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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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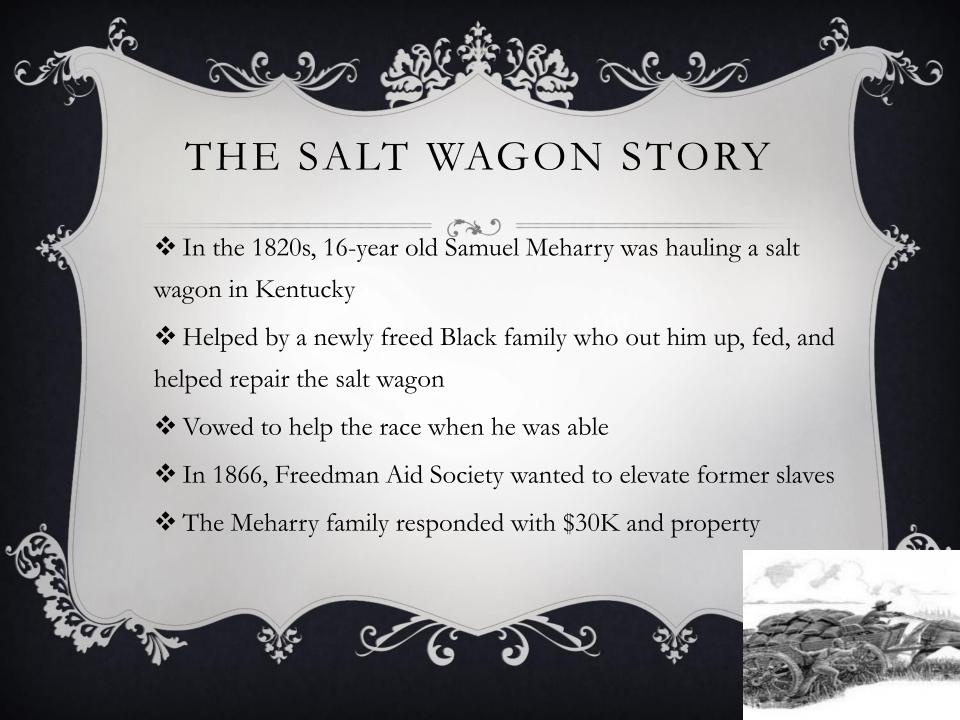


NASHVILLE: HEALTHY COMMUNITY?

- ❖ 2nd worst crime
- ❖2nd most teen pregnancy
- ❖ 2nd worst in cholesterol screening
- ❖1st in binge drinking
- ❖ 4th in diabetes mortality
- ❖ 4th 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



