The opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places, the opposite of poverty is justice.
Each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve ever done. If someone takes something that does not belong to them, they are not just a thief. Even if you kill someone, you’re not just a killer. And because of that there is this basic human dignity that must be respected by law.

–BRYAN STEVENSON
INVITATION

Advocates for Children and Youth cordially invites you to our 11th ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER LUNCHEON.

FEATURING: Bryan Stevenson
Human Rights Lawyer, Executive Director: Equal Justice Initiative, Author: Just Mercy

Friday, May 1, 2015
12:00 – 1:30PM
Hyatt Regency Baltimore
300 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

KINDLY RSVP BY APRIL 20, 2015
Please return the enclosed reply card or register online at www.acy.org

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The U.S. Supreme Court issued an historic ruling in Miller v. Alabama holding that mandatory life without parole sentences for all children 17 or younger convicted of homicide are unconstitutional. Evan Miller, sentenced to life in prison without parole at 14, is now entitled to a new sentencing hearing. The ruling will affect hundreds of children whose sentences did not take their age or other mitigating factors into account. Human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson was the one who argued and won the case.

Across the United States, thousands of children have been sentenced as adults and sent to adult prisons. Nearly 3,000 nationwide have been sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Typically, children—as young as 13 years old—have been tried as adults and sentenced to die in prison without any consideration of their age or circumstances of the offense.

Stevenson, who is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, and has been awarded 14 honorary doctorate degrees, will share his experiences as a human rights lawyer so that Maryland’s juvenile justice advocates will be inspired to continue to reform our juvenile justice system.
Bryan Stevenson effectively argued before the U.S. Supreme Court that mandatory life sentences without the possibility of parole for juveniles 17 or younger was cruel and unusual punishment. Maryland is in line with this federal statute, however, in practice juveniles serving parole-eligible life sentences are rarely granted the opportunity of parole. It is not unheard of that a juvenile will be in prison for as much as 40 years before parole is considered.

**How Many More Before We Change the System?**

**In 2014,** there were 462 juveniles charged as adults and of that number 10.6 percent or 49 juveniles were potential lifers.

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Thank you for your generous support!
We look forward to seeing you on May 1, 2015.
Tickets will not be mailed. We will hold your reservation with the table number at the event.

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