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# PEOPLE STAFF, INC.

## 4th Annual All White Affair


Celebrating small businesses, organizations and leaders serving the community

**Chattanooga Convention Center**  
*Located in: Chattanooga Marriott Downtown*  
1 Carter Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37402

LIVE MUSIC




STEPHY J. MOORE   SERA HILL



Award Winning  
Trumpeter  
Extraordinaire  
**JOEY  
SOMMERVILLE**

RED CARPET  
AWARDS  
LIVE MUSIC  
CASH BAR



People Staff, Inc.'s 4th Annual All White Affair, September 10, 2022 at the Chattanooga Convention Center is a celebration of small businesses, organizations and leaders serving the community.

This year's event will start at 8:00pm. Red carpet, mix and mingle and cover music provided by Stephy J. Moore will begin at 7pm. Stephy will sing songs recorded by artist such as, Corrine Bailey Rae and Norah Jones. The event also includes leadership awards, light finger foods, cash bar and live music.

This year's awards will be given to two community leaders; Denita Strickland, Serenity Childcare I and II and Chattanooga's own and Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Willie Kitchens, Jr.

Both of these individuals have generously given of their time and resources to prepare our youth to compete, help others in the community to meet their goals and lend a helping hand to those in need.

Joeey Sommerville, featuring Sera Hill is our headliner for the evening. SeraHill, season 2 of the NBC show "The Voice", will perform cover music recorded by artist such as, Beyonce and Mary J. Blige. Joeey Sommerville, who has recorded the hit songs, "School Boy Crush" and "Like You Mean It", will play contemporary jazz, blues and R&B. It is sure to be a great celebration.

Whole and Half tables can be purchased online at [www.peoplestaffannualallwhite.com](http://www.peoplestaffannualallwhite.com). (The QR code will also take you to the website where you can

purchase your whole or half table.)

You can buy tables, half tables and individual tickets to general tables at Uncle Larry's on MLK, Brainerd Road and Highway 58; Sunset BBQ on Dodson Avenue; C&W Café on East 23rd Street; and Herman's Soul Food on Brainerd Road beginning July 15, 2022.

Put on your "all white outfits" and join us as we celebrate Denita Strickland and Willie Kitchens, Jr. This event will be video recorded.

Whole tables (8 seats): \$500 Half tables (4 seats): \$250 Individual Tickets (1 seat): \$62.50

All tables and half table tickets ordered online can be picked up at the event receptionist table the day of the event.

# Black Contractor Hired to Remove Confederate Statues Launches NFT Collection to Raise Millions for Social & Economic Programs Across the U.S.



Nationwide — Devon Henry, whose company was hired to meticulously dismantle Confederate monuments across the country, is giving new meaning to the Confederate flag's 13 stars with the launch of the "13 Stars" NFT Collection to raise \$13 million for social causes.

In July of 2020, Devon said yes to a job that no other contractor had the courage to accept. The story of Henry's role will likely be told in history books — as depicted in the April 2022 front-page feature of The New York Times.

Since 2020, Devon and his construction teams have meticulously and safely removed and relocated 23 Confederate statues across the former Confederate South. Henry is now repurposing this history into a charitable CryptoFedereacy project that highlights 13 star causes and changemakers via "The Thirteen Stars" NFT Collection at CryptoFedereacy.com.

**A Monumental Task**

"The task of dismantling these statues has literally been monumental," states Devon, who faced harassment and even death threats, as a result of answering the call to "re"mantle history. "It's very humbling to be the one who fulfills a 131-year prophecy. But that's not enough. I feel a responsibility to use these deconstructed pieces of our past to construct a better tomorrow."

The prophecy Henry references is that of John Mitchell, the editor of the Black newspaper, The Richmond Planet. In 1890, when the Robert E. Lee statue was erected on Monument Avenue in Richmond Virginia, Mitchell foretold of a Black man one day taking down the statue. "He put up the Lee monument, and should the time come, will be there to take it down," Mitchell wrote.

CryptoFedereacy's 13 Stars NFT Collection represents the thirteen stars on the Confederate flag and the first of

the thirteen stars dropped on the 157th anniversary of Juneteenth—a Federal U.S. Holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Americans, and marks when the last enslaved people in the U.S. were officially informed they were free— following the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate states in April 1865. Henry endeavors to sell these NFTs and raise \$1 million dollars for 13 different charitable causes that address societal issues that stem from the ideals and actions reinforced by the Confederate Generals whose statues were removed.

Henry and his CryptoFedereacy team are finalizing partnerships with established nonprofits and planning launch events in New York, Richmond, D.C., and Los Angeles. Attendees will be able to meet the CryptoFedereacy team, view the NFT artwork, meet the artist, explore physical pieces of the dismantled confederate statues, and view framed professional photographs of the behind-the-scenes history-making moments from the statue removal process.

Henry hopes that impassioned individuals and foundations will feel compelled to be part of this historic reclamation of ideology, by collecting one of the 13 exclusive pieces of artwork—which will help raise awareness for the charities the NFT artwork represents. As the CryptoFedereacy NFT community grows, the team has plans to follow the inaugural NFT collection with a 10,000-piece CrazyStats NFT collection — and appeal to an even wider audience.

