Year-in-Review

Cuba’s civil society made historical strides in 2013, led by human rights defenders and human rights groups supported by the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (FHRC). In effect, 2013 may have been the most impactful year of human rights activism in the two decades since FHRC’s founding in 1992. FHRC’s partners have demonstrated maturity, resilience, and strategic thinking on their way to building a durable democracy in Cuba with zero tolerance for human rights violations.

FHRC’s partners grew dramatically in 2013 to as many as 60 civil society groups totaling more than 1,300 activists working in all 16 Cuban provinces. These groups held at least 627 independent civic participation events and public protests which included thousands of participants in nongovernment sanctioned concerts and cultural events, human rights activities, and training workshops for more than 2,000 activists comprising a cross-section of Cuban civil society.

The iconic Damas de Blanco, a courageous group of female family members of prisoners of conscience, led by Berta Soler, grew from scarcely 100 members in two chapters at the end of 2012 to over 300 members in nine chapters spread throughout Cuba by the end of 2013. FHRC’s other, most active partner organization, the Unión Patriótica de Cuba (UNPACU), consolidated a strategic merger with Guillermo “Coco” Fariñas’ FANTU organization, bringing together some of the most active, respected and well-known leaders of Cuba’s human rights movement.

All of this activity caught the attention of Castro’s State Security which responded with over 6,000 short-term arrests and hundreds of “actos de repudio” during 2013. Over 65% of those arrests and “actos de repudio” were committed against FHRC partners who were simply exercising or asking for basic rights enshrined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
...Year-in-Review

The impressive growth of Cuba’s civil society is a veritable reflection of the effectiveness of FHRC’s model of direct support for on-Island nonviolent civil society activities. During 2013, FHRC sent partners over 700 units of phones, laptops and other electronic equipment valued at more than $80,000; provided $587,000 in mobile phone recharges to over 350 activists; and facilitated $290,000 in direct humanitarian assistance to hundreds of families of prisoners of conscience, human rights defenders and children. In addition, FHRC’s ground-breaking Call Center, staffed by 6 outstanding Relationship Managers made 7,000 phone calls to Cuba, lasting more than 34,000 minutes, while offering moral support, mentoring, and responding to requests from Cuban human rights defenders. Furthermore, FHRC provided more than 200 sessions of workshops and conferences to over 40 Cuban visiting activists through an External Training Center.

In addition to the historic visit of Berta Soler and “Coco” Fariñas with President Barack Obama in Miami, FHRC’s partners met with a number of influential policymakers in Washington, DC including Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Marco Rubio (R-FL), and U.S. Representatives Kathy Castor (D-FL), Mario Díaz-Balart (R-FL), Joe Garcia (D-FL), Charlie Rangel (D-NY), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Albio Sires (D-NJ), and Juan Vargas (D-CA). This historic year also saw a tremendous amount of international recognition and support for the work of Cuban civil society activists, as the Ladies in White and Guillermo Farías were finally able to travel to Strasbourg, France to receive the Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought from the European Parliament. Berta Soler also received the prestigious Oxi Day Award in Washington, DC honoring the foremost influential female leader for freedom and democracy in the world and the Vaclav Havel Award in Prague, Czech Republic.

As an organization, FHRC expanded its headquarters and staff in Miami, enhanced its organizational strategies and implementation, and produced strong results. FHRC’s on-Island expenses were 57% of total expenses, dedicating significant resources to facilitate assistance to Cuban human rights defenders. FHRC’s fundraising ventures and public events have never been more diverse and successful: Noche Tropical brought together nearly 800 individuals; the Cuban American National Foundation and Latin Builders Association teamed up to provide the proceeds from their 20 de Mayo event to FHRC which was attended by 750; and, FHRC hosted an evening lecture with Yoani Sanchez that was attended by 650 individuals. As part of our strategy to modernize our fundraising ventures, FHRC also launched and participated in several other campaigns including its first Indiegogo online campaign and the Give Miami Day fundraiser in which FHRC finished sixth among more than 300 nonprofits in the Greater Miami Area.

