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ANNUAL REPORT

ROBERT F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR JUSTICE & HUMAN RIGHTS

2013
DEAR FRIENDS,

2013 marked the Robert F. Kennedy Center’s 45th anniversary. For almost half a century, we have sought to continue Robert Kennedy’s dream of a more just, peaceful, and compassionate world, and we are so proud of all that we have achieved. But while we celebrate our past, we continue to look to the future with the launch of our 2013-2018 legacy campaign, which will ensure that our work continues for decades to come.

That work brought impressive results in 2013. We successfully urged the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to protect 80 Dominicans of Haitian descent—including 30 children—from a xenophobic government-led effort to strip them of their citizenship and render them stateless. We delivered human rights education to more than a million students worldwide, including to one out of every nine children in Sweden and to children in every province of Italy. We secured $105 million dollars from BP’s Deepwater Horizon settlement agreement to fund medical clinics for underserved communities along the Gulf Coast, including the Robert F. Kennedy Lafitte Medical Clinic, which opened in August. These were just a few of our many accomplishments, which we’ve tried to summarize in these pages.

Our successes in 2013 remind us of the battles fought and won by this organization since 1968. In the nearly five decades since its founding, the Robert F. Kennedy Center has freed prisoners of conscience in South Korea, Mexico, Kenya, El Salvador, Malawi, Vietnam, and Uganda. We opened the first public interest legal clinic in Chad and closed one of the most notorious juvenile detention facilities in America. We have sent hundreds of RFK Fellows to serve the poor in 191 communities from Appalachia to Watts, and we’ve honored scores of journalists who have exposed injustice, oppression, and corruption.

Our core programs are linked by a commitment to Robert Kennedy’s quest “to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of the world.” With your support, we will continue that effort, wherever there is injustice: from the mountains of Guerrero to the farms of Upstate New York; from the classrooms of Kigali to the courtrooms of Cairo.


Warmly,
Kerry Kennedy
President

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The 30th Annual Human Rights Award honors its first EGYPTIAN defender, Ragia Omran (SEE PAGE 5)

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Defending the Right to Nationality for Dominicans of Haitian Descent

For decades, the Dominican Republic has systematically denied citizenship to Dominicans of Haitian descent. In June, Partners for Human Rights’ SSU program secured protective measures from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for over 80 Dominicans whose birth certificates and national ID had been seized by the government. The commission ordered the government to halt deportations and grant the RFK Center’s clients access to basic services.

Women of Zimbabwe Arise demanding right to protest, freedom of assembly, and expression

After more than a decade of violence and military arrests against Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) and its leaders, the RFK Center and Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights filed the case in April 2013 detailing over two dozen incidents of state-sponsored violence—establishing a clear pattern of suppression of WOZA’s rights to participate in public demonstrations—and challenges the pattern of impunity in Zimbabwe. In November, the case was accepted by the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights—the first time the body agreed to hear a case that directly addresses the right to engage in peaceful protests.

OUR NEWEST PARTNERSHIP: RAGIA OMRAN (EGYPT)

The RFK Center presented the 2013 RFK Human Rights Award to Ragia Omran, a leading human rights attorney from Egypt. Ragia became a leader of the human rights movement in Egypt twenty years ago, when she successfully campaigned to ban female genital mutilation from Egyptian hospitals. At the height of the Arab Spring, she co-founded the Almatory Alnour Movement, calling for government accountability, social justice, and an end to emergency law. She and her colleagues have represented hundreds of civilians ordered to military trial as part of the Front to Defend Egypt Protesters and she is a leading member of Egypt’s New Woman Foundation, advancing reproductive rights and the political participation of women.

Our Newest Partnership:

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2013 – Ragia Omran (Egypt): Advocating for social, economic, and environmental rights in Chad and for World Bank accountability and corporate responsibility in the disbursement of oil revenues.

2014 – Ren Wanding (China): Promoting a democratic government and the release of political prisoners.


2012 – Librado Paz (United States): Advocating for the rights of farmworkers and migrant workers in the U.S.

2012 – Aminatou Haidar (Western Sahara): Promoting the civil and political rights of the people of Western Sahara, including the freedom of speech and assembly and the right to self-determination.


2001 – Darci Frigo (Brazil): Advocating for the rights of farmworkers and migrant workers in the U.S. agricultural industry.

2005 – Stephen Budrurry (United States): Establishing the right to return and participate for those displaced from their homes by the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

2004 – Delphine Djiraibe (Chad): Fighting for the rights of Dominicans of Haitian descent and demanding protection of human rights for those displaced by the Gulf War.

