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# The Impact of Community Engagement: The Perspective of a Community Member

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## THE CITY OF NASHVILLE

- \* Nashville, Tennessee
- ❖ Population: over 620,000
- ❖ Median Income: \$45K
- Predominantly White
- Predominantly Female
- ❖ 80% of adult population are HS graduate
- ❖ 12% of families living in poverty



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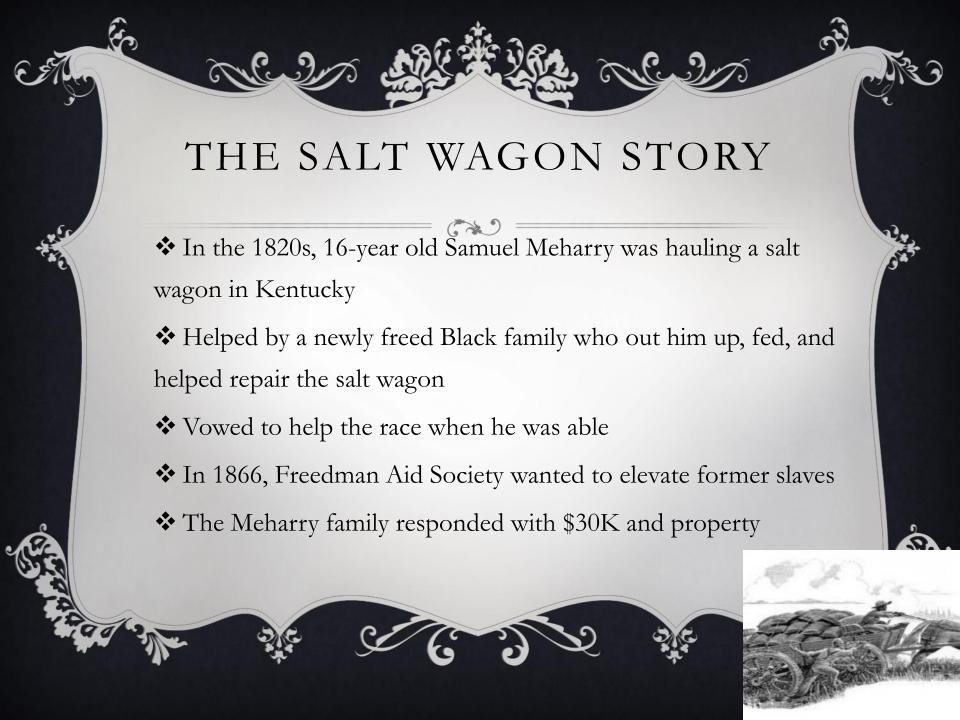


### NASHVILLE: HEALTHY COMMUNITY?

- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> worst crime
- ❖2<sup>nd</sup> most teen pregnancy
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> worst in cholesterol screening
- ❖1<sup>st</sup> in binge drinking
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> in diabetes mortality
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> in breast cancer incidence



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## MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

- ❖ Meharry Medical College
- ❖ Founded in 1876 to teach former slaves the art of healing
- ❖ Diversify the healthcare workforce
- Currently, the largest producer of minority PhDs in the country



