



***Lighting
the Way
Forward***

Progress Report
2023

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Message from the President and CEO



I recently was reminded of this description of the Center for Inquiry (CFI):

The Center for Inquiry is dedicated to cultivating a society liberated from the dogmatic influence of religion and pseudoscience; a society ignited by the principles of the Enlightenment, the marvels of science, and the limitless potential of human intelligence and creativity; a society in which beliefs are not granted the same rights as people, where the freedom of expression is a universal privilege, and where all ideas are open to the scrutiny of reason.

What a beautifully optimistic, smart, and hopeful mission.

We strive for a world *liberated* from the oppressive and stultifying influences of religion and pseudoscience. Where people's conscious mind is unshackled from religious ideologies that defy reason, punish curiosity, and encourage tribalism. We work to help people see through the nonsense claims of purveyors of pseudoscience, supernaturalism, and quack medicine, so they won't be exploited or conned.

We seek a world *ignited* by the principles of the Enlightenment: reason, science, humanism, and the power of the individual—the idea that each of us has dignity and worth. We must have the freedom to forge our own path and rise or fall on our own merits, measured on a scale of our own making.

We want people to be inspired by and appreciate the marvels of science. So they can appreciate the myriad ways science has

brought health, innovation, and comfort to their lives.

What humanity has brought about by applying Enlightenment principles to society is to unleash human potential, allowing so many to live fulfilling lives of intelligence and creativity, and to enjoy the fruits of the intelligence and creativity of countless others.

There is so much exciting and important work being done by the Center for Inquiry to move society closer to this vision and reinforce the myriad gains already made.

Encapsulated in this Progress Report, you will see how we are standing up for science and a secular society in the courts and in the halls of power across the country. We are teaching the next generation of young people how to be good skeptics and critical thinkers in our Generation Skeptics program. We are fighting the forces of religious fundamentalism and creationism by providing teachers with tools on how to teach evolution and answer critics in our Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES) program. We are saving the lives of atheist activists overseas in our Secular Rescue program. And, so much more.

It is because of you and the investment you have made that we are able to accomplish so much. Thank you for your support and for believing in the mission of CFI.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney S. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Evolving Science and Secularism

If the history of life on Earth teaches us anything, it's that survival and progress require evolution.

This is true not just of plants, animals, and people, but of movements and societies as well.

Throughout history, there have been figures who helped push humanity forward, lighting the way toward a better life through reason, science, and a fundamental appreciation for our shared humanism. Eventually, those trailblazers passed the torch to a new generation of Enlightenment advocates, who in turn forged new trails through the thorny challenges of their own time.

CFI's foundation was built by some of the greatest change agents of the twentieth century, names such as Carl Sagan, Paul Kurtz, Isaac Asimov, and James Randi. Our modern-day incarnation was molded by stalwarts such as Tom Flynn, Kendrick Frazier, and Richard Dawkins. 2023 was an exciting year of evolution and growth for our organization. But we remain steadfast in our mission to illuminate the value of reason, science, and secularism and push back against the aggressively creeping shadows of theocracy, illiberalism, and pseudoscience.

The world is changing, and those dangers have evolved with it. Fortunately, we know a thing or two about evolution—which will help keep us at the forefront of the fights that matter most: defending the separation of church and state, protecting the rights of nonbelievers around the world, combating the spread of misinformation and pseudoscience, and empowering a new generation with the tools they'll need moving forward.



Yearly Statistics



4.1 Million

CFI websites 2023 total pageviews /
346,127 average monthly pageviews



76,380

CFI email subscribers /
20,085 RDFRS subscribers



A New Vanguard of Skepticism

In June 2023, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI) announced the hiring of **Stephen Hupp**, PhD, to be the new editor of *Skeptical Inquirer*.

“For more than forty-seven years, *Skeptical Inquirer* has been devoted to scientific inquiry, critical investigation, and critical thinking,” CSI Executive Director **Barry Karr** said. “Stephen understands and appreciates that history, as well as the vital need to continue and evolve that work moving forward.”

Hupp, a licensed clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, has contributed to several *Skeptical Inquirer* features dating back to 2017. He has published and edited several books and was one of the featured speakers at **CSIcon 2023**.

In December, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry announced the election of **twelve new CSI fellows** for 2023, a list which also included Hupp.

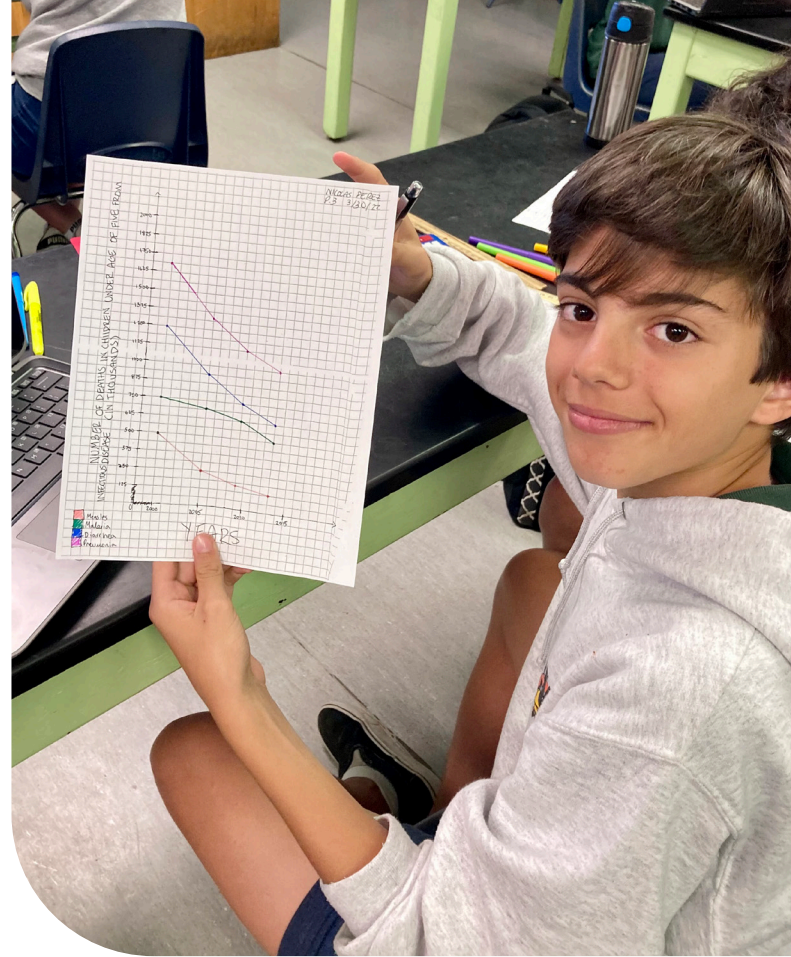
These newly elected fellows were chosen based on their distinguished contributions to science and skepticism and will serve as consultants and ambassadors for CSI to further its mission promoting scientific inquiry, critical investigation, and the use of reason in examining controversial and extraordinary claims



Generation Skeptics

In the age of the internet and social media, misinformation spreads like wildfire. In 2023, CFI's long-running Young Skeptics educational program evolved to become **Generation Skeptics**, as the program was reimagined to help K-12 students learn to identify misinformation and develop vital critical thinking skills.