1999 – Archbishop Michael Kpakala Francis (Liberia): Advocating for social, economic, and environmental rights for the people of Western Sahara, including the freedom of speech and assembly and the right to self-determination.

2008 – Aminatou Haidar (Western Sahara): Promoting the civil and political rights of the people of Western Sahara, including the freedom of speech and assembly and the right to self-determination.

2006 – Sonja Fries (Dominican Republic): Working for the rights of Dominicans of Haitian descent and Haitian immigrants in the Dominican Republic.

2010 – Lusse Vusion (Stall): Realizing the human right to health for all Haitians.

2011 – Danny Prigo (Brazil): Promoting rights of the indigenous and sustainable agriculture in Brazil and combating modern-day slavery.

2010 – Martin Sourani (Palestine): Advocating for freedom of movement for Palestinian women’s rights.

2012 – Ragia Omran (Egypt): Advocating for social, economic, and environmental rights in Chad and for World Bank accountability and corporate responsibility in the disbursement of oil revenues.

2003 – Coalition of Immokalee Workers (United States): Ending modern-day slavery and the exploitation of migrant workers in the U.S. agricultural industry.

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**A YEAR IN THE FIELD**

**JANUARY**
Albany, New York: Kerry Kennedy advocates for farmworkers’ rights before New York State Assembly

**FEBRUARY**
Buena Vista, Mexico: Kerry Kennedy, her daughter Michaela, and a delegation of 24 volunteers build a school for Me’phaa villagers as the RFK Center files the Brown v. Board of Ed-equivalent case to protect indigenous right to education.

**MARCH**
Kampala, Uganda: Robert F. Kennedy Center delegation and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award laureate Frank Mugisha meet with the Ugandan Inspector General of Police, the Ugandan LGBT community’s first opportunity to open a dialogue with the police about how it is treated.

**APRIL**
Harare, Zimbabwe: Robert F. Kennedy Center helps collect testimony in support of a case presented to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights urging the Zimbabwean government to respect the freedoms of expression and assembly.

**MAY**
Florence, Italy: Digital activists from Myanmar, Philippines, Mexico, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Zimbabwe arrive at the newly-opened RFK International House of Human Rights, to meet face to face, exchange skills, and experiences, and build relationships to inspire justice.

**JUNE**
Cali, Colombia: RFK International Strategic Litigation Unit (ISLU) and 1998 RFK Human Rights Award Laureate, Berenice Celeyta, lead a fact-finding investigation on the right to education of indigenous people from Cauca.

**JULY**
Jalisco, Mexico: RFK Center opens the RFK Medical Clinic, the first in a series of health care expansions funded through $105 million in settlement funds from the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

**AUGUST**
Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe: Zimbabwe holds elections, which Robert F. Kennedy Center report finds were compromised by “a systematic crackdown on civil society and the human rights community” that included arbitrary arrests and violations of the freedom of expression and assembly.

**SEPTEMBER**

**OCTOBER**
Banjul, Gambia: RFK staff leads workshops on freedom of assembly and human rights and elections as part of the African Commission sessions.

**NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Delegation testifies to the Inter-American Court on Human Rights on the DR’s ethnic scrubbing campaign to strip citizenship from Dominicans of Haitian descent.

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CLASSROOM
RFK SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

Human rights education for more than one million students a year, from pre-school to law school, from Cambodia, to Calabria, to California.

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PART ONE—EDUCATION

ONE CURRICULUM, COUNTLESS LESSONS
There is no one-size-fits-all approach. What makes the STTP program so effective is the flexibility of its lesson plans, which are Common Core aligned and adapted to all grade levels and most academic subjects. Teachers have reported using STTP in lessons on geography, government, psychology and even math. More importantly, the RFK Center works with local partners to ensure that the social and cultural sensitivities of the students are reflected in their STTP lesson plans.

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PART TWO—ENGAGEMENT
Exposing students to the personal struggles of the human rights activists through lesson plans and a tool kit for teachers. The defenders and their compelling stories provide positive role models for the students, who are encouraged to self-identify as human rights defenders in their own lives.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE SILVER SCREEN
The Young Women’s Leadership School of Brooklyn took top billing as the Grand Prize of the Second Annual Speak Truth To Power video contest with their film, “Modern Slavery & Sex Trafficking.” The grand prize-winning video highlights the work of human rights defender Juliana Dogbadji of Ghana. In the film, students explain how the modern-day slavery of sex trafficking is intertwined with politics, poverty, and a host of other issues. The students’ film was screened to audiences as part of the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival, but as one teacher explained, the prize means so much more:

“When we first started preparing for the contest a young lady said to me, ‘I’ll just be glad to get first or second place.’ I told her, ‘Don’t you ever settle. Don’t you ever settle for last place.’ When I told her we were in the top three, she was so surprised. As she looked at me I told her, ‘Don’t you ever settle when you have greatness in you.’ Today we found out we came in first and I looked at her. She looked at me and smiled. In her eyes was a new confidence that I had not seen before. She became changed.”

