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**NEWLY UNVEILED ART EXHIBITION FEATURED AT INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL RIGHTS CENTER & MUSEUM**

The exhibition highlights village life, education and family in rural Africa

GREENSBORO, N.C., (March 8, 2012) -- The International Civil Rights Center & Museum announces its newly featured art exhibition, "Village Life in Rural Africa" by Greensboro native and visual artist Reginald Hodges. The exhibit -- first unveiled during Black History Month -- will be on view in the Changing Gallery until April 29, 2012.

Hodges will be featured in a special gallery talk and artist's reception on Sunday, March 25 at 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Guests will be able to meet and greet with the noted artist as he discusses the image of women in his exhibition.

Comprised of drawings, paintings and photographs, the exhibition focuses on four themes:

- Music, dance and celebrations
- World of work
- Schools and the thirst for education
- Mothers and their children

The installation of art also includes a range of works from early ink and charcoal sketches developed in the 1960s during Hodges' time in Sierra Leone as a Peace Corps volunteer, to his signature piece, "Walking to the River" that depicts six women who must journey a distance to wash clothes.

"The works on display will allow viewers to take a personal journey with Hodges and experience the vibrancy and rich cultural heritage of Africa through his eyes," said Bamidele Demerson, executive director of the International Civil Rights Center & Museum. "We are honored to welcome this exhibition to the Museum to share with others."

Reginald Hodges, for more than 30 years, has lived and worked in 35 countries, primarily in Africa. A graduate of James B. Dudley High School and North Carolina Central University, he currently serves as the executive director of the Durham Literacy Center. "I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn about culture and record some of my journeys through art and photographs," said Hodges. "After I am gone, others will still be able to see part of what I saw, through my art."

Admission to the Museum — \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for seniors and students; \$6.00 for youth — includes access to all exhibitions and programs. Access to programs and activities only are \$6.00 for adults, seniors and students and \$4.00 for children. For more information, contact the Museum at (336) 274-9199 or visit www.sitinmovement.org.

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