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Midlands Non-Profits unite to welcome renowned Civil Rights Activist

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Justice 360 and the Richland Library have partnered to welcome esteemed civil rights leader Bryan Stevenson to the Midlands of South Carolina. Stevenson has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. As the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Alabama, Stevenson and his staff have won major legal challenges limiting excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief or release for over 115 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row. Mr. Stevenson has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge the legacy of racial inequality in America, including major projects to educate communities about slavery, lynching and racial segregation.

On **November 17th**, Mr. Stevenson will speak at The Township Auditorium regarding his battles & victories in the justice system. He will share his unique and hopeful vision towards a more just and equitable America. The night will include a Spoken Word Artist, Music by DJ Liv, a Q&A session with Mr. Stevenson and a historical photography exhibit curated by the Center for Civil Rights History and Research of the University of South Carolina.

Bryan Stevenson won the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence and an NAACP Image Award for **Just Mercy**, which New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof called “searing” and “moving.” **Just Mercy** is the 2015 recipient of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize for nonfiction. It was named the New York Times Notable Book of 2014, TIME Magazine Top 10 Nonfiction of 2014, Esquire Top 5 Most Important Books of 2014, Washington Post Notable Work of Nonfiction, and an American Library Association Notable Book. Mr. Stevenson has appeared on 60 Minutes, CBS This Morning, the PBS NewsHour & on Oprah Winfrey’s Super Soul Sunday.

In preparation for the November presentation, the Richland Library will host a series of “Let’s Talk Justice” events based upon Mr. Stevenson’s book and TedTalk. For more information on how to get involved in library programs & events, please visit <http://www.richlandlibrary.com/event/lets-talk-justice>

Library dates:

Cecil Tillis Center	Thursday, October 20	6 p.m.
Richland Library North Main	Thursday, October 27	6 p.m.
Jerusalem Baptist Church, Hopkins	Thursday, October 27	6 p.m.
Richland Library St. Andrews	Tuesday, November 8	7 p.m.
Richland Library North Main	Tuesday, November 29	6:30 p.m.
Richland Library Main	3 - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, November 13	

Video Links: [Bryan Stevenson’s TedTalk](#)
[EJI video on Emmett Till](#)
[Super Soul Sunday with Oprah](#)

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