These successes are the result of a community of outstanding effort and work by our staff, our volunteers, our multitude of supporters and, mostly, a valiant, determined, generation of Cuban civil society activists, human rights defenders, artists, independent journalists and many others who have decided to take their destiny in their own hands. We thank all of them for their efforts and sacrifices during 2013 and look forward to another year of great accomplishments.
The Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba ("FHRC") is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 1992 to promote a nonviolent transition to a free and democratic Cuba with zero tolerance for human rights violations. FHRC seeks to empower human rights defenders and activists who are working for change in Cuba through nonviolent means. Some of these individuals include prisoners of conscience and their families, independent journalists and bloggers, cultural activists, as well as members of independent unions and marginalized sectors. FHRC also maintains initiatives outside of Cuba to promote efforts by Cuban Civil Society within the Island, including fundraising campaigns and raising awareness about conditions on the Island. FHRC feels a profound responsibility to support and empower Cuban Civil Society in its efforts to nonviolently transition to a free and democratic Cuba that has zero tolerance for violations of human rights.

FHRC's Mission Includes...

1 - Frontline Activism
Human Rights Events, Training Workshops, Nonviolent Acts of Civil Disobedience, Communications, Material Support, Organizational Meetings

2 - Access to Info, Human Rights Reporting, Journalism & Legal Aid
Human rights reports, Publications, Legal Defense, and Blogs

3 - Community-Based Activities & Neighborhood Events
International Human Rights Day, Three Kings Day, Art & Cultural Events, Self-help Workshops

4 - Humanitarian Aid & Social Services
Clothing, Medicine, and Humanitarian Assistance

5 - Subsistence & Survival
Monthly Assistance to Former Prisoners of Conscience and Human Rights Defenders to Replace Lost Income for Nonviolent Human Rights Activities

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Six Areas of Civil Activism

(1) Strategic nonviolent and Civic Action
(2) Emblematic or Iconic
(3) Human Rights Defenders
(4) Independent Reporting
(5) Community-based
(6) Social Services

Ladies in White
The Ladies in White began as an emblematic group of mothers, wives, sisters, and aunts of the 75 human rights defenders arrested during the "Black Spring," a massive wave of repression in March 2003. Every Sunday, these courageous women attend mass, praying for the release of prisoners of conscience and respect for human rights for all Cubans.

Omni Zona Franca
Omni Zona Franca is a community-based group that conducts socio-economic and civic activism through artistic and cultural mediums. The group works actively to provide open space for workshops, recordings, concerts, and events within various provinces.

INTEGRACION RACIAL
The outreach services group provides substantive civic and outreach services to enhance the standard of life and overall well-being of fellow citizens through various public and social interest activities. Integracion Racial’s main goal is to raise awareness about the on-going discrimination and race issues in Cuba.

Union Patriótica de Cuba
UNPACU is a group of strategic nonviolent human rights activists who are struggling for freedom and basic rights for all Cubans. The brainchild of former prisoner of conscience, Jose Daniel Ferrer, who was arrested during the Black Spring of 2003, UNPACU has grown rapidly. In 2013, Dr. Guillermo and his FANTU group merged with UNPACU, creating the largest network of human rights activists in Cuba.

Bloggers/Generation Y
Independent bloggers and journalists provide substantive and in-depth reporting on all aspects of life in Cuba and are leading sources in disseminating pertinent news on political prisoners, government repression, and socio-economic issues. Yoani Sanchez who founded the blog Generation Y has more than half a million followers on Twitter, and is a leading voice for freedom of press, freedom of expression, and other human rights issues.

CCDHRN- Human Rights Commission
CCDHRN is composed of human rights defenders and activists who promote awareness, documentation, and reporting of human rights violations in Cuba. CCDHRN is the most experienced human rights group in Cuba, providing high-quality documentation and reporting on human rights violations through monthly reports on prisoners of conscience and government repression throughout the country.

Arbitrary detention of human rights activists by the Cuban Government:

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The Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba (FHRC) initiated a unique and innovative approach to supporting Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) seeking nonviolent change in Cuba by opening a Human Rights Call Center (HRCC) in 2011. The Miami-based HRCC has been a transformative experiment, helping Cuban HRDs modernize forms of communication, improve individual and organizational capacity, and become empowered to nonviolently promote human rights and civil society in Cuba.

Since 2011, FHRC’s team of experienced Relationship Managers (RMs) has made more than 12,500 calls and exchanged at least 8,400 e-mails with HRDs in every Cuban province. Communication, assistance and training received by HRDs have helped invigorate Cuba’s pro-democracy and human rights movement, doubling HRD membership in FHRC’s partner groups, cross-fertilizing resources, best practices and lessons learned among them, and promoting basic freedoms for all Cubans in Cuba.

