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EDUCATING TOMORROW'S CITIZENS

Longtime Civic Education Advocate Todd Clark receives *Inspirational Spirit Award* from Learn and Serve America

October 2, 2007 Los Angeles—At an awards banquet last week in Washington, D.C., Constitutional Rights Foundation Executive Director Todd Clark received the *Inspirational Spirit Award* from Learn and Serve America, the service learning division of the Corporation for National Service. The banquet was held during the Corporation's annual conference.

Learn and Serve America's *Inspirational Spirit Award* was established in 2005, at the 15th anniversary celebration of Learn and Serve America. The award is given to national leaders who inspire those in the field to strengthen the field of service learning.

Over two hundred grantees and special guests watched as Clark award received one of two awards given out -- bestowed upon him for the national work that he has done bringing together civic education with service learning. Specifically Learn and Serve acknowledged Clark's recent contribution to their organization in the event program: "Todd proposed, developed, and delivered a civic engagement track for Learn and Serve America grantees at this year's Grantee Training. Todd brought researchers and other experts in youth civic engagement to share their knowledge and experiences with the grantees through two pre-conference workshops, three concurrent workshops, and several plenary sessions including remarks from Pennsylvania First Lady Judge Marjorie Rendell."

"I've received so much positive feedback on this year's training - mostly related to the content you and your colleagues provided for the grantees. You truly are an inspiration,"
said Tracy Seabolt of Learn and Serve

Clark has been the Executive Director of Constitutional Rights Foundation for over 20 years. He has been active in Americorps and the fields of service learning and civic education field for many years and was appointed by two California Governors to a statewide service learning commission, at one point serving as chair of the commission.

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 educate them to become active and responsible participants in our society. CRF is dedicated to assuring our country's future by investing in our youth today.

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