Generation Skeptics offers a slew of new, original lesson plans and free materials designed to complement and enhance existing science and educational programs. The downloadable lessons include teacher notes with curriculum standards (ELA and/or Science) as well as lesson plan documents that can be modified by teachers. Generation Skeptics also launched a series of in-person workshops and the first of what we hope will be many after school clubs for students.



Celebrating 'The Great Agnostic' in the Age of Nones

A lot of media conversation in 2023 was dedicated to the growing population of Nones—atheists, agnostics, and non-religiously affiliated people—in the United States and around the world.

Through programs such as the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science, Secular Rescue, and the Translations Project, CFI works to foster freethought and defend the rights of nonbelievers everywhere. Closer to home, CFI operates the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum in Dresden, New York, and the Freethought Trail.

In August 2023, CFI hosted a special event at the Ingersoll Museum to celebrate what would have been the "The Great Agnostic's" 190th birthday and mark the thirtieth anniversary of operating the museum through the Council for Secular Humanism.

The event served as both a wonderful celebration of the history of American freethought and a renewed call for continued progress toward a society dedicated to advancing secularism, science, and human rights.



CFI President and CEO Robyn Blumner speaking at Robert Green Ingersoll's 190th birthday anniversary in Dresden, New York.



Responsible Skepticism in the Misinformation Age

“ The truth may be puzzling. It may take some work to grapple with. It may be counter-intuitive. It may contradict deeply held prejudices. It may not be consonant with what we desperately want to be true. But our preferences do not determine what’s true.”

— **Carl Sagan**, founding member of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, from “Wonder and Skepticism,” *Skeptical Inquirer*, January/February 1995

The past several years have been particularly challenging for truth tellers and skeptics around the world. Misinformation, conspiracy theories, and pseudoscience have flourished, while faith in science and democracy have declined. Rationality is under assault from both the Left and the Right.

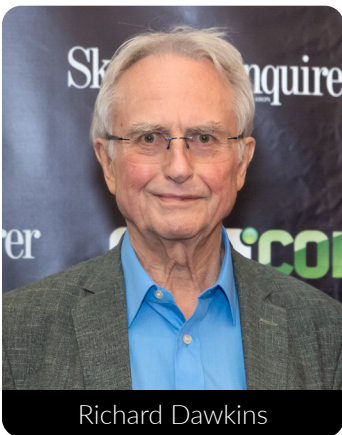
The Center for Inquiry remains steadfast in standing up for facts, reason, and evidence-based science.

Given the threats to life and liberty posed by fast-spreading disinformation, it’s more important than ever to defend the virtues and value of science and reason. Our work over the past year has helped position us to lead that charge in 2024 and beyond.

CSiCon 2023

CSiCon 2023, billed as “the world’s foremost skeptics conference,” took place October 26-29 at the Flamingo Las Vegas and was a resounding success. The event brought together skeptics and critical thinkers from across the world to hear from an incredible array of scientists, artists, intellectuals, and scholars including **Richard Dawkins, Bill Nye, Penn & Teller, Paul Offit, Eugenie Scott, Seema Yasmin,** and new faces such as **Dave Farina, Melanie Trecek-King,** and mentalist **Dustin Dean.**

In the weeks leading up to the in-person event, **Rob Palmer** posted a series of “Anticipating CSiCon 2023” video interviews on the *Skeptical Inquirer* website. This year’s guests were:



Richard Dawkins



Bill Nye



Dr. Paul Offit



Eugenie Scott



Stuart Vyse



Teller



Dave Farina



Melanie Trecek-King



Leighann Lord



Mick West

Richard Dawkins Award Presented to Bill Nye

The Center for Inquiry presents the **Richard Dawkins Award** annually to an outstanding individual who has significantly furthered the cause of reason and science. Coming from the worlds of science, scholarship, education, or entertainment, these individuals are known for publicly proclaiming the values of secularism and rationalism, upholding scientific truth wherever it may lead. This year's recipient was the Emmy Award-winning science educator, engineer, and activist **Bill Nye**.

Presenting the award at CSICon 2023, **Richard Dawkins** called Nye "the walking definition of the phrase 'best of both worlds' ... He sparked an interest in science among millions of young people and, undoubtedly, inspired thousands to consider a career in science." The two then shared the stage for a wide-ranging hour of conversation.



Balles Prize in Critical Thinking Awarded Posthumously to Kendrick Frazier

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry presents the **Balles Prize in Critical Thinking** annually to the creator of the published work that best communicates the importance of skepticism and empirical science. 2023's award was given posthumously to **Kendrick Frazier**, who served as the editor of *Skeptical Inquirer* until his death in November 2022. The acclaimed science writer and skeptic was a beloved figure throughout the skeptical community and knew how important the work of combating disinformation and pseudoscience would remain after his passing. In a moving farewell essay to *Skeptical Inquirer* readers, Frazier wrote:

"Skepticism has taken on an importance and relevance even greater than in earlier times. New generations of scientific skeptics are moving into positions of influence. I have no qualms about their being up to the task and only wish I could journey along with all of you a while longer."

Free Inquiry Editor **Paul Fidalgo** presented the award at CSICon 2023 to Ken's wife, **Ruth Frazier**.



Skeptical Inquirer **Welcomes New Editor** **Stephen Hupp**

In June 2023, **Barry Karr**, the executive director of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI) and *Skeptical Inquirer*, announced **Stephen Hupp** had been selected as the iconic magazine's new editor.