**Concept & Development**

The HRCC was conceived to assist HRDs by consolidating and communicating vital pieces of information, smoothing distribution channels, and providing general support to operations and logistics on an as-needed basis to facilitate nonviolent human rights activities and initiatives. The HRCC was also designed to facilitate training workshops for HRDs in Cuba and abroad, provide professional mentoring by phone through an experienced team of RMs to reinforce local decision-making, action and sustainability.

Each RM has a portfolio of HRDs with which they are in touch on a weekly or monthly basis, although RMs generally interact more frequently with civic leaders. RMs emphasize direct communication with HRDs through evolving, yet standard methods of communication, including mobile phones and landlines, e-mail, Facebook, Twitter, chat programs, and Internet telephony (e.g., Skype).

Communication can be initiated by either RMs or HRDs, and general updates are the most frequent reasons for initiating contact, but HRDs also request materials or training. RMs and HRDs regularly pre-arrange “e-mail meetings” or contact through social media. Less frequently, urgent requests or actos de repudio (acts of repression initiated by government thugs or mobs) are reasons for contacting the HRCC. On these occasions, HRDs will frequently “buzz” or quickly call their designated RM with a request for a call back so as to minimize precious cell phone minutes in Cuba and conserve expenses.

**“providing support to operations and logistics... for human rights activities”**

These forms of aboveboard and careful − not covert − communication endeavors to safeguard HRD confidentiality in the face of Cuban government eavesdropping and censorship intended to interfere with HRDs seeking nonviolent change in Cuba.

The HRCC does not employ encryption in an environment where most users have neither computers nor regular access to the Internet. RMs and HRDs deliberately and thoughtfully choose their language, justifying such communications in the clearly established and indisputable human rights standards of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Excluding the weeks leading up to and following Pope Benedict XVI’s visit in March 2012 when hundreds, if not thousands, of mobile phones were blocked, the HRCC has not encountered sustained blackout periods preventing direct communication by phone or e-mail with HRDs in Cuba.

On the other hand, there have been and remain challenges to direct communication with Cuban HRDs as a result of deliberate or outdated policies by the Cuban government. Limited access to fixed phone lines, lack of widespread mobile phone usage, and poor coverage and reception in many rural areas pose structural obstacles as the State-owned monopoly for landlines and cell phones, Cubacel, slowly expands coverage.

Activation fees run approximately $35 which is nearly twice the Cuban average monthly salary of $18, while the per minute call cost is prohibitive for the majority of Cubans: $0.99/min. for domestic calls, $1.50/min for international calls, $0.25/each for text messages.

The same applies to Internet access. Using Cuban government sources, the United Nations cites increases in telephone subscribers per 100: 8.8 (2005), 19.3 (2010), and 22.3 (2011); and Internet users per 100 inhabitants: 9.7 (2005), 15.9 (2010), and 23.2 (2011). However, the International Republican Institute conducted a survey in 2013 that puts the number at 4% for access to Internet and e-mail. The Venezuelan fiber-optic cable
has not led to increased connectivity for the
majority of Cubans, but the Cuban govern-
ment reportedly opened 118 cyber cafés
throughout the country in 2013.

Direct Assistance
The HRCC provides assistance to HRDs that
includes standard office equipment and sup-
plies: laptops, tablets, printers, printer car-
tridges, cell phones, USBs, external hard
drives, digital cameras, video cameras, DVDs,
DVD/CD players, paper, notebooks, pens,
pencils, and other common office necessities.

The HRCC also emphasizes communication to,
with and among Cuban HRDs. Currently,
more than 8% of current partners have fixed
phone lines while roughly 47% have cell
phones. The statistic for cell phone users is
significantly higher than official government
numbers, demonstrating success at providing
HRDs with an important tool for activism in
Cuba. Since early 2011, FHRC has provided
over 300,000 minutes of cell phone recharges
to on-island partners in order to facilitate
communication among them.

Specialized Services
Through consistent, personal and transpar-
ent communication with Cuban HRDs, RMs
are able to regularly evaluate partner activi-
ties and initiatives, as well as receipt, use and
accountability of resources.

