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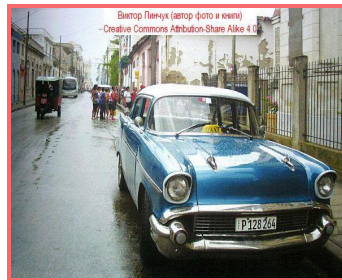
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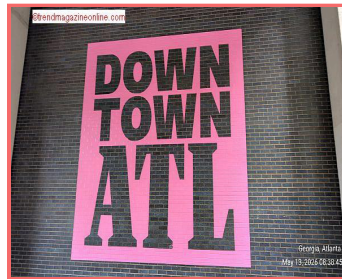
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📰 🗺️ **After Nearly 30 Years, Charlotte Finally Honors Good Samaritan Hospital 🗺️ ✨!**
From a 1996 Petition to a 2026 Dedication—A Historic Victory for Preservation and Black History

On **Thursday, May 28, 2026**, community leaders, historians, descendants, supporters, and elected officials gathered at **Ebenezer Baptist Church** in **Charlotte, North Carolina**, to dedicate a *long-awaited* **North Carolina Highway Historical Marker** honoring the legacy of **Good Samaritan Hospital**. Opened in **1891**, **Good Samaritan Hospital** served **Charlotte's Black community** during the era of segregation and operated a respected **School of Nursing** from **1903** to **1959** before ceasing independent operations in **1961**. The ceremony celebrated not only the institution's historic contributions to healthcare and education but also the perseverance of those who worked tirelessly to ensure its story would be permanently recognized and preserved for future generations. The marker was later installed that same day near **Bank of America Stadium** along **Morehead Street**, close to the hospital's original location, where residents and visitors alike can learn about this important chapter in **Charlotte's Black history**.



The dedication also marked the successful conclusion of a nearly *30-year effort* to secure official state recognition for **Good Samaritan Hospital**. The journey began in **1996** when local historian and tour operator **Mr. Juan D. "Jay" Whipple** (founder/director of **Queen City Tours®**) first petitioned for a historical marker honoring the institution's legacy. Although that initial effort was unsuccessful, the cause was revived through the leadership of **Dr. Alvin C. Powell**, founder of the **NC Highway Marker Equity Initiative**, who submitted a successful appeal in **2025**. The image above captures a symbolic moment following the dedication ceremony, with Whipple (left) and Dr. Powell (right) standing beside the newly unveiled marker, representing three decades of persistence, advocacy, and historical preservation. Their shared achievement ensures that the story of Good Samaritan Hospital—and the patients, nurses, physicians, and community members it served—will remain an enduring part of Charlotte's historical landscape for generations to come. 📰 🗺️ 🗺️ ✨

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For additional historical context, [view this documentary excerpt](#) narrated by the late, award-winning journalist **Steve Crump**, and view a [10 minute Re-Cap of the Dedication Ceremony](#) on **Thursday May 28, 2026**:

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