



A Message from the Founder:

First and foremost: I love to work with students. I have been doing it all of my professional life and not a day goes by that I don't remind myself of the blessing it is to have had the opportunity to work with over 100,000 young people and adults over the past 22 years.

I truly care about the spiritual, academic and physical well-being of our campuses. In my heart, I know that a child who feels loved, purposeful and has the tools to implement a vision for their lives typically comes to school on time, cares about their education, and gets along well with their peers – all prerequisites for a healthy and productive educational experience. How do I know, because I lived it back in high school in East County San Diego.

Even though I had a world of support with two wonderful parents – one a lifelong educator – I still know what it feels like to dread showing up to school, to be the object of bullying and ridicule, to feel like an outsider and not fit in. As a result, my academics and social life suffered. If it hadn't been for the unwavering commitment of my folks, who knows where I'd be? This is why this work is not a job for me but rather a calling and it affects the people and programs that call SOCG home.

The diverse teams of facilitators that make up the SOCG trainer cadre are real-life human beings from the communities they work with. They have worked with participants from kindergarten to graduate school and hold advanced degrees in the fields of psychotherapy, counseling, education, conflict resolution, social work and law. They all know that a quantum leap in growth can take place at anytime and under any circumstances. The primary goal of Standing on Common Ground is to create this type of optimal learning environment for participants - every time out.

These just might be the most challenging times the field of education has ever seen. Unprecedented budget cuts and fiscal uncertainty have created a climate of anxiety and change and incidents of intolerance are at an all time high on our campuses. Many students feel frustrated and disenfranchised and as a result the need for a comprehensive, proactive human relations program is now more important than ever.

So take look at the site and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. My personal cell number is (323) 440-5226.

Thanks for considering SOCG as your partners in the transformation of your school.

In Unity,  
Ron