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PART THREE—ENCOURAGEMENT

Urging students to abandon the role of bystander when faced with injustice and inequality. To Become a Defender encourages students, passionate about a human rights issue, to create change in their communities.

RFK PROJECT SEATBELT

Developed with support from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, The Safe School Certification Program, and Chrysler, LLC, RFK Project SEATBELT (Safe Environments Achieved Through Bullying prevention, Engagement, Leadership, and Tolerance) launched in 2013 with an innovative research-based website and a national ad campaign sponsored by Chrysler. President of the American Federation of Teachers, Randi Weingarten, President of the National Education Association, Dennis Van Roekel, NYSUT president and RFK Center board member Dick Iannuzzi, Chair of the Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus, Representative Mike Honda, and BULLY filmmaker Lee Hirsch, joined Robert F. Kennedy Center President Kerry Kennedy and representatives from Chrysler to officially launch the campaign at a press conference and Capitol Hill hearing.

In front of a sold out audience in the historic Cocoanut Grove Theater, students from the Los Angeles High School of the Arts at the Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools complex in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) joined accomplished actors to share the stories of human rights heroes and raise money to bring the global Speak Truth To Power curriculum to their classrooms.

Award-winning playwright Ariel Dorfman was inspired to write a theatrical presentation based on Kerry Kennedy’s interviews with more than 50 human rights activists from around the world. Speak Truth To Power: Voices From Beyond the Dark, January 2013 performance featured students from the Los Angeles High School of the Arts at RFK Community Schools and starred MARTIN SHEEN, TREvor DONOVAN, CATHERINE KEENER, PAUL SORVINO, and ALfre WOODARD.

PART FOUR—EXPERIENCE

Featuring the Ariel Dorfman play Speak Truth To Power: Voices From Beyond the Dark, with students portraying human rights defenders. It allows the students to walk in the shoes of heroic defenders and bring them to life for larger audiences.

*Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2011
RFK COMPASS

Promotes corporate responsibility to ensure that human rights concerns, fair labor practices, and environmental safeguards are reflected in global investment strategies.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE INVESTING?

An investment philosophy that looks at environmental, social, and governance factors to identify investments that minimize risk and maximize shareholder opportunities.

“Today, of the hundred biggest economies in the world, 50 are not states. They’re private companies. We have to figure out how companies affect global policy.” —Michael Posner

“Sustainability describes what all investing must be: future-oriented, risk-adjusted and opportunity-directed.” —Stephen Viederman

Launched in Fall 2013, the inaugural classes of the RFK Compass Continuing Education Initiative introduced asset owners, asset managers and consultants with a long term investment perspective—pension funds, endowments, financial planners, foundations and sovereign wealth funds—to a comprehensive approach to investment analysis that includes environment, social/human rights, corporate governance and labor issues.

Grounded in the understanding that sustainable investing is an element of risk mitigation, and at the core of fiduciary responsibility, the program was described by one advisor as bringing together in-depth topic areas that students would previously have had to finish four masters’ degrees to cover.

2013 Keynote Speakers

• MICHAEL POSNER, former Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (Hyannis Port, Massachusetts)
• Goldman Sachs Chairman and CEO LLOYD BLANKFEIN (New York, New York)
• Illinois Governor PAT QUINN & Chicago Mayor RAHM EMANUEL (Chicago, Illinois)
• 32 Advisors Founder and Obama Administration Economic Advisor ROBERT WOLF (Hyannis Port, Massachusetts)
• Environmentalist/philanthropist TOM STEYER (San Francisco, California)

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“The class was better than any conference I’ve been to—because the professors were not trying to ‘sell a product.’”

“The lectures were fascinating, the professors were stimulating and the peer group at large brought up salient points during discussion.”

“The caliber of the faculty was a pleasant surprise. The level of engagement among staff, faculty, and participants was the defining attribution that advanced the program from very good to exceptional.”

In alliance with The Earth Institute, Columbia University

COMPASS SUSTAINABLE INVESTING EDUCATION PROGRAM
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NEXT GENERATION
RFK YOUNG LEADERS, JUVENILE JUSTICE, AND HEALTH eVILLAGES

RFK YOUNG LEADERS

Inspired by the vision of Robert F. Kennedy, the RFK Young Leaders (RFKYL) are dedicated to empowering young human rights defenders, and motivating a diverse community of young people to take action for social justice and human rights. In the words of one of our founding members, “Our work is to inspire a generation of young people who have a feeling something is wrong in the world but lack a channel to fix it.”

