



on the **road to equality** how far have we come? 1963-2013



a benefit for Legal Aid Justice Center and Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

“True peace is not merely the absence of tension: It is the presence of justice.”

– Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

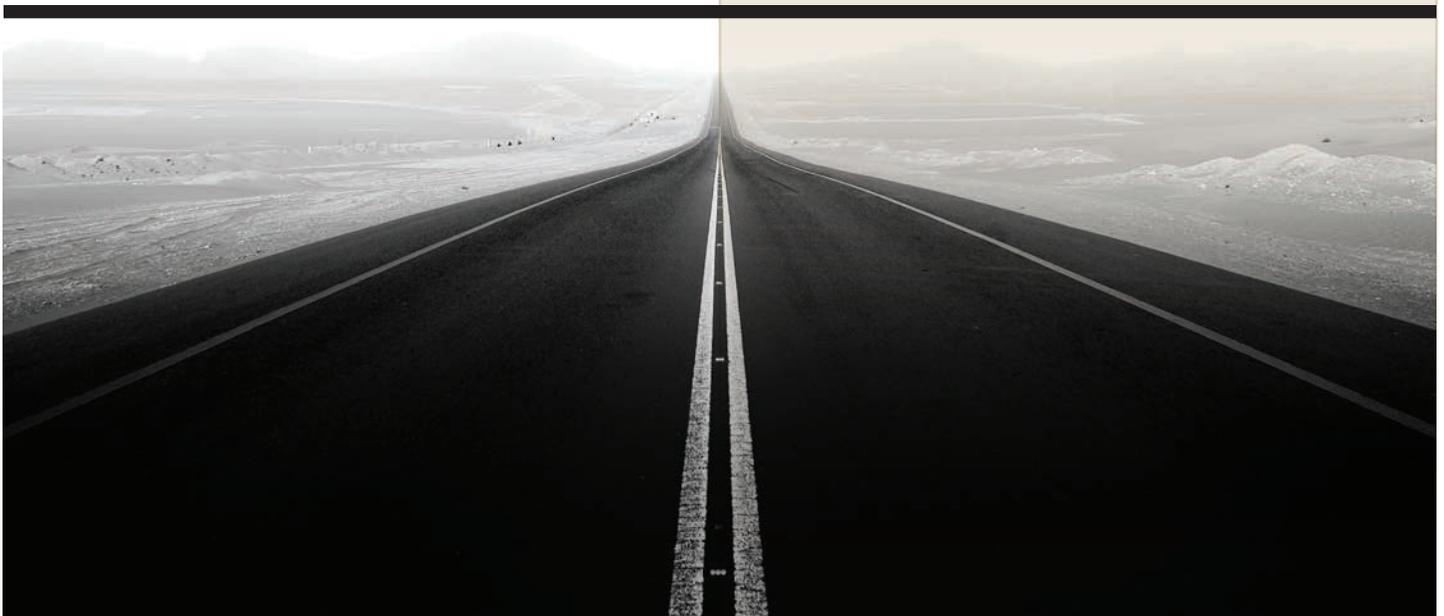


watch where we've been

Mighty Times: The Children's March is an amazing account of the most unprecedented act of civil disobedience in American history. In 1963, heavy intimidation by Birmingham authorities left Dr. Martin Luther King's civil rights movement floundering, until thousands of children and young students rose up and became the unsung heroes.

The 40-minute documentary, co-produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center and Home Box Office, won the 2005 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject.

May 7, 1963: Birmingham Police arrest Parker High School student Mattie Howard in front of the Carver Theatre. Youths became an integral part of the civil rights movement when the Children's Crusade began on May 2.



listen who we are



ANNE BRIGHT HOLTON

Anne Holton has devoted her career to serving as an advocate for Virginia's families and children. The daughter of Linwood and Jinks Holton, she and her siblings attended predominantly black schools near the Virginia Executive Mansion, in response to a federal court decision desegregating Richmond Public Schools. Holton later graduated from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She went on to earn her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she met Tim Kaine. After marrying Kaine, Holton served for many years as a legal aid lawyer—including 1985–98 with the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society. She later served as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in Richmond. As Virginia's first lady, she launched her signature initiative, "For Keeps: Families for all Virginia Teens," to help find and strengthen permanent families for children in foster care or at risk of entering foster care.



YOLANDA CORNELIA "NIKKI" GIOVANNI

The author of some 30 books for both adults and children, Nikki Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and a University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. She graduated with honors from Fisk University, her grandfather's alma mater. After that, she attended the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia University. Her first book of poetry, *Black Feeling Black Talk*, was published in 1968. As she has throughout her life, Giovanni remains determined and committed to the fight for civil rights and equality. Always insisting on presenting the truth as she sees it, she has maintained a prominent place as a strong voice of the black community. Giovanni's honors and awards have been steady and plentiful throughout her career. Most recently, her children's picture book *Rosa*, about the civil rights legend Rosa Parks, became a Caldecott Honors Book.