Direct contact with HRDs also allows FHRC to
undertake internal data quality assessments,
reducing its contact database due to outdated
partnerships, or unresponsive or disen-
gaged HRDs. As of December 2013, the HRCC
had 1,344 on-Island contacts (57% male –
43% female) in dozens of human rights
groups that are spread throughout Cuba’s 16
provinces. A more than 100% increase in the
number of partners in little more than a year
is attributable to the intrepid work of dedi-
cated activists, propelled by several civil soci-
ety groups that expanded and/or consolidat-
ed, and a number of respected human rights
leaders who prioritized unity in leadership.

No longer a mere “support center,” the HRCC
has advanced the nonviolent pro-democracy
and human rights movement in Cuba
through training workshops and provided
direct training to dozens of others via phone,
e-mail, chat programs and Facebook.

Combined with on-demand technical train-
ing by RMs regarding civic action, human
rights standards, usage of technology (equip-
ment, programs), project management and
implementation, the results have been con-
siderable. By simultaneously responding to
specific requests for vital materials, cell
phone recharges, remittances, and humani-
tarian aid, the HRCC has enabled a diverse set
of civic and human rights activities in Cuba,
including monthly human rights publica-
tions, legal petitions and pro bono legal aid,
the Festival Clic, a Mother’s Day March, Three
Kings Day Toys, religious pilgrimages (in
Cuba) and activities during Pope Benedict
XVI’s trip to Cuba, cultural performances, and
logistics for Laura Pollan’s funeral, to name a
few.

These activities — and many others — have
mobilized hundreds (if not thousands) of citi-
izens and HRDs for campaigns and events di-
rected at diverse audiences but with the sim-
lar objectives of expanding civil society and
respect for basic human rights.

Conclusion
FHRC’s HRCC has become a successful mecha-
nism at developing and maintaining rela-
tions, and facilitating support for large num-
bers of HRDs in civil society groups located in
geographically distinct areas of Cuba.

Careful but constant communication has oc-
curred through a diversity of medians, and
this contact has allowed FHRC to receive spe-
cific requests from HRDs, encourage local de-
cision-making and efficiently allocate re-
sources to active and productive HRDs.

A strong public-private partnership has pro-
vided broad-based assistance for human
rights activism with direct access to HRDs,
helping FHRC maintain proper transparency
and accountability of resources with HRDs
and increasingly with international organiza-
tions to attempt to avoid overlap and/or dup-
lication. The result has been a significant
growth among HRD networks, more coordi-
nation and collaboration among HRDs, and
greatly expanded civic space to help ensure a
peaceful transition to democracy and
rights-based governance in Cuba.
North America

**Washington**  FHRC's Partners Meet U.S. Vice President Biden, U.S. Congressmen, and human rights policymakers

**New York**  Berta Soler meets with members of the press

**California**  Art & Culture Concerts are held in Los Angeles and the Bay Area

**Colorado**  CUBALEX and Generación Y conduct human rights lectures at several state universities

**Florida**  FHRC's partners meet with President Obama, hold public meetings and lectures at universities, and receive training at FHRC

**Puerto Rico**  Berta Soler and Guillermo Farinas hold meetings and lectures on human rights

**Costa Rica**  CUBALEX petitions the Inter-American Human Rights Court

**Panama**  Berta Soler conducts human rights lectures

**Honduras**  Berta Soler and Guillermo Farinas receive a standing ovation by human rights defenders from Latin America

South America

**Brazil**  CUBALEX and Generación Y Bloggers meet with political leaders and hold human rights events

**Peru & Argentina**  Members of UNPACU and Generacion Y receive training and hold public events on human rights in Cuba
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FHRC Partners Sakharov Prize Recipients

In 2013, The Ladies in White and Guillermo Fariñas received their Sakharov Prizes.

Elizardo Sanchez attends training and gives lectures with Frontline Defenders

FHRC partners with the Lech Walesa Institute to train nearly two dozen Cuban activists on democratic transitions

Berta Soler speaks about human rights

FHRC partners with People in Need to train Cuban activists on human rights documentation

Guillermo Farinas and members of the Ladies in White belatedly receive the Sakharov Prize

Members of the Ladies in White meet with political leaders and government officials; Elizardo Sanchez and a member of CUBALEX attend a seminar on the death penalty; FHRC partners participate in cultural events

Berta Soler meets Pope Francis in the Vatican
LADIES IN WHITE EXPANSION

In 2013, the Ladies in White expanded its membership across ten provinces to more than 300 members. This group continues to engage the government and local communities through symbolic protest, and are the most recognized and enduring activists that participate in collective public dissent in Cuba.

