

Williamsburg gets ready to celebrate National Day of Racial Healing

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The event is being organized by Coming to the Table - Historic Triangle, a program of the Virginia Racial Healing Institute. It's scheduled from 5:30-7 p.m. at Corey's Southern Catering and Venue Rentals at 5351 Richmond Road.

During the event, Coming to the Table will present its first-ever Table Builders Award to four local organizations "that are working to correct historical narratives and foster truth-telling and community collaborations," the group said in a news release. The award will go to a nonprofit organization, a government agency, a faith-based organization and a business.

"Something beautiful has been birthed at the 'Birthplace of America,' said Laura Hill, founder and director of Coming to the Table–Historic Triangle, in the release. "People are opening their hearts and minds to listening and learning from one another. We hope that coming together during the National Day of Racial Healing leads to greater trust and relationship building."

The evening will include food, music, storytelling and a candlelight service. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of "The Little Book of Racial Healing" by national Coming to the Table co-managers Tom DeWolf and Jody Geddes.

Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center and Sentara Careplex are sponsoring the community event.

Admission is free, but seating is already full from pre-registration. To get on a waiting list, email CTTT.Historictriangle@gmail.com.

Click here to see a video about last year's celebration at youtu.be/ZMj-D76RWns.