Hupp, a licensed clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, has contributed to several *Skeptical Inquirer* features dating back to 2017. "I am honored and excited to join the outstanding team at *Skeptical Inquirer*," Hupp said. "As a longtime reader, I always love when a new issue arrives in my mailbox. I'm delighted that now I'll get to read each issue a little sooner."

Hupp also paid tribute to the late **Kendrick Frazier**, acknowledging the high bar Frazier had set for the magazine and pledging to maintain its standard of excellence.

"Kendrick Frazier, and everyone else involved in the magazine, gave the world an amazing gift," Hupp said. "It's a privilege to be entrusted with the *Skeptical Inquirer* legacy, and I look forward to sharing this gift with as many people as possible in the years to come."



18,300

Skeptical Inquirer copies in circulation (print, digital, newsstand)

Most Read Feature:

"The Ideological Subversion of Biology," by Jerry A. Coyne and Luana S. Maroja



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2023 CSI Fellows

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI) announced the election of twelve new **CSI fellows** in December 2023.

Fellows are chosen based on their distinguished contributions to science and skepticism and serve as consultants and

ambassadors for CSI and its mission to promote scientific inquiry, critical investigation, and the use of reason in examining controversial and extraordinary claims.

The 2023 class of CSI fellows includes:



Clark R. Chapman, planetary scientist, Southwest Research Institute (retired), Boulder, Colorado



Jerry A. Coyne, professor emeritus, Department of Ecology and Evolution, University of Chicago



Manfred Cuntz, distinguished professor, astrophysicist, University of Texas at Arlington



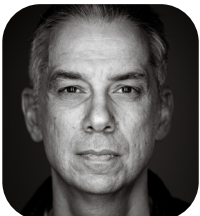
Alan Harris, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Caltech (retired)



Stephen Hupp, editor of *Skeptical Inquirer* and psychology professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



Stephen Law, philosopher and author, Oxford University, United Kingdom



Lee McIntyre, philosopher and writer, Boston University



Nikil Mukerji, philosopher, GWUP, Germany



Meera Nanda, writer, retired professor of the history of science, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research



Gale M. Sinatra, professor of psychology, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California



Nicholas B. Tiller, exercise scientist, author, and writer, Canada



Melanie Trecek-King, associate professor of biology, Massasoit Community College

Skeptical Inquirer Presents 2023 Events

Carl Wieman – Science Education: What We Get Wrong and How to Do It Better (August 17)

Cynthia Miller-Idriss – Hate in the Homeland: The New Global Far Right (August 3)

Donald Prothero – Weird Earth: Strange Ideas about Our Planet (July 20)

Jerry Coyne and Luana Majora – The Ideological Subversion of Biology (July 6)

Stephen Barrett, MD, with William M. London – My 50+ Years of Antiquackery Activity (June 22)

Melanie Trecek-King – Inoculating Students Against Misinformation (June 8)

Oliver Milman – Insects in Crisis (May 25)

Stephen Hupp – Investigating Pop Psychology: Pseudoscience, Fringe Science, and Controversies (May 11)

Mick West – Videogame Science and UFOs (April 27)

Laura Davis and Tjardus Greidanus – Virulent: The Vaccine War (April 13)

Dr. Steven Novella – The Skeptics' Guide to the Future (March 29)

Dave Farina – The Birth of the Science Communicator (March 29)

Dr. Joe Schwarcz – Quack Quack: The Threat of Pseudoscience (March 2)

Erika Engelhaupt – Medical Myths and Superstitions: How Our Instincts Can Lead Us Astray (February 16)

Skeptical Inquirer Presents: Critical Thinking Available Online

Skeptical Inquirer Presents is a series of free, live online conversations with an array of experts in science, investigation, medicine, media, communication, and advocacy.

The web series returned for its third year, delivering live online discussions with authors, journalists, and academics covering a range of topics.

Each webisode is also recorded, available later to watch “on-demand” on both the *Skeptical Inquirer* website and the Center for Inquiry YouTube channel.

Dr. Joe Schwarcz for *SI Presents*



5,003

Total live attendees /
692 most attendees (Dr. Joe Schwarcz)

On the Case with CSI's Chief Investigator

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI) named **Kenny Biddle** its chief investigator in September 2022. Over the past fifteen months, Biddle has taken his investigative skills across the country for a series of informative presentations and hands-on detective work.

Biddle hosted presentations and workshops on how to use scientific methods and critical thinking to deconstruct and explain paranormal photography and videos in Amherst, New York; Portland, Oregon; and Seattle, Washington. He also worked with CFI's Education Department to develop lesson plans for building critical thinking skills based on paranormal investigation techniques.

Biddle has helped create permanent displays of materials from his personal collection for CFI headquarters, including supposedly "cursed" objects and ghost hunting equipment that he purchased, some he even made himself. Biddle's investigations are featured in his *Skeptical Inquirer* column "A Closer Look," as well as his web series, *Ghosts in the Machine*. He also hosts a weekly livestream show, the *Skeptical Help Bar*, every Friday night.



CFI Investigations Group

For more than twenty years, the CFI Investigations Group (CFIIG) has been putting extraordinary claims to the test. The organization hosts the Paranormal Challenge, the largest active prize offered for proof of paranormal ability under scientific test conditions. In February 2023, CFIIG doubled the prize offer for the Paranormal Challenge to \$500,000.

"A quarter-million dollars just doesn't go as far as it used to, apparently," said CFIIG founder and chairman James Underdown. "This is our way of creating extra incentive for people who make farfetched claims to put up or shut up."

CFIIG tests more claims of paranormal ability from self-purported healers, psychics, and otherwise gifted individuals than any other organization in the world. In 2023, CFIIG had 132 applications for the Paranormal Challenge and tested eight paranormal claimants in-person, but the \$500,000 prize remains unclaimed.

Go to <https://cfig.org/> to check out all the investigations!

Skept^oLab

The BUNK STOPS here!

The CFI Investigations Group (CFIIG) debuted a new web series in April 2023 called *Skept^oLab: The Bunk Stops Here!*. The show is produced at the Center for Inquiry West in Los Angeles, courtesy of a grant from the DEW Foundation. Each episode shows how science and investigative techniques can be used to debunk the kinds of popular claims of paranormal phenomena that CFIIG has been investigating for decades.

CFIIG's **James Underdown** hosts each episode along with a celebrity guest and a variety of experts on each topic.