The RFKYL network includes hundreds of young professionals, from a wide range of fields—business, art, education, social media, information technology, film, finance, law, social services—who all share a commitment to effecting change in creative and meaningful ways.

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HEALTH eVILLAGES

Health eVillages works around the world to empower doctors and nurses with devices that provide the latest tools like clinical decision support and drug dosage calculators and customized reference material in an affordable and space conscious digital vehicle.

Using donated smartphones and similar devices, Health eVillages provides state-of-the-art mobile health technology including medical reference and clinical decision support resources to medical professionals in the most challenging clinical environments around the world, including Uganda, Haiti, China, Kenya, and the Gulf Coast of the U.S.

Except Farmworkers Campaign

In 2013, inspired by the RFK Center’s farmworkers rights work, the Young Leaders created the website www.exceptrfarmworkers.com to serve as a hub for information on the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act, a video, a map of NYC partners, endorsements, and direct ways to get involved and make a difference. And they organized an event featuring Chef Jean Georges and New York Times reporter Mark Bittman to raise awareness and funds for the Justice for farmworkers campaign in New York.

In the Village of Llawa, Kenya, HEALTH eVILLAGES AND PARTNERS LOWERED THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE BY 50% IN ONE YEAR.
The Robert F. Kennedy
BOOK AWARD
The 2013 RFK Book Award was presented to Joseph E. Stiglitz’s The Price of Inequality: How Today’s Divided Economy Endangers Our Future. Stiglitz, winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics, is a professor at Columbia University. In his book, Dr. Stiglitz argues that America’s growing income inequality is not simply an accident of history, but rather a result of the undue influence that special interests have over our political process.

About the Robert F. Kennedy
JOURNALISM AWARDS
Recognizes outstanding reporting on issues that reflect Robert Kennedy’s dedication to human rights and social justice, and his belief in the power of individual action. Winning entries provide insights into the causes, conditions, and remedies of human rights violations and injustice, and critical analyses of the movements that foster positive global change.

• International TV: Lobster Trap; Catherine Olan/Natalie Morales; NBC News/Rock Center with Brian Williams
• Domestic TV: Poor Kids; Jezza Neumann; PBS/Frontline
• International Print: The iEconomy; Charles Duhigg; The New York Times
• Domestic Print: Prognosis: Profits; Ames Alexander, Karen Garloch, Joseph Neff, David Raynor, Jim Walser, and Steve Riley; The Charlotte Observer and The News & Observer
• New Media: Beyond 7 Billion; Kenneth Weiss and Rick Loomic; Los Angeles Times
• Radio: An “Occupational Hazard”: Rape in the Military; Bob Edwards; The Bob Edwards Show; SiriusXM Radio
• Photography: Embracing Uncle Charlie; Marc Axinn; CNN Photos
• College Journalism: M-Powered: University of Mississippi students learn through service in Belize; Patricia Thompson, Director of Student Media; University of Mississippi
• High School Print: Special Needs Cheer Squad Volunteer; Alexis Christo; North Star

Photo (above, right): Mrs. Ethel Kennedy presents the Ripple of Hope Award to Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus.

Historical Revenues, Expenses, and Assets

A LOOK AT THE 2013 NUMBERS
Fiscal year 2013 was another year of continued revenue growth and improved financial underpinnings. Revenues in 2013 were $10,043,559. Expenses were $8,566,954, reflecting increases to cover the organization’s programmatic growth. Net assets at the close of 2013 increased to $7,900,655.

FINANCIALS

RFK CENTER/EUROPE
Revenues, Expenses, Change in Net Assets
RFK Center’s affiliated organization in Florence, Italy, operates separately as an Italian registered non-government organization. RFK Center/Europe 2013 revenues were $1,164,158. Expenses were $1,033,110, netting a 2013 year-end surplus of $131,047.

2013 Revenue
• CORPORATIONS 1%
• FOUNDATIONS 16%
• GOVERNMENT 42%
• INDIVIDUAL DONORS 41%

2013 Spending
• CORPORATIONS 18%
• FOUNDATIONS 82%

Change in Net Assets
• REVENUES
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• CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
**GIVING: YOUR IMPACT**

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<td>brings Speak Truth To Power’s human rights education and training program to a new school in the United States, Italy, or Cambodia</td>
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<td>Provides personal protection services for a human rights defender in danger, like Frank Mugisha in the aftermath of the Uganda Anti-Homosexuality Law</td>
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