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Dear Friends of Creative Response to Conflict,

We continue to be grateful to you for your support. This past year has been amazing! CRC is experiencing tremendous growth in our programs. We are in many schools in NYC, mostly middle and high schools, facilitating restorative circles with CRC themes and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).

Our Hudson Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) continued at Rockland Community College and some participants attended the WE Day UN event, at the Barclay Center in Brooklyn. HYLA participants learn leadership skills and choose social change projects to help their communities.

We continue to work with formerly incarcerated women, their families, and their children. This support program is funded by the Rockland County United Way and supported by retired volunteers. We've been attending plays about African-American issues and then discussing them through restorative circles. The last play we discussed was about an interracial marriage between an African-American and a Native American woman. It turned out three of our support group members also had Cherokee in their background!

We have received a JAMS grant to create a program called "Social Media-tors!", through which we will partner with an online bullying prevention group called Bridg-it. This wonderful program will start up soon. We also have received a grant from the NOVO foundation to expand our SEL work into two new districts, North Rockland and Newburgh school systems in New York. The grant supports our courses through the Rockland Teacher Center and SUNY New Paltz.

In addition to our extensive restorative practices work in New York City, one of the schools we have served for 5 years has become a model restorative school – one where the suspension rate has dramatically dropped. Visitors regularly see our restorative circles, peer mediation and parent circles.

We would love to hear from you! If you are able to make a contribution, please send checks to CRC, 145 College Road room 4300, Suffern, NY 10901, or donate online at [www.crc-global.org/donate](http://www.crc-global.org/donate). Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your commitment to nonviolence and children. We look forward to hearing from you!

With peace and love,

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*For the Board and Staff of CRC*

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