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**Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Partners with Red Mountain Theatre Company to
Address Domestic Violence**

The discussion will be livestreamed via YouTube (www.youtube.com/bcri.org)

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI), in partnership with Red Mountain Theatre Company's *The Color Purple*, will present *Until You Do Right By me*, a panel discussion on domestic violence and sexual abuse. The discussion will take place on Wednesday, February 14th at Noon in BCRI's Woods Community Meeting Room. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The moderator of the discussion will be Gina Mallisham, B-CHIP HIV Testing Counselor, Birmingham AIDS Outreach, featuring panelists Dr. Nadia Richardson, Founder of No More Martyrs; Emily Franklin, Med, LPC, Rape Response Counselor Crisis Center; and a domestic violence survivor. The discussion will be livestreamed via YouTube (www.youtube.com/bcri.org)

"A major theme in *The Color Purple* is domestic violence and the suffering it causes," stated Charles Woods III, BCRI Outreach and Education Manager. "It's a problem that knows no social boundaries or class distinction. It impacts families, neighborhoods and communities and yet, it is one of the most misunderstood crimes in our country. That's why education is so important." Woods continued. "Raising awareness and talking about how our community can help victims and hold abusers accountable are positive steps toward prevention."

Red Mountain Theatre Company's production of *The Color Purple* will continue through February 18. Tickets can be purchased at <http://redmountaintheatre.org/color-purple/>

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