Episodes can be viewed at skeptilab.tv and on the Center for Inquiry YouTube channel.

Released in 2023:

Episode 1: Telekinesis with Jim O'Heir

Episode 2: Astrology with Julia Sweeney

Episode 3: Telepathy with Matt and Morgan Walsh

Episode 4: The Pseudoscience of Dowsing with Andy Richter

Episode 5: Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UFOs) with Adam Ferber





Office of Consumer Protection from Pseudoscience

Fighting Misinformation in Medicine and Pseudoscience

Misinformation and pseudoscience are bad for your health.

The promoters of antiscience and woo come in many varieties and from all parts of the ideological and political spectrum. The Center for Inquiry never stops working to educate and protect the public about the dangers of pseudoscience and promote the proven, evidence-based science that saves countless lives each year.

CFI's **Office of Consumer Protection from Pseudoscience** continued to press its groundbreaking lawsuit against **Boiron**, one of the world's largest manufacturers of homeopathic products, for deceiving consumers by selling a plethora of materially identical—and functionally useless—products to treat or cure various illnesses or injuries.



Event Actions taken by CFI

In May, CFI called for an ethics investigation into Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo following reports alleging that Dr. Ladapo altered the results of a study of COVID-19 vaccine safety.

The cover feature of the July/August 2023 issue of *Skeptical Inquirer*, "The Ideological Subversion of Biology" by **Jerry A. Coyne** and **Luana S. Maroja**, warned about the need for science research to remain objective and empirical—not subject to censure based on political winds.

In August, CFI rebuked the **World Health Organization** for a highly publicized series of social media posts that wrongly elevated "traditional medicines," including homeopathy and naturopathy, as worthwhile alternatives to scientifically proven treatments.

CFI rallied supporters to support the Health Share Transparency Act.

In the U.S. Congress, CFI called on key Senators to reject a homeopathy-friendly committee report and lobbied to block a pro-homeopathy amendment to a federal appropriations bill.

Alejandro Borgo of CFI Argentina wrote a special report for *Skeptical Inquirer* on "Homeopathy in Argentina."



Special Report
Homeopathy in Argentina
Alejandro Borgo
May 25, 2023

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CFI's Quackwatch

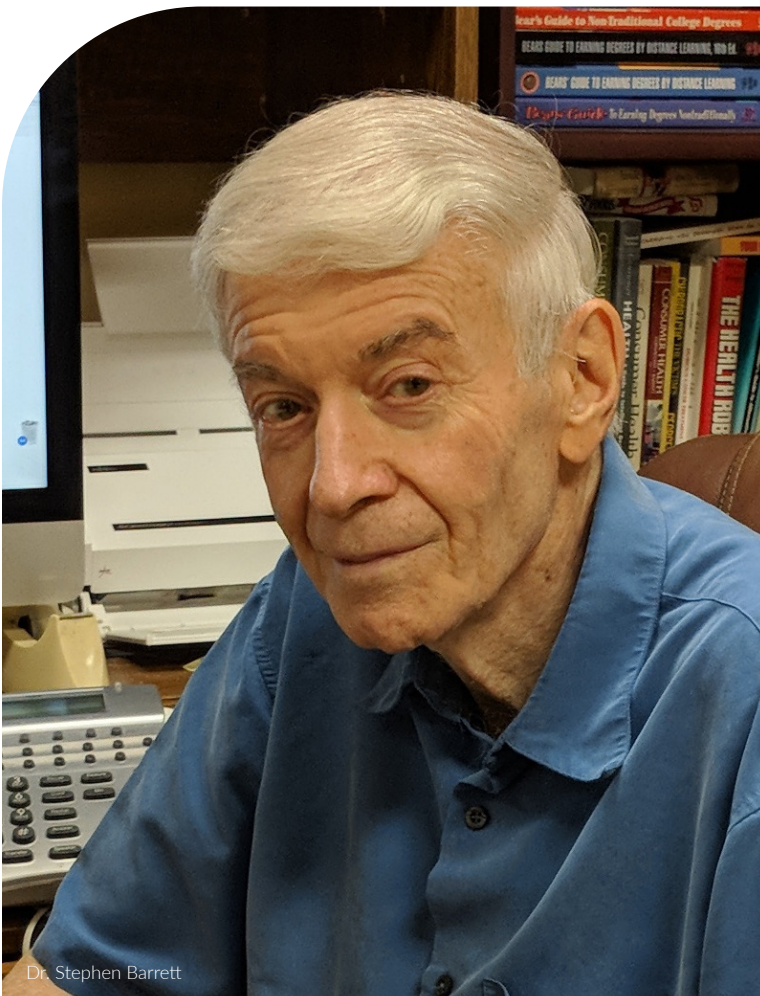
Making good health choices requires access to reliable information.

Quackwatch, CFI's expansive network of watchdog websites and mailing lists founded and operated by **Stephen Barrett**, MD, helps consumers identify instances of health-related pseudoscience and medical misinformation. Quackwatch focuses on health frauds, including myths, fads, fallacies, and misconduct, in its efforts to provide quackery-related information that is often hard to find anywhere else.

Quackwatch's **William M. London**, EdD, MPH, edits the *Consumer Health Digest*, a free weekly email newsletter that summarizes scientific reports, legislative activities, news items, and new research from around the world that's vital for making safe health care decisions.

Barrett and London were the featured guests on a special episode of *Skeptical Inquirer Presents* dedicated to Barrett's fifty plus years of work fighting health misinformation.

To read up on the quackery, visit QuackWatch.org!



Dr. Stephen Barrett



Dr. William London

Point of Inquiry: A Podcast of Ideas and Ideals

POINT OF INQUIRY

Since 2005, CFI's *Point of Inquiry* podcast has continuously brought in some of the most gifted and perceptive minds of our time to participate in conversations about science, religion, politics, and culture.

