

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

FALL/WINTER 2015

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## *The Word Made Flesh!*

In the beginning was the spoken Word,  
"From one tree, you can't eat."  
Yet despite ensconced in Paradise,  
Adam still experienced sore defeat.

David was the least of the brother's eight,  
The keeper of his Father's sheep.  
God exalted him to Israel's premier king,  
Yet, God's spoken Word he couldn't keep.

The wisdom of Solomon was non-parallel,  
A wisdom derived straight from God.  
But when called by God to it employ,  
Obeying it was just too hard.

Moses stood on the mountain top,  
Experienced God writing His law?  
But when speaking to the rock at Meribah,  
The word of God detected his flaws.

Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the prophets all,  
"Thus saith the Lord," they intoned,  
Yet, when it came to walking their talk,  
Their weaknesses were made known.

But in the fullness of time, God sent His  
Son. The Word in flesh arrived.  
The written Word, and the spoken Word,  
Was now the Word of God made alive.

Man could now see the likeness of God.  
They could now behold God's face.  
No longer a perception of perpetual fear,  
He beheld the God of all grace.

Then the "Thou shalt not..."  
No longer seem out of reach.  
For the Word made flesh— perfect, He,  
We saw, practiced all He preached.

Then the Word made flesh, who died,  
now lives,  
And indwells the receptive heart,  
Who're no longer powerless,  
now powerful  
Showing the world that Christ's they art.  
John 1:1,14

*Hezekiah Brady, Jr. 12/13/03*

*May you greatly appreciate this Christmas season, because of being graciously indwelt by The Word made Flesh.*



*C.R.A.F.T.'s Annual Awards Ceremony*

On Monday evening, August 3, 2015, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and the recipients of the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) along with family, friends and the community came together to celebrate another year of God blessing the organization to award funds to the 10 college students for their fall semester.



Whitney Alexander, Kayla Pendleton,  
Tyraze Turner, Ariel Gibbs



Alyssa Copeland, Tamela Young, Jarvis Logan,  
Shalberyl Thomas, Brianna Dixon



Guest speaker: Shana Miles  
Former SAF/HBJ Scholarship recipient  
2nd year law school (Temple University)

**Congratulations** to the following students who are receiving grants from the 2015-2016 Student Assistance Fund.

- Whitney Alexander (Senior) Eastern Illinois University
- Tyraze Turner (Junior) Blackburn College**
- Ariel Gibbs (Junior) University of Illinois-Chicago
- Latasia Jones (Sophomore) Kankakee Community College**
- Shalberyl Thomas (Sophomore) Kentucky State University
- Brianna Dixon (Sophomore) Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville**
- Alyssa Copeland (Freshman) Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
- Javaris Logan (Freshman) Indian Hills Community College**
- Tamela Young (Freshman) Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

**\$137,790** has been awarded to 159 students since 1991 through the Student Assistance Fund!

**\$19,750** has been awarded to 13 students through the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship!

*Congratulations*

*2015 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Recipient*



**Mrs. Myrna Brady and Kayla Pendleton**

Kayla, a junior at Georgia Southern University was awarded the \$1,500 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship.

## CRAFT's Face of Success-Mr. David L. Troupe



Mr. Troupe, son of Bernice Jarrett, was born and raised in Pembroke Township, Illinois. He attended the local elementary and high schools before becoming a college student at Kankakee Community College. He transferred to Chicago State University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology in 2012. During his undergraduate study he worked as a researcher in neurodegenerative diseases. In

May 2016 David will be awarded his Doctorate in Pharmacy from Chicago State University.

David's advice: "It's okay to dream big. There may be obstacles, but when one door closes, another one will open for you if you want it bad enough. You can achieve your dreams through hard work, dedication, and determination."

### *In Their Own Words:*

**James O. Stevenson:** "CRAFT has instilled in me the importance of reaching back and helping future students accomplish their goals through education."

**Evera J. Ivy:** "CRAFT has played an important role in my life. Knowing that I had a source to cover the cost of my books each semester gave me and my parents one less bill to worry about. In addition, the board members of CRAFT were of major moral support, they gave good advice and encouragement right on time. They also sent cards and letters. While away at school I always enjoyed receiving mail from CRAFT, it was a consistent reminder that someone (other than family) back home was thinking about me, cheering for me and most of all praying for me! And even since college, CRAFT has continued to be very supportive throughout my professional career."

**Keisha Williams:** "CRAFT supported me spiritually with prayers, encouragement and role models; and the CRAFT scholarships were an immense financial blessing during my college experience. When I think about how much this community cares, it motivates me to try harder and do better."

## Save the Date

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



Saturday, March 26, 2016

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

Sun River Terrace Community Center

Sun River Terrace, Illinois

Tickets: \$30

Proceeds will benefit

Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship

Eagles Program

Student Adoption Program



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

- A minimum of 50 additional donors to contribute \$100 per month
- Educational success for students in the Student Adoption and Eagles Programs
- Additional volunteers to help mentor the youth.



“Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” Matthew 2:2

*Blessed Christmas*

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

**I would like to help C.R.A.F.T. continue its mission to “help our youth accomplish their dreams.”**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

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