EDWARD L. AYERS

Ed Ayers has served as President of the University of Richmond since 2007. He is a historian of the American South and the author/editor of ten books that include *The Promise of the New South*, a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and the Bancroft Prize-winning *In the Presence of Mine Enemies: The Civil War in the Heart of America*. Dr. Ayers is an accomplished teacher and received the National Professor of the Year award in 2003. He continues to teach a first-year seminar class. His pioneering digital archive project, "The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War," has been used by thousands of classrooms across the country. In addition, he serves on the editorial board of the *Papers of Abraham Lincoln*. Since June 2008, Ayers has cohosted the public radio call-in program, "Backstory with the American History Guys."



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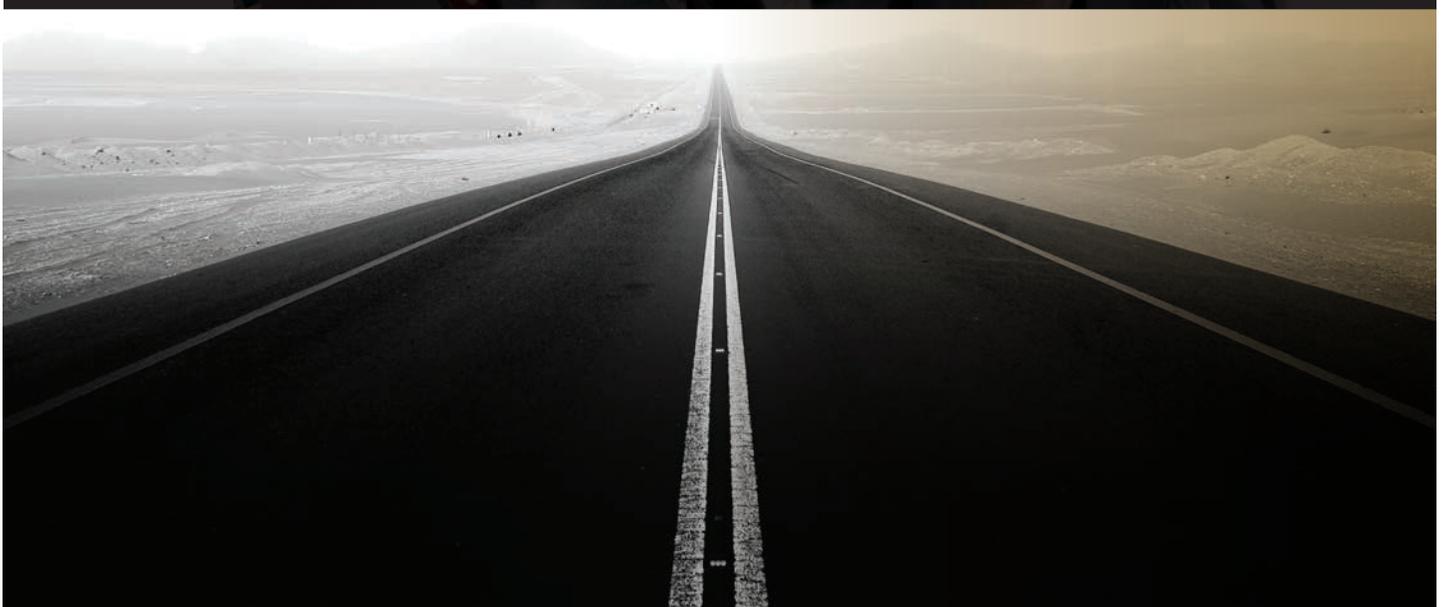
learn where we stand

Where do we stand as a community in the struggle for civil rights, equality, and fairness? How much progress have we made in the last 50 years? No one can deny that much has changed for the better as a result of the Civil Rights Movement, but the legal aid programs still encounter cases of discrimination on a regular basis, and that discrimination is taking more insidious forms.

On the Road to Equality will be capped by a panel discussion moderated by Master of Ceremonies, Ed Ayers, and featuring Nikki Giovanni and Anne Holton. The panel will explore these questions and the links between legal aid and the Civil Rights Movement over the past 50 years.

Protesters are removed from the front steps of the State Capitol in Richmond, Va., March 3, 2012. Virginia Capitol Police arrested more than 30 women's rights activists when they refused to leave the Capitol steps during a protest of anti-abortion legislation.

*photo courtesy of the
Atlanta Journal Constitution*



sponsorship opportunities

On the Road to Equality: How far have we come?

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 6-9pm
Hippodrome Theater
402 ½ N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Virginia

Host Committee \$5,000

- Acknowledged in invitation to all legal aid donors
- Acknowledgement at the event
- Acknowledgement in event publicity
- Inclusion in Legal Aid Justice Center's 2012 Challengers Circle and Central Virginia Legal Aid Society's James Roberts Society
- Admission for 10 to reception, movie and panel discussion

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Challengers' Circle \$1,000

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Sponsor Contact Information:

Susan Kruse, Event Coordinator
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Fundraising Event to Support the 2012 Campaign for Legal Aid
September 13, 2012

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_\$5,000+ Host Committee

__Number of tickets requested

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