UNPACU - FANTU MERGER

The historic and strategic merger of the two most active strategic nonviolent groups in Cuba took effect in 2013. Through mentoring and encouragement by FHRC, the united group has now become the largest opposition group in Cuba, with more than 4,000 members working in all 16 provinces.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Hundreds of FHRC partners throughout all 16 provinces protested on International Human Rights Day, with more than 50 being detained in Havana, including the Ladies in White leader. Cuban authorities continue to consider Cuba's human rights defenders to be counterrevolutionaries and charge them significant legal penalties.

Increased Cultural Events

FHRC is committed to helping Cubans rebuild the social and cultural fabric of Cuban communities and values that have deteriorated during the current Cuban government. In 2013, FHRC supported more than 50 cultural events attended by more than 10,000 individuals.

Three Kings Day
Humanitarian Support

For more than 10 years the Ladies in White have provided resources and goods to their respective communities. In 2013, the group supported approximately 900 children.

FHRC Database Demographics

- Male: 57%
- Female: 43%

42%
W/ Phone Lines
Including Cell Phones and Home Lines
Year in Review: Off-Island Events

FHRC’s Partners Meet With President Barack Obama

President Barack Obama met with two of Cuba’s leading partners in Miami, stating that he admires their sacrifice and recognizing their commitment to peaceful opposition in Cuba. This meeting was the first meeting between a sitting US President and Cuban human rights defenders still living in Cuba.

The Leader of the Ladies in White Meets Vice President Biden

On October 25th, the leader of the Ladies in White, Berta Soler, met with U.S. Vice President Joe Biden in the White House. This historic meeting was successful in bringing Cuban human rights issues to the forefront of foreign policy debates in the United States.

Guillermo Farías
Receives Sakharov Prize

Yoani Sanchez Meets
Senators Rubio and Menéndez

Berta Soler Meets
Pope Francis

CUBALEX and the Ladies in White
Petition the Inter-American Court

Ladies in White
Receive Sakharov Prize

FHRC Sponsored an Evening with
Yoani Sanchez in Miami

Cuban Activists Travel Around the Globe

The Cuban government’s exit visa requirement, which so often denied human rights activists the ability to travel abroad, was removed this year. These changes allowed FHRC to provide opportunities for dozens of Cuban human rights defenders who traveled for meetings, conferences, and external training workshops.

By the Numbers:

15

Number of countries visited

49

Number of activists trained abroad
1 Prisoners of Conscience Fund

FHRC supports independent journalists, bloggers, lawyers, dissidents and political activists, artists and cultural activists, civic and community leaders, and other human rights defenders who are advocating for respect for human rights and nonviolent change in Cuba. The Cuban government puts large numbers of individuals in prison, harasses them and their families, fires them from jobs, expels them from universities and schools for their individual beliefs and actions, including nonviolent acts of civil disobedience. These brave individuals have and will continue to be integral to the moral compass of the human rights movement in Cuba. FHRC supports them by sending direct material aid and humanitarian assistance.
2 Human Rights Defenders Fund
FHRC is committed to promoting the respect of human rights for all Cubans in Cuba and supports the courageous efforts of Cuban human rights defenders by providing assistance for communication and domestic transportation, medical issues, training workshops, daily operating costs and even international travel.

Human Rights Reporting
FHRC supports the documentation of human rights abuses and violations by the Cuban government through the Comisión Cubana para Derechos Humanos y Reconciliación Nacional (CCDHRN) and other groups, including Hablemos Press.

Through human rights reports, campaigns that highlight specific issues and abuses, and urgent calls for action to the international community, FHRC attempts to hold the Cuban government accountable for its actions.

3 Legal Defense Fund
Despite living under the oppressive rule of a totalitarian government that picks and chooses which laws apply and to whom, FHRC is dedicated to helping Cubans defend their legal rights. FHRC supports Cuba’s fledgling legal aid clinics, such as Cubalex, that are starting to service Cubans in communities throughout the Island. Cubalex was founded by Larisa Diversent, a young lawyer and independent journalist, who provides free legal assistance to any person, without concern for gender, race, ethnicity, political ideology or religious creed.

