rust told ProPublica that he had assumed, as many legislators do, that these voices spoke for all of us.

### That conversation is changing.

Homeschool alumni are bravely speaking up about hidden abuse, about educations that stopped at the ninth grade and about struggles to gain the skills to join the workforce. They are asking for accountability for homeschool parents.

CRHE is echoing this call. In 2015, we brought these concerns and our policy recommendations to the *New York Times*, *Al Jazeera*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, *ProPublica*, *New Hampshire Public Radio*, *Education Week*, *Detroit Free Press*, *The Guardian*, and more.

### For the first time there is a voice...

- focusing the conversation on how to achieve positive outcomes for children
- countering inflated rhetoric about homeschooling with solid research
- amplifying the voices of children who have suffered neglect and abuse in a homeschooling context

We speak regularly with worried families, friends, and community members who urgently need information about how to improve homeschooling outcomes for children they love. We have researched how to report educational neglect and have outlined the legal constraints in each state to offer accurate and timely information.

We are excited that you see the possibility for a better future for children and that you have joined us in speaking up.

**People are listening, and we're just getting started.**

Rachel Coleman  
Executive Director

## Speaking Out for homeschooled kids

**January:** CRHE is quoted in a front-page *New York Times* story, "Home Schooling: More Pupils, Less Regulation."

**February:** CRHE and Homeschool Alumni Reaching Out release the second installment of data in a survey of 3,700 homeschool adult alumni.

**April:** CRHE and homeschool alumni ask Michigan lawmakers to #Make-HomeschoolSafe after a mother is charged with the murder of two homeschooled children.

**August:** *ProPublica* publishes an article on the homeschool lobby and CRHE's advocacy efforts.

**October/November:** CRHE appears in local media outlets after the death of a homeschooled child in Florida and sends draft legislation to local leaders.

## Our Mission

is to raise awareness of the need for homeschooling reform, provide public policy guidance, and advocate for responsible home education practices.



## Raise Awareness of the need for homeschooling reform

The Homeschooling's Invisible Children database is the first effort to systematically gather and publicize cases of gross abuse and neglect of homeschooled children. Over 323 such cases have already been documented, with nearly 50 new cases in 2015. In 2015, CRHE released preliminary research suggesting that homeschooled children may suffer severe abuse and neglect at higher rates than other students. Learn more at <http://j.mp/homeschoolinvisiblechildren>.

**P**arents should be allowed to decide how to educate their children, not whether to educate their children.

Executive Director Rachel Coleman in *Associated Press*, "Do Homeschooled Kids Actually Have to Learn?"

## Provide Public Policy Guidance

CRHE has been working to analyze 7,000 pages of Alaska testing data and 17 years worth of testing data from Arkansas in an effort to provide policymakers with accurate information on homeschooled students' academic performance. Preliminary analysis shows that homeschooled students consistently score less well in math than in other subjects and suggests that on average, homeschooled students do not significantly outscore their public schooled peers.

**I** hope to share Raashanai's story so that other little ones will not suffer in secret as she did. Thank you for the opportunity to educate the public on how our systems need to change to better protect children!

Linda North, grandmother of Raashanai Coley, who became a victim of fatal child abuse after her mother removed her from school.

## Advocate for responsible home education practices

Our volunteers came together this year to provide balanced research and general information about homeschooling to families who are researching educational options. We are now hearing from homeschooling parents who have found our materials helpful to their efforts to homeschool responsibly. Find out more at <http://j.mp/CRHEresources>.

**M**y homeschooling dreams share little in common with my homeschooling reality, but my kids are flourishing.

Karen Goltz, homeschool mom

## Our Impact



54

testimonials



28

media mentions



4000

volunteer hours



23

press releases

"Homeschooling should be a child-centered educational option, used only to lovingly prepare young people for an open future. It should not be a weapon to isolate and control them."  
-- Statement on Leelah Alcorn

"A recent study of homeschool alumni found that those who participated in public school athletics rated their homeschooling experience more highly than did other respondents."  
-- Statement Supporting Virginia's House Bill 1626

"Most homeschooled children are not isolated from contact with mandatory reporters," added Coleman. "But we're concerned about the ones who are. Every homeschooled child's life matters."  
-- Statement Supporting Stoni Blair and Stephen Berry



70,000 Twitter users reached by the campaign #MakeHomeschoolSafe



59 people asking for help generally in responding to or recovering from educational neglect. This is a 367% increase from 2014.

Revenue = \$3753

Expenses = \$3072



Individual Contributions (87%) Grants (13%) Operating Expenses (45%) Operating Reserve (33%) Salaries (16%) Fundraising (6%)

In Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, CRHE covered its expenses thanks to a \$500 grant and the generosity of donors who believe in advocating for homeschooled children. Its staff currently volunteer their time and chose to forgo further compensation in FY 2015 to set aside a \$1,000 operating reserve to build future long-term financial stability. In 2016, CRHE aims to secure grant funding in addition to individual donations.