



## Rosenberg Fund for Children

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## Local Iraq War resister joins Rosenberg Son for the Miami stop of a 20-City Tour

**T**wenty years ago, an unfulfilled corporate lawyer with a remarkable personal history sat up in bed and realized what he wanted to do with his life. That lawyer was Robert Meeropol, the son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg who were executed at the height of the McCarthy Era, and the organization that he immediately got to work building was the **Rosenberg Fund for Children** ([www.rfc.org](http://www.rfc.org)).

Six years ago a soldier, (and father of a young daughter), serving in Iraq decided he could no longer in good conscience, continue to participate in a war he considered immoral and unjust. That soldier was Miami resident Camilo Mejía, who in March of 2004 during a two-week furlough in the U.S., decided to go public with his opposition and as a result, was court-martialed and imprisoned.

Their paths intertwined when the Rosenberg Fund for Children began assisting Camilo's young daughter with grants to visit her father in prison, much as Robert had visited his parents on death row as a six-year-old.

**On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Robert and Camilo will share their stories in an event that is part of a 20-city tour celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rosenberg Fund for Children-** a public foundation that helps the children of targeted, progressive activists in Florida and across the country. RFC beneficiary families have been active in the struggles to wage peace; preserve civil liberties; and organize on behalf of workers, prisoners, and others whose human rights are under threat.

Robert also will outline the dramatic new developments that recently have come to light in the case of his parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and will discuss how the legacy of the case benefits progressive activists and their children today via the Rosenberg Fund for Children's work.

**Sun, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami**  
**7701 SW 76th Ave., Miami**

◆ **For event info** contact Jeff Reiter at (305) 661-0023 or [jefcar2@bellsouth.net](mailto:jefcar2@bellsouth.net) or visit [www.rfc.org/miami01.24.10](http://www.rfc.org/miami01.24.10).

◆ **To arrange an interview with Robert Meeropol** (author of *An Execution in the Family: One Son's Journey*) or **Camilo Mejía** (author of *The Road from ar Ramadi: The Private Rebellion of Staff Sergeant Camilo Mejía*), contact Amber Black at the Rosenberg Fund for Children: [amber@rfc.org](mailto:amber@rfc.org) or (413) 529-0063.

◆ **To view a video of Camilo** discussing his decision to refuse further participation in the Iraq War, and what the Rosenberg Fund for Children's support for his daughter has meant to him, visit [www.youtube.com/wwwrfcorg#p/f/5/KPMOU9Y-Wc0](http://www.youtube.com/wwwrfcorg#p/f/5/KPMOU9Y-Wc0)

◆ **For more information** about the Rosenberg Fund for Children, Robert Meeropol, or Camilo Mejía, and for press-ready photos, visit [www.rfc.org/pressreleases](http://www.rfc.org/pressreleases).

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