The Cubalex team works on a range of legal issues including, but not limited to, arbitrary detention and arrest; harassment, assault and related issues; residence and immigration, visa documents; confiscation of personal items and property matters; and, other legal issues that arise. Cubalex also works with international human rights bodies to defend basic human rights for all Cubans through the United Nations and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

By the Numbers
1,400+
Number of legal-aid cases conducted by Cubalex in 2013
400+
Number of women’s rights violations cases conducted by CUBALEX
4 Artivism & Culture Fund

FHRC is committed to helping Cubans rebuild the social and cultural fabric of Cuban communities and values by supporting day-to-day activities, family events and holidays, and religious celebrations.

**Family Outreach:** FHRC provides partner groups with toys, food, humanitarian supplies and other resources to celebrate various holidays with children throughout Cuba.

**Cultural Centers:** The Red Bibliotecas Civicas service and provide access to information, literature collections, and workshops to Cubans with its 30 civic centers located in eight provinces.

**Concerts and Art Exhibits:** Independent events and concerts are opening forums of expression and ideas for Cuban society; uniting several hundreds of citizens per month.

**ART AND CULTURE:** FHRC supports Cuban artists and cultural groups who advocate for freedom of expression and condemn government censorship. A growing number of “dissident” artists use concerts, cultural performances, music, literature and even poetry to advocate for basic rights.

5 Humanitarian Fund

In 2013, FHRC provided humanitarian assistance to hundreds of families of prisoners of conscience, human rights defenders and children for a total of over $290,000.

**Natural Disaster Relief:**
FHRC utilizes the humanitarian fund to support its on-island network during and after natural disasters. For instance, following Hurricane Sandy in 2012, FHRC mobilized a massive assistance campaign that collected and then distributed over $200,000 in direct cash aid to hurricane victims over a three-day period.
In 2013, FHRC launched the Connect Cuba campaign in order to empower Cuban civil society with open, uncensored access to the Internet and the ability to communicate freely with each other and the world.

The Connect Cuba Petition will be presented to major international bodies with the purpose of pressuring the Cuban government into opening internet access to all of Cuban civil society, without censorship, while protecting the right to freedom of expression in accordance with article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In 2013, FHRC launched its SOMOS UN SOLO PUEBLO (SUSP) scholarship fund in collaboration with Miami Dade College (MDC). FHRC attempts to provide a platform for young Cubans to learn and grow through academic opportunities that are currently unavailable to them in Cuba.

Courses at MDC will be a conduit to transfer information about strategies for personal leadership and effectiveness; organizational structures and management; introductory concepts on technology; basic civil rights; and, technical English reading and speaking skills to a cohort of students who otherwise would not have access to such information under Cuba's current regime.

These students will then return to Cuba as better informed citizens able to communicate their experiences and lessons learned to others living on the island.

“Training Cuba’s Younger Generations”

FHRC is currently seeking donations and funding from both public and private sources. FHRC protects the confidentiality of its donors and will not release the names of specific donors or funding sources without their express consent. All donations should be directed to FHRC SUSP Scholarship Fund.
Fundraising: New Ventures in 2013

Connect Cuba’s Indiegogo Campaign Raises $35,235

FHRC’s first “Connect Cuba” indiegogo campaign concluded on October 24th, raising $35,235 to help improve access to the Internet and information for Cubans throughout Cuba.

Gloria Estefan & Willy Chirino Support Connect Cuba Campaign

Grammy Award winning artists Gloria Estefan and Willy Chirino joined the Connect Cuba campaign by supporting FHRC’s efforts to facilitate open, uncensored access to information and the Internet, and the ability to communicate freely with each other and the world.

FHRC Ranks Among Top Nonprofits on “Give Miami Day”

FHRC participated in Give Miami Day, an annual fundraising event held by the Miami Foundation to support nonprofits in Miami. FHRC finished in sixth place raising a total of $58,750 out of more than 300 organizations.

FHRC partners with LBA & CANF for Annual 20 De Mayo Event

The Cuban American National Foundation and the Latin Builders Association co-hosted the 32nd annual 20 de Mayo celebration in Miami where Sakharov Prize recipients Berta Soler and Guillermo Fariñas served as the guests of honor. Event proceeds were donated to FHRC.
FHRC Expenses in 2013

GRANT FUNDS
Off-Island: 421,631.50
On-Island: 645,538.84

PRIVATE FUNDS
Off-Island: 397,779.45
On-Island: 467,607.00

On-Island/Off-Island Expenses in 2013

OFF-ISLAND EXPENSES: 42.4%
ON-ISLAND EXPENSES: 57.6%
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