CryptoFedereacy is a community rooted in creating NFT artwork and

## IN THE HUDDLE

with Coach Jennings

### Greater Is Coming

—TODAY'S SCRIPTURE—

(Psalm 71:20–21, NLT)

YOU have allowed me to suffer much hardship, but...YOU will restore me to even greater honor and comfort me once again.

—TODAY'S WORD—

We all face setbacks in life that we don't understand. When we go through loss and disappointment, it's easy to get discouraged and think that's the way it's always going to be. But our GOD is a GOD of restoration. HE doesn't keep us from every challenge. But in today's SCRIPTURE, HE promises that although HE allows us to go through hardships, HE will pay us back for the wrongs and restore what was taken away. The suffering is a setup, not to make you miserable but to restore you to greater honor. GOD never brings you out the same. HE makes the enemy pay for bringing the trouble. When you're in tough times, remind yourself that the loneliness, the bad break, or the anxiety is not how your story ends. Greater is coming--greater joy, greater strength, greater relationships. The setback in your finances didn't stop your purpose. Greater opportunities are coming. Greater favor. Greater influence. The enemy meant it for your harm; GOD is turning it to your advantage.

—PRAYER FOR TODAY—

FATHER, thank YOU that there is a purpose for whatever hardship comes my way, and YOU only allow what YOU know will work for my good. Thank YOU that YOU are a GOD of restoration and that greater is coming--greater honor, joy, and opportunities. I believe that YOU will turn it to my advantage. In JESUS' Name, Amen.

**Lurone "Coach" Jennings**  
Mary Walker Foundation  
Executive Director





NFT Moments that give back to the underserved communities most impacted by Confederate ideology. Founded in 2022, CryptoFedereacy is the brainchild of Devon Henry, the CEO of Team Henry Enterprises, LLC— the company hired to dismantle 23 Confederate monuments across the South. CryptoFedereacy's mission is to bring social activism into the world of Web3 by creating innovative NFT Art projects and initiatives that educate individuals and organizations about Web3 opportunities — and specifically how to generate revenue to address critical economic and social issues in the United States.

The inaugural collection, "The Thirteen Stars" NFT Collection, gives individuals an opportunity to own a digital moment in history that commemorates the dismantling of the monuments that encapsulated America's centuries-long relationship with slavery and institutional racism. The goal is to raise \$1 Million dollars for 13 charitable organizations.

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To make sure that our community has all of the healthcare services they need so that we're physically and emotionally a healthier city, and to see it at UTC is amazing."

On Saturday, Aug. 6, the 21st annual Hamilton County Minority Health Fair occurred at the University Center. Known as the area's largest health fair event, the Minority Health Fair--previously held at Eastgate Mall--was created to address an essential need: Providing free health services for the benefit of underserved communities in Chattanooga.

A host of vendors could be found inside and outside the University Center--including mobile mammography and lung screening stations parked along Terrell Owens Way outside the building entrance--providing free health screenings and information.

Multiple presentations were scheduled to take place in the University Center Tennessee Room on topics including

breast cancer awareness, metabolic syndrome, colon cancer, and cardiovascular complications of COVID-19.

Organizers expected up to 1,000 attendees for this year's event. According to its website, the Minority Health Fair has served more than 10,000 individuals during its existence.

"We'll see how many folks we can get in here, and it's looking pretty full right now," Lambert said. "I look around, and I am so proud of my University. I have three other degrees, but my UTC degree began it all. I look forward to bigger and better things with UTC and our health program for the city."

Amber Roaché, the nurse practitioner program coordinator for the UTC School of Nursing, said the Minority Health Fair is an excellent opportunity for her students to interact with members of the community.

"It's really important for our students to be able to see this and interact with our community--and for our students to be able to see the other agencies that are available for them as resources

when they become nurse practitioners," she said.

Nikki Goddard, on schedule to graduate from the family nurse practitioner program in May 2023, was among the UTC nurse practitioner personnel set up in a series of University Center Chattanooga Room stations.

"I think it's important to get out in the community and see patients that we will eventually be seeing in our own practice and improve health in our community in any way that we can," said Goddard, a native of Clarksville, Tenn.

"We try to teach them that a proactive approach to their health is really important. These screenings can help their health further down the line."

Dawn Ford, an assistant professor in the Master of Public Health program in the UTC Health and Human Performance department and the University's chief epidemiologist, spoke about the importance of bringing the event to UTC.

"There are neighborhoods very close to UTC that are underserved," Ford said. "They don't get the health-

care that they need. They don't have access to providers, so this is critically important."

Ford was joined at the health fair by MPH graduate students Taylor Teasley and Jillian Saraney. The two have graduate assistantships with the city this academic year.

"With the MPH program, we really want to--more than anything--spread awareness of health issues like monkeypox. There's so much misinformation already out there," said Teasley, a native of Knoxville. "We want to make sure that we are able to let people know exactly what's happening and get them the right information."

This was the first health fair for Teasley and Saraney.

"An event like this gives me the opportunity to interact with the community, which is important for someone like me who wants to get involved in the community and make an impact," said Saraney, who grew up in Murphy, North Carolina. "It's great to be on the ground doing this work and being face-to-face providing health information."