Point of Inquiry is available free on all major podcast apps and platforms. Guests in 2023 included:



Historian and author **Jennifer Michael Hecht** with host **Paul Fidalgo** on "The Power of Poetry and the Weirdness of Existence"



Author **MG Lord** and host **James Underdown** on "The Weird and Wonderful History of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory"



Richard Saunders on "The Great Australian Psychic Prediction Project"



"Getting To Know U.S. Congressman **Jared Huffman**" with host **James Underdown**



Dr. Juhem Navarro-Rivera with host **Paul Fidalgo** on "The Challenge of Rallying the Nones"



Nicholas Little, former director of CFI's Legal department, and **Eddie Tabash**, chair of the CFI Board of Directors on "Supreme Injustice"



Actor and environmental advocate **Ed Begley, Jr.** on his memoir *To The Temple of Tranquility ... and Step on It!*

Protecting and Empowering the World's Nonbelievers

“*Religious extremism not only interferes with the advance of science but with personal freedoms and human dignity, and not only in places where jihadists hold sway but in America as well ... Making secular views and people welcome in politics and policy-making will advance human safety, security, health, achievement, prosperity, and, most of all, science.*”

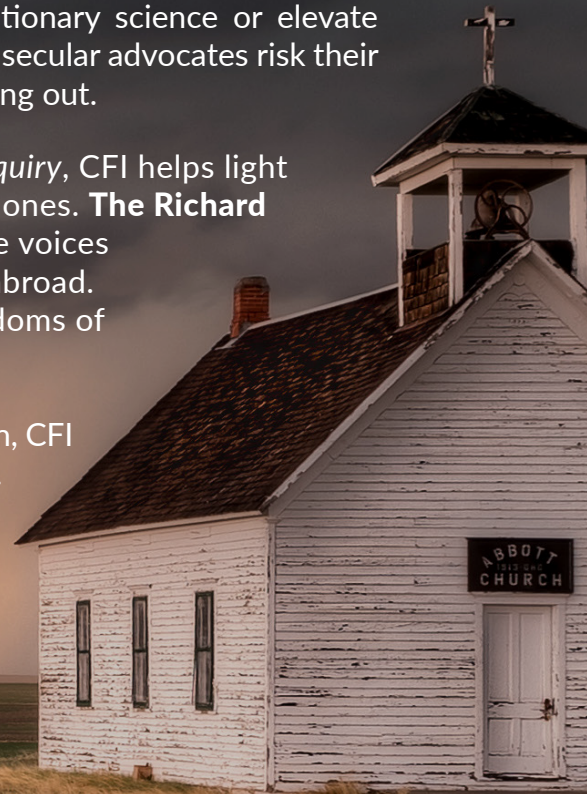
—Richard Dawkins

Survey after survey, country upon country, the evidence is unmistakable: a growing percentage of the world's population is embracing life without religion. Nones are now the largest population cohort in the United States

And yet in many ways, theocracy and authoritarian fundamentalists seem more powerful than ever—with religious advocates in key leadership positions, pushing for policies and legal theories that advance faith-based ideology at the expense of the nonreligious. Around the globe, ostensible democracies are writing new blasphemy laws or rewriting educational curricula to restrict evolutionary science or elevate indigenous “ways of knowing.” And in far too many places, secular advocates risk their freedom, or even their lives, by speaking out.

Through the **Council for Secular Humanism** and *Free Inquiry*, CFI helps light the way forward for the growing global community of Nones. **The Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science** helps lift the voices of nonbelievers and science advocates in America and abroad. And **Secular Rescue** fights to protect the lives and freedoms of endangered atheists the world over.

As more and more people abandon religion and superstition, CFI is there to help them find their voice—and their community.



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MORTAL COMBAT OVER
FREE EXPRESSION



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“Evidence-Based Life”: RDFRS

At the heart of the **Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science** (RDFRS) is a commitment to the pursuit of truth through scientific evidence. In a world often clouded by irrational beliefs and postmodern doctrine, RDFRS stands as a beacon for objective truths that transcend cultural and personal biases.

The mission of the Richard Dawkins Foundation is to promote scientific literacy and a secular worldview. To some, those might seem like separate goals. In fact, the two are inseparable ... neither one is truly possible without the other.

Current CFI projects supported by the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science include the award-winning **Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science** (TIES) program and the Translations Project.

Free Inquiry and a New Generation of Nones

Free Inquiry is CFI's long-running journal of secular humanist ideas. Editor **Paul Fidalgo** led a roster of familiar names and brand new contributors to contemplate some of the most timely and important questions facing the world and how the secular community can unite to address them.

Throughout 2023, *Free Inquiry* examined vital questions such as the “Mortal Combat over Free Speech” (Vol. 43, No. 1), how today's identitarian Left is not compatible with humanist ideals of individualism, and how the U.S. Supreme Court's rightward lurch is turning nonreligious Americans into “second-class citizens.” There were cover features probing the historical figure of Jesus and the lasting cultural legacy of Christopher Hitchens, as well as several thoughtful pieces focusing on “Humanism 2.0” and the need for secular humanists—especially younger ones with less history in the movement—to build and foster a sense of a broader community.

In addition to the six print issues, the number of web-only articles and opinion pieces was increased to expand digital engagement with *Free Inquiry*. The magazine also launched dedicated social media profiles to boost its online profile.



Richard Dawkins
Foundation
for Reason & Science

CFI's Translations Project

In many places around the world, it's a challenge for ordinary people to find books about science, freethought, and philosophies of nonbelief written in the local language.

The Translations Project is a multi-year initiative of the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science that produces professionally translated versions of major works on science, nature, and evolution into multiple languages, including, but not limited to, Arabic, Farsi, Indonesian, Urdu, and, most recently, Hindi. These books, including pivotal titles such as *The Greatest Show on Earth*, *The Magic of Reality*, *The Blind Watchmaker*, and *The God Delusion*, have been translated and made available to download in dozens of countries completely free of charge through the project's website: TranslationsProject.org.



28,000

Books downloaded



86

Countries downloading our books



85

persecuted atheists
and their families
rescued from terrible
fates and hardships
in 2023

Secular Rescue: Providing Safety from Blasphemy Laws Around the World

CFI's Secular Rescue program works to protect atheists and freethinkers who exercise their basic human rights to freedom of expression, conscience, and nonbelief—and encourage others to exercise those rights, as well. Thanks to the generous support of the Frank S. Robinson Enlightenment Fund, Secular Rescue provides lifesaving assistance to atheist writers, publishers, and activists who live in countries where blasphemy laws make it dangerous for them to express their views publicly.

With Secular Rescue's help, many of these individuals have been able to escape persecution and threats to live their lives in peace and safety.

Working with CFI's talented website developers, Secular Rescue recently unveiled a revamped program website (secular-rescue.org) that streamlines the process for requesting assistance while providing greater clarity regarding who the program is designed to help. This will help case managers focus more time and resources on viable applicants in dire need.

