

# NEWS FROM THE C . R . A . F . T .

FALL/WINTER 2014

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Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr.

1929-2004



## *Help C.R.A.F.T. Unwrap Some Gifts!!*

C.R.A.F.T. has had the privilege of serving the youth in the Pembroke/Hopkins Park area again this year and we are humbled by the fact that God has chosen us to be a light in the community. We have served so many children who are indeed gifts from God. We feel that each one of the children/youth that we interact with through our various programs are "wrapped gifts" that we have been charged to unwrap. We feel that through our acts of love we are unwrapping the untapped potential, talents, and skills of the youth who are our future. We know that these precious gifts include our future President of the United States, the doctor who will discover the cure for cancer and the common cold, the scientist who will find the solution to the world's global warming, the musician who will create the next unforgettable symphony.

**As you prepare your Christmas list this year, who better to add to your list than the C.R.A.F.T. organization.**

## *Unwrapping Gifts*

*"Children are a gift from God" Psalms 127:3*

### **Gifts received-**

But left alone-

### **Remaining wrapped**

Are blessings unknown

### **Our children are gifts**

from our Father above.

### **But gifts to unwrap**

Through our acts of love.

### **Let's unwrap gifts-**

Reveal what's inside

### **Society will be blessed**

And God glorified.

Hezekiah Brady, Jr. 10.20.01

## *Spotlight on the Student Adoption Program/Student Assistance Fund*

The Student Assistance Fund (S.A.F.), a part of the Student Adoption Program (S.A.P.), was created to offer financial, social, emotional and spiritual assistance to college students. S.A.F. recipients are required to attend annual interviews, submit grades and receipts for items purchased with funds.



Tyraze Turner, Dr. Darcel Y. Brady



Evera Ivy, Shalberyl Thomas ,  
Ms. Thomas, Dr. Darcel Y. Brady



Whitney Alexander, Dr. Darcel Brady

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving grants from the  
2014-2015 Student Assistance Fund

**Brandi Price (Senior) Columbia College**

Whitney Alexander (Senior) Eastern Illinois University

**Darneisha Bridges (Junior) Eastern Illinois University**

Marquisha Bridges (Senior) Eastern Illinois University

**Tyraze Turner (Sophomore) Lincoln College**

Kayla Pendleton (Sophomore) Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

**Ariel Gibbs (Sophomore) University of Illinois-Chicago**

Latasia Jones (Sophomore) Kankakee Community College

**Shalberyl Thomas (Freshman) Kentucky State University**

Jonathan Ervin (Freshman ) Kankakee Community College



Alpha M. Brady

**\$132,340** has been  
awarded to 145  
students since 1991!



Shalberyl Thomas, Ariel Gibbs, Kayla Pendleton, Latasia Jones, Tyraze Turner

**SAVE THE DATE**

**C.R.A.F.T. Presents a Spring Concert  
Featuring the  
KCR Ensemble**



**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

**1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Sun River Terrace Community Center**

Tickets: \$30

**Proceeds will benefit**

Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship  
Eagles Program  
Student Adoption Program

**In Memoriam**

**Elvia L. Steward  
1916-2014**



The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors was privileged to have Mrs. Steward serve on the Board for 34 years as a member and 14 years as the treasurer. Mrs. Steward served as an active, involved and faithful member. We will miss her vibrant presence and joyful spirit.

***C.R.A.F.T. By the Numbers***

40	The years that C.R.A.F.T. has been in the Pembroke area
145	Total number of students who C.R.A.F.T. has provided funds for college through the Student Assistance Fund (S.A.F.)
\$132,340	Total amount C.R.A.F.T. has distributed to college students through the S.A.F.
2004	The year the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors established the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship in memory of its founder
9	Total number of recipients of the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship
\$16,250	Total amount that has been awarded through the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship
11	Number of years C.R.A.F.T. has held its Summer Literacy/Enrichment Program
10	Number of college students C.R.A.F.T. is supporting for the 2014-2015 school year through its Student Assistance Fund

Only a life  
LIVED FOR OTHERS  
is a life  
WORTHWHILE.

~ Albert Einstein

You have  
two hands.  
One to help yourself,  
the second  
to help others.

HEZEKIAH.BR.JR

**Add C.R.A.F.T. to your prayer list:**

- A minimum of 50 additional donors to contribute \$50 per month
- Educational success for students in the Student Adoption and Eagles Programs
- Renovations needed on C.R.A.F.T. building



“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

*Blessed Christmas*

C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors

**I would like to help C.R.A.F.T. continue in its mission to “unwrap some gifts.”**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please select one of the following: (  ) \$25 (  ) \$50 (  ) \$75 (  ) \$100 Other \_\_\_\_\_

This is a (n): (  ) One-time gift (  ) Annual Gift (  ) Quarterly Gift (  ) Monthly Gift

**Note:** You can also visit C.R.A.F.T.’s website [www.craftinc.org](http://www.craftinc.org) and donate using PayPal.

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