



Henrietta Wallace Shelton

Henrietta Wallace Shelton is the President and CEO of Chicken Bone Beach Historical Foundation, Inc., a non-profit she co-founded with her brother in 1997. The foundation celebrates African American beachgoers who were resilient in the face of segregation in Atlantic City. The segregated area became known as Chicken Bone Beach, a derogatory name which came to represent Atlantic City's strong culture and spirit. The foundation's Jazz Institute teaches students to play instruments and hosts free summer concerts on the Boardwalk to bring people together and share the beauty that still lives in Atlantic City.

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