A Journey of Resilience: Secular Rescue

The following is an excerpt from the first-person account of **Mariam Oyiza Aliyu** (pictured right), an ex-Muslim rights activist and survivor of gender-based violence from Kogi State in central Nigeria. The full version appears in CFI's quarterly *Freethought in Action* newsletter. An excerpt also appeared on the CFI blog in honor of **International Blasphemy Rights Day**, which CFI established in 2009 to reassert our commitment to defending the right to question and criticize the claims of religion.

"From an early age, I possessed an insatiable curiosity—a hunger to question and analyze the world around me. I was just fifteen years old when I began challenging the status quo, a formidable task given the community's staunch adherence to patriarchal ideals. In a society that dictated women were to be managed by men, disobedience was met with admonishment, isolation, or physical punishment. The mere thought of being subjected to such control in my adult life, through marriage or otherwise, filled me with profound discomfort and rebellion. ... Together, we will shape a world where freedom of religion, gender equality, and justice are not just lofty ideals but tangible realities that define the human experience."



- There were fifty-three active and newly certified Celebrants in 2023.
- Twenty-six individuals attended the spring and fall online celebrant trainings, and three people were trained in between the scheduled trainings.
- Sixteen new celebrants were certified this year (and will remain certified until 12/31/2024).



Secular Celebrant Training Webinars

While nearly three in ten Americans now describe themselves as nonreligious, most states still require marriages be conducted by a member of the religious clergy or a small handful of civil officials. As a way to offer nonbelievers an alternative way to celebrate “milestones of life” on their own terms, CFI created the Secular Celebrant Program to train and certify individuals who wish to perform nonreligious weddings, commitment ceremonies, funerals, and other memorials or special occasions.

In 2023, CFI had fifty-three active and newly certified celebrants. To date, CFI has certified Secular Celebrants who can legally solemnize marriages in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington, DC. Individuals in other states and countries are welcome to attend these virtual training workshops to become certified, though they won't be able to legally solemnize weddings outside those states. CFI continues to fight in the courts and state legislatures to get equal rights for the nonreligious to solemnize marriages.

RGI Museum

On August 12, 2023, CFI celebrated the 190th birthday of Robert Green Ingersoll at the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum in Dresden, New York. The event also celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the Ingersoll Museum opening under the management of the Council for Secular Humanism and the Center for Inquiry.

Speakers at the event included CFI President and CEO **Robyn Blumner**, **Jeff Ingersoll**, **Tim Madigan**, and **Seth Andrews**, the host of *The Thinking Atheist* podcast. Andrews's speech is posted on the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum's Facebook page.

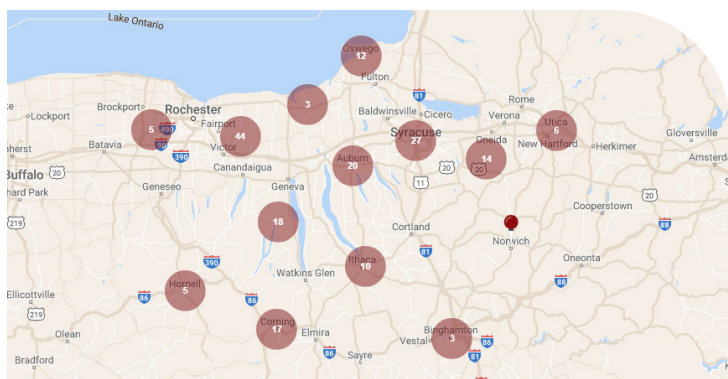
A capacity crowd of around 100 people attended the event, which included a ribbon cutting ceremony for the **Tom Flynn Gazebo**; **Sue Gibbons**, Tom's widow, and **Tim Madigan** cut the ribbon to officially open the feature.



The Tom Flynn Gazebo



Seth Andrews speaking at Ingersoll's 190th birthday event



Freethought Trail

The Freethought Trail is a collection of 185 marked and unmarked locations that highlight the importance of nineteenth-century west-central New York in American secularism, abolitionism, and women's suffrage. On the website, each location is described in words and photographs, and directions are provided from one Freethought Trail location to another.

“How thoughtful of God to arrange matters so that, wherever you happen to be born, the local religion always turns out to be the true one.”

—Richard Dawkins

CFI Transnational: Sharing Enlightenment Values Around the World

A few examples of the work and outreach of CFI international branches and affiliates outside the United States in 2023:

- In February, CFI joined a group of atheist, secular, and freethought organizations led by the Council of Ex-Muslims of Britain (CEMB) as political sponsors of Soheil Arabi, the noted Iranian atheist and ex-Muslim who was re-arrested by Iranian security forces on January 2.

- In December, CFI was proud to join with several prominent secular advocacy organizations from around the world to participate in an international conference of laics at Paris City Hall. The conference brought together more than forty laic personalities from across the globe to support humanist principles such as the total separation of church and state, freedom of expression, bodily autonomy, and equality.

- CFI's United Nations advocate, **Andreas Kyriacou**, continued to champion our mission to protect and advance universal human rights from a secular, science-based perspective in the global stage. CFI's UN advocacy focuses on three interrelated areas of human rights: freedom of religion, belief, and expression; women's rights; and LGBT equality.

- Under the directorship of **George Ongere, CFI Kenya** provides assistance to twenty-five orphans at the Humanist Orphans Center. The children live with relatives while CFI Kenya provides them with their needed food, clothing, and educational expenses. The Sherry Sheng and Spike Wadsworth Farm and Market helps teach survival skills such as farming while business skills are honed in the market. Additionally, CFI Kenya educates the community and provides resources about science and reason through its library, university partnerships, and community events.

- **Leo Igwe**, head of Advocacy for Alleged Witches, visited CFI headquarters where he gave a public presentation in conversation with **Kenny Biddle** about the “magical thinking” that still grips much of his native Nigeria. He also spent time with **Benjamin Radford** “Investigating Witchcraft Accusations in Malawi” while Radford was traveling in Africa.



These are not people who suffered some fire accident, no...they are some of the victims and survivors of witch burning in Cross River State last week. I spoke with one of them, the one lying on the bed, last night. My advocacy initiative AFAW plans to HELP the victims pay their medical bills. AFAW is overstretched in terms of resources If you would like to support those who survived this savage act, please contact me. #stopwitchpersecution



Sparking Science's Future: CFI Education Department

“What’s wrong with questioning what you think? And what’s wrong with looking it up and realizing that you may be wrong? That’s what I love about science. Science doesn’t try to prove itself right. Science tries to prove itself wrong.”

