2009 Organization and Program Highlights

- Successful transition from co-founder directors to new Executive Director.
- Prepared to launch Strategic Planning process in early 2010.
- Launched successful individual donor campaign, resulting in $7,000 in contributions to close out 2009 on sound financial footing.
- Prepared for conversion of organization to cloud computing for all workflow, volunteer management, and donation management for maximum efficiency.
- Implemented internship program to increase organizational capacity and provide skill development opportunities for undergrads studying science, education, marketing, volunteerism, and non-profit management.

Program:

- CRS placed volunteers in 215 classrooms during 2009, bringing science lessons and engaging mentors to teachers and over 5,400 students. We had 535 teacher members during 2009, and provided responses to almost 700 teacher requests (including more requests for in class presentations than we were able to fill).
- We are developing plans for increasing on-campus recruitment in partnership with CalCorps and the UC Chancellor’s Community Partnership Grant, as well as exploring options to partner with local science businesses such as Bayer to effectively recruit, prepare, and place more scientists into classrooms.
- Provided monthly email news updates for all teacher members and quarterly comprehensive resource guides via mail and online.
- Teacher science resource events were held at California Academy of Sciences in Spring, and Chabot Space and Science Center in Fall.

Grants

Support for the 2009 calendar year included
- Amgen Foundation, $10,000
- Bayer, $5,000
- S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation, $45,000
- Berkeley Public Educational Foundation, $5,000
- Clif Bar Foundation, $10,000
- Cisco Foundation, $15,000
- Convio Corporation, $2,500
- Dreyer’s Foundation, $15,000
Fitzpatrick Foundation, $15,000
R.G.K. Foundation, $35,000
Save the Redwoods League, $2,000
Bernard and Alba Witkin Charitable Trust, $2,000