

We organized the Cuban Five's presence in many protests in 2012, such as in Occupy and the San Quentin protest for political prisoners. Below and left, a National committee speak-out in San Francisco to mark the 14th anniversary of the Five's unjust arrest on Sept. 12.



The National Committee hosted a Cuban delegation in May, with Mariela Castro and other intellectuals, in a memorable Cuban Five Solidarity reception, and a public forum in San Francisco. Hosting the reception were Danny Glover, Alice Walker, Saul Landau and Miguel Barnet, renowned Cuban poet. Above, Mariela speaking by phone with Gerardo Hernández. Below, the forum.



- Projects for 2013**
- **Organizing Law School** and University forums and symposiums across the U.S.
 - **Recruiting Youth** as Summer Interns
 - **Ongoing research** to expose the Government's illegal payments to Miami journalists
 - **Press conferences** and extensive media work as political and legal developments occur
 - **Personal support** to the Five, through daily New York Times subs and other literature
 - **Participation** and outreach in the Latin America Studies Association conference in Washington DC
 - **Mobilizations**, rallies, art exhibit expositions

National Committee to Free the Cuban Five



2012 — A Dynamic Year of Action for the Five
2013 — Help Make their Freedom a Reality!

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Cuban Five:

For nearly 12 years the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five has waged an energetic campaign for the freedom of Gerardo Hernández, Ramón Labañino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando González and René González from U.S. prisons. Although René was released from prison in October 2011, the court is treating him punitively by requiring him to serve a probation sentence of three years in the United States.

Since they were brutally arrested by FBI agents on September 12, 1998, the Five have been unjustly imprisoned. Their only "crime" was protecting the people of Cuba from U.S.-backed Miami-based terrorists. Every day of their continued imprisonment makes their freedom struggle more urgent.

Founded in June 2001, just days after the Five were wrongly convicted in Miami, the **National Committee to Free the Cuban Five** been the central organizer in the United States of countless forums, protests, press conferences, emergency mobilizations and alerts, critical legal research for their Habeas Corpus appeals, film showings, art exhibits, and many other actions for those twelve years.

We have only been able to carry out this high level of organizing and solidarity for Gerardo, Ramón, Antonio, Fernando and René, due to the contributions of supporters like you. **We hope that as 2012 comes to an end, you will once again be able to make a generous donation to help us continue the campaign to finally win freedom for the Five.**



In addition to our organizing efforts, we have provided consistent personal support for our brothers in prison. Since 2001, we have supplied them with a daily subscription to the New York Times, and have sent them vital reading material and other material support. The NY Times has been very important, because they enjoy receiving in-depth news and being filled in on national and international developments, something which is so hard to come by in a U.S. prison. We have encouraged hundreds of their followers to send them letters, birthday and holiday greetings.



Occupy protest for Political Prisoners and Prisoners' rights, San Quentin

See more inside!

The National Committee's groundbreaking research for the Five

For four years now, the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five has been engaged in critical investigation of the U.S. government's extensive illegal and secret payments to Miami journalists during the Five's arrest and trial. These U.S.-paid media acted as government agents, covering the Five trial in an extremely prejudicial and biased way, to help convict the Five.

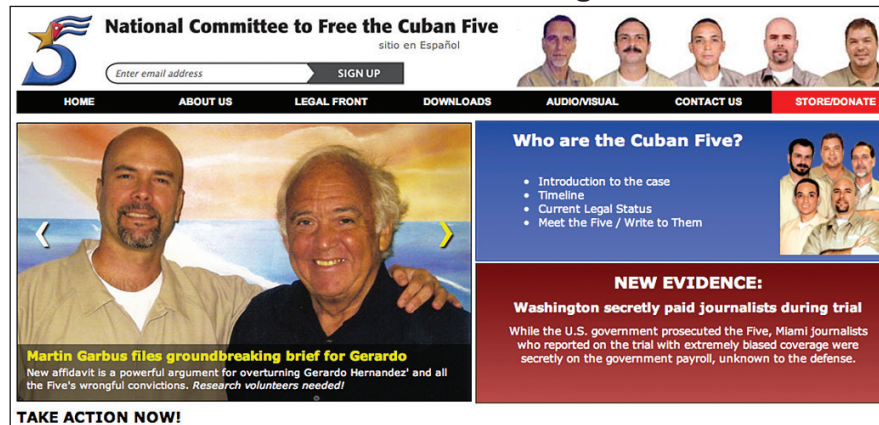
This new evidence constitutes a major part of their current Habeas Corpus appeals, and we are busily continuing the research support for the Cuban Five's appeals. We will keep you informed on the legal appeals, as they develop. We welcome more volunteers!

Read about the U.S.-paid journalists on our newly-designed website, freethefive.org



Above, the volunteer researchers of our ongoing work to expose the U.S. pay to Miami journalists during the Five's trial. We have received invaluable help from attorneys Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, Carl Messineo (2nd, 3rd in top left pic), PCJ directors, and Radhika Miller.

Social Networking



Our social media was crucial in bring the Cuban Five's message to a wide audience. 4,200 people follow us on Facebook and are updated about the Five several times a week. We began a Twitter account, "freethefive_us", with hundreds of followers now.

And of course our website, "freethefive.org" received a dynamic re-design this year. It continues to be an essential resource for 5,000 supporters.

Our Washington Post Ad of April 30, 2012 reached 532,000 subscribers, especially in the politically-important Washington/Maryland/Virginia region, thanks to hundreds of donors!



We partnered with Howard University School of Law, for an historic forum for the Five on Nov. 13, 2012, with actor and social justice activist Danny Glover; Cuban Five attorney Martin Garbus; Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, Chief of Staff for Secretary of State Colin Powell, 2002-05; Law School Dean Okianer Christian Dark; former Dean Kurt Schmoke; Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, executive director, Partnership for Civil Justice; Professor Aderson Francois, director Civil Rights Clinic at Howard; and Gloria La Riva, coordinator, National Committee to Free the Cuban Five.



200 students from Howard University Law School and the University of District of Columbia Law School learned for the first time about the Cuban Five; 75 signed up with enthusiasm to get involved in the support efforts, including the legal research.

Your donation will help us organize more law school and university forums AND fund our ongoing research to help in the Five's legal appeals AND keep the Five's struggles in the streets and in the media and help us with Youth Interns this summer!

We have events scheduled in California, New York City and state, Florida, Texas, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Vermont, Arizona and many other campuses.

Act Today! Free the Cuban Five Now!

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