—Bertha Vazquez

Laying the foundation for the future of science and secularism starts with education in the here and now. The Center for Inquiry (CFI) has long made the development of educational resources and programs for students and teachers a top priority. And this year brought major advances for all three of CFI’s distinct education initiatives.

In addition to leading the reimagining and relaunch of the Generation Skeptics program, CFI Education Director **Bertha Vazquez** ran point on a robust calendar of live events, webinars, and promotions for the **Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES)** and **ScienceSaves**.

In 2023, Vazquez retired as a teacher after more than three decades in the classroom to devote herself to CFI full-time. Her exemplary work in promoting and improving evolution education through the TIES program earned her the 2023 **Friend of Darwin Award** from the **National Center for Science Education**.

Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES)

The **Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES)** program—a part of the **Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science**—is the nation’s premiere evolution education program, providing K–12 teachers the free resources and tools they need to effectively teach evolution and answer its critics based on new Next Generation Science Standards.

In 2023, TIES hosted a total of twenty-eight teacher workshops in twenty-one U.S. states. TIES also hosted a series of seventeen new online webinars with popular science authors. These webinars are also made available for later viewing on YouTube.

In addition to teacher workshops, TIES also collaborated on a variety of public-facing events, including a full-day, in-person event with the Birmingham (AL) Zoo and a Darwin Day Celebration at the Florida Aquarium (Tampa).

It is estimated that more than 3,500 teachers have now been trained through the TIES program, giving them the tools and confidence to teach evolution year after year.



ScienceSaves

CFI’s **ScienceSaves** program, created in collaboration with the Stiefel Freethought Foundation, encourages students, parents, and educators to celebrate the power of science and the many positive ways it has impacted humanity. ScienceSaves highlights the many ways science has helped us live longer, healthier lives by offering a wide array of free resources and downloadable lesson plans.

Through several unique initiatives, ScienceSaves reaches thousands of students and educators across the United States to promote the life-changing power of science.

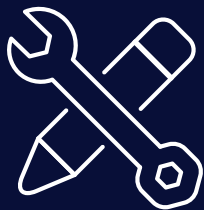
Some highlights of ScienceSaves 2023 initiatives:

- The **2023 “Science Clash” Tournament** was a bracket-style social media promotion that featured thirty-two nominees squaring off for the title of “Greatest Scientific Advancement of All Time.” The winner was selected after four rounds of voting through social media and the ScienceSaves website.
- For the second year, ScienceSaves ran a petition campaign urging states to recognize March 26 as **National Science Appreciation Day**. Fourteen states and the District of Columbia issued proclamations to celebrate the day. March 26 was the day Jonas Salk announced the successful trials of the polio vaccine.
- ScienceSaves also hosted its second annual \$10,000 video scholarship contest for college-bound high school seniors. Students were invited to create a thirty second video describing a real-life experience in which science saved them or someone they know.



520


Total Workshop Attendees
in 2023



18

ScienceSaves Workshops

Public Advocacy— Protecting Our Rights and Defending Our Principles



“ In an era when secular government is under constant assault by advocates of religious privilege, it’s important for our elected officials to defend the spirit of the Establishment Clause.”

—Azhar Majeed, *Morning Heresy*, Feb. 1

The Center for Inquiry’s Public Policy and Legal teams had a busy 2023.

CFI’s **Office of Public Policy (OPP)**, led by Director of Government Affairs **Azhar Majeed**, advocates at the state and federal levels to promote policy based on science, reason, and secular values and to maintain the Constitutional separation of church and state. The OPP responds to pending legislation related to CFI’s core issues by submitting written testimony to state legislatures and Congress and sending action alerts to CFI supporters about key policy initiatives that affect them.

CFI’s **Legal Department** supports the organization’s mission through litigation and the filing of amicus briefs in select cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. CFI’s legal team fights against legal expansions of religious privilege, fraudulent pseudoscience, or erosion of church-state separation.

The Office of Public Policy:

2023 National Activities

- CFI joined twenty-nine other secular organizations to urge administration officials and members of Congress to stop participating in the National Prayer Breakfast on February 2. Azhar Majeed said, “Bipartisan fellowship and improved Member-to-Member communication are laudable goals. They shouldn’t require the trappings of prayer or religious invocation.”
- The OPP blasted a House Foreign Affairs Committee “investigation” into a State Department grant created to promote tolerance toward the nonreligious in other parts of the world.
- CFI supported a resolution offered by Representatives Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and Jared Huffman (D-CA) of the Congressional Freethought Caucus to recognize Thursday, May 4, as the **National Day of Reason**. CFI was proud to be an organizational sponsor of the resolution.
- CFI rallied support for the **Health Share Transparency Act**, which aims to bring accountability to religiously based “health care sharing ministries” (HCSMs) that are often touted as “alternatives” to traditional medical insurance.
- In August, the OPP called on supporters to contact members of Congress and urge them to reject a pro-homeopathy amendment to a federal appropriations bill. CFI also called on the leaders of the Senate Committee on Appropriations to rescind a committee report directing the FDA to *work hand-in-hand with the homeopathy industry* toward the regulation of its products.



2023 State-Level Action

- In Texas, CFI successfully opposed a Ten Commandments bill and attempted to stop a bill proposal to allow unqualified religious chaplains to serve as public school counselors.
- CFI also urged Idaho’s governor to veto H.B. 182, which would allow teacher and employee prayer in public schools and universities.
- In Vermont, CFI urged Governor Phil Scott to support H. 148, a ban on child marriage he later signed into law.
- In Hawaii, CFI supported H.B. 350, which mandates clergy members report suspected child abuse; that measure also became law.
- In Maine, CFI helped stop three bills that would have restored religious exemptions to school immunization requirements for students, parents, and certain health care workers.
- In Massachusetts, CFI submitted written testimony in support of S. 1391, which would remove existing religious exemption to immunization requirements for school attendance.
- The OPP also submitted written testimony to a Montana House committee urging it to reject a measure requiring state agencies, day cares, and healthcare providers “accept without question or malice any religious or conscience exemption” to vaccine requirements.
- CFI urged the West Virginia Legislature to reject S.B. 292, which would exempt health care sharing ministries from West Virginia’s insurance code.
- In March, CFI submitted written testimony in support of Maryland’s H.B. 871, arguing the state should remove religious qualifications and tests from the requirements for state service found in the Maryland Constitution.



