



CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION

EDUCATING TOMORROW'S CITIZENS

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**CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION HONORS
PETER LIGUORI, CHAIRMAN OF ENTERTAINMENT,
FOX BROADCASTING COMPANY
\$1.1 million raised at 46th annual fundraising dinner**

(May 28, Los Angeles, CA) The Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF), a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization dedicated to educating America's young people about the importance of civic participation in a democratic society, hosted its 46th annual fundraising event this evening and raised over \$1.1 million for its ongoing work with youth.

Carlos Amezcua, Fox 11 co-anchor, served as host for the evening's event. The audience of nearly 1,000 guests included representatives of corporations, law firms, government and the non-profit community, as well as teachers and students who participate in CRF programs.

Peter Liguori, Chairman of Entertainment, Fox Broadcasting Company, received CRF's 2008 Bill of Rights Award from Peter Eliasberg, Managing Attorney and Manheim Family Attorney for First Amendment Rights, ACLU, Southern California. The presentation to Liguori followed a heartwarming video about his life including a testimonial from his former teacher, David Lesser.

"Peter Liguori has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to CRF's civic education work – not simply providing resources but giving his personal time to programs such as Courtroom to Classroom," stated Jonathan Estrin, CRF's new President.

The evening's program also included a presentation of the 2008 Lloyd M. Smith Award to Todd Clark, longtime Executive Director in recognition of 40 years of service to CRF. CRF board members and past president Alan Rothenberg commended Clark for *"...transforming a little community-based organization into the nationally recognized civic education organization it is today."*

CRF Board Chair Joe Calabrese thanked the audience for their time and for their generous support and acknowledged the many students and teachers in the audience **"...who are CRF Ambassadors and proof of why civic education matters."** Among the many students attending the dinner were the winners of this year's Free Expression in a Free Society program, Bakersfield middle school students Ali Castellanos and Allie Molen whose documentary is entitled "Sick and Tired of being Sick and Tired: The triumph and tragedy of Civil Rights Activist Fannie Lou Hamer."

To conclude the evening, Walter Dellinger, Chair of the Appellate Practice at O'Melveny & Myers and the Douglas Maggs Professor Law at Duke University delivered keynote remarks and reflections of a long and incredible career.

Constitutional Rights Foundation seeks to instill in our nation's youth a deeper understanding of citizenship through values expressed in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights and to educate young people to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today. For more information about CRF programs, please visit www.crf-usa.org.