167

bills tracked by CFI
(133 state, 34 federal)

20

bills targeted
by CFI

Standing Against Religious Privilege

2023 saw the U.S. Supreme Court's right wing supermajority continue its assault on the Establishment Clause. Despite the daunting headwinds, CFI's Legal team continued to stand against the expansion of religious privilege at the expense of nonbelievers.

CFI submitted an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court ahead of oral arguments in *Groff v. DeJoy*, which upended decades of precedent relating to how employers accommodate religious exemption requests.

In *303 Creative LLC vs. Elenis*, the Court ruled in favor of a "religious liberty" exception to anti-discrimination laws that protect the LGBTQ+ community; CFI argued previously that the case never should have been heard to begin with as the plaintiff lacked standing.

CFI also pushed back against a July effort by multiple state attorneys general to intimidate Target over its Pride Week merchandising and "Place Christianity in an Unconstitutionally Paramount Position."



2023 in Review: The U.S Supreme Court

- "Unworkable, Unfair, and Unconstitutional": CFI Urges SCOTUS to Reject Plaintiff's Argument in *Groff v. DeJoy* (March 30)
- New Legal Standard for Religious Accommodation Unfairly Shifts Burden to Nonreligious Americans (June 29)
- Center for Inquiry Warns: *303 Creative* Decision Gives Businesses 'Ability to Exclude Customers on Religious Grounds' (June 30)

CFI Branches: Passing the Torch to Local Leaders

The Center for Inquiry's local branches hosted a wide range of in-person and online programs in 2023. From lectures and workshops to potluck dinners and game nights, CFI's branches continue to serve as vital local resources to share and support the important work CFI is doing on a national scale.

Throughout 2023, CFI Outreach Coordinator **Eric Shaver** worked with the leadership of each regional branch to maintain his email newsletter, *Pass the Torch*. Shaver also maintains communication with leaders of affiliate groups from every state to keep CFI's Group Locator page up-to-date. CFI added eight new affiliate groups to its Group Locator page in 2023.

CFI Ambassador **Susan Gerbic** and Eric Shaver have worked together over the past year to provide CFI branches and affiliate groups with resources and support to promote their efforts to boost science, reason, and secular values at the local level. This includes the facilitation of both virtual and in-person lectures and workshops, a series of online "skills seminars" for branch leadership, and the publication of a regular *Pass the Torch* newsletter.




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Active global
CFI branches

The Morning Heresy

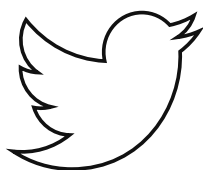
CFI's long-running *Morning Heresy* email newsletter and thrice-weekly web column continued to spotlight the latest news, analysis, and insights of interest to the skeptical and secular communities. *The Morning Heresy* also provides timely activity updates and breaking news reactions from CFI to our supporters.



7,504
Morning Heresy
email subscribers



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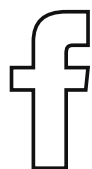


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102,100

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Twitter followers

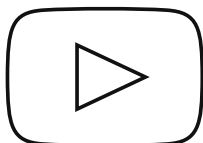


203,500

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1.3 million

RDFRS
Facebook followers



75,300

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378,000

RDFRS YouTube subscribers

13 million

CFI YouTube channel views

48 million

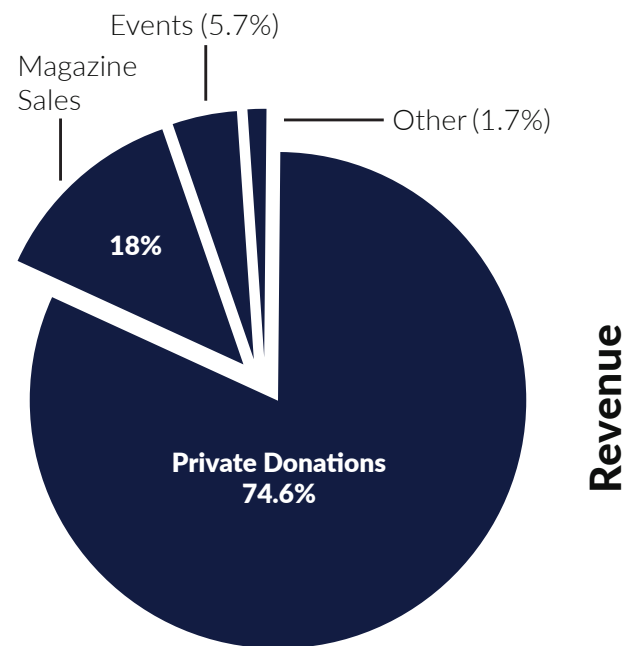
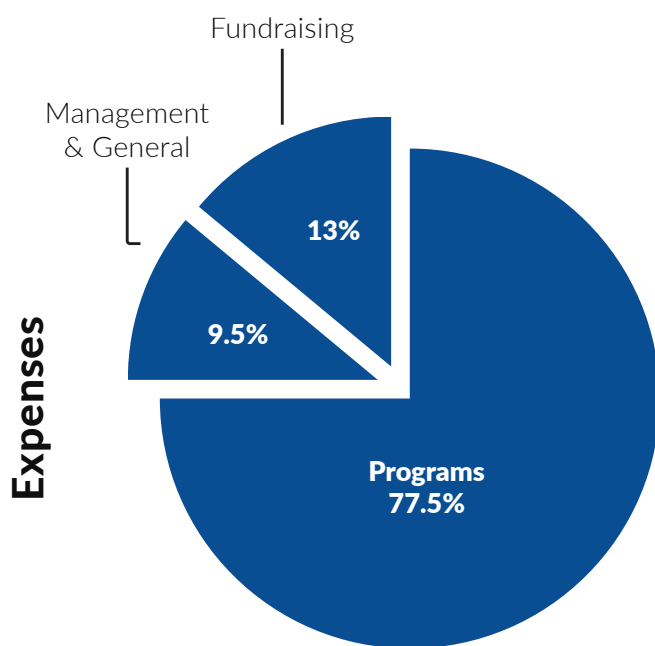
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