

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

FALL 2010

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Giving Thanks

"To the C.R.A.F.T. organization: I want to thank you all (especially those involved in the Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship) for this scholarship. Your generous gift has indeed helped me to pay off my tuition for the rest of the school year! I even have book money left over. Just when I thought I was down and out, the Lord once again reminded me that He will always make a way! I am blessed to have people like you on my side. You are truly a blessing-not only to the youth-to the entire town of Hopkins Park. Thank you so much!"

Franchesca Magee

"Good Morning,

I, **Joshua Jackson**, would just like to thank you for everything you have done thus far. Thank you for your inspiration, wisdom, and financial giving. You are truly one of God's great angels. Being a part of this program gives me hope that I can stand to fight for tomorrow. It gives me courage that any struggles in my path can all be worked out through God, prayer, and through the love of my family, friends, and church home. I would truly like to thank you for everything."

C.R.A.F.T. Highlights

- C.R.A.F.T. has served 112 students with a total of \$111,765 through its Student Assistance Fund since 1991.
- C.R.A.F.T. began its 20th year of the Eagles with its partnership with Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke Township, IL.
- C.R.A.F.T. has established the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of the organization's founder. (\$13,000 has been awarded to 7 students since 2005.)
- C.R.A.F.T. completed its 7th year of the Summer Enrichment /Literacy Program.
- C.R.A.F.T., through its Student Assistance Fund and the Student Adoption Program, is supporting 15 college students in the 2010-2011 school year.



HEZEKIAH BRADY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, the C.R.A.F.T. organization hosted its second Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing. We are grateful for the beautiful weather, the 19 golfers who participated and for all of the sponsors. A total of \$1,988 was raised for the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

A Special Thank You to the Sponsors:

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CONGRATULATIONS!

2010 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship



Mrs. Myrna Brady and Francesca McGee Franchesca, a junior at Elmhurst College, was awarded \$1,500 from the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship. Ms. McGee is the daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Raymond McGee

Student Assistance Fund

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving scholarships from the 2010-2011 Student Assistance Fund:

Western Illinois University-**Shara Brewer**
Eastern Illinois University- **Jherion Broadnax, Christine Foster, Joshua Jackson**
Northern Illinois University-**Ascenyo Carson**
Elmhurst College-**Jamilya Clay**
Illinois State University-**Nathaniel Gibbs**
Kankakee Community College- **Ahja Hollins, Jovonna Pryor Gathing**
Lane College-**Octavia Jackson**
Saint Joseph College-**Chantal Johnson**
Tennessee State University-**Wylodean Ledbetter Lynch**
Joliet Junior College-**Ayanna Monee' Jones**
Chicago State University-**David Troupe**
University of Illinois-**Eric Walker**

* Students must complete an interview with C.R.A.F.T. Board Members and staff, maintain a minimum GPA and submit receipts for the items that were purchased with the Student Assistance Funds.

Gathering of Young Men /Chat with the Young Ladies

The Gathering of Young Men took place June 28-29, 2010. This gathering provided an opportunity for former Student Adoption Program participants to come together and fellowship. These young men have been an integral element of the C.R.A.F.T. program since they participated in the Eagles program. The dedication of the twelve young men validated the impact of C.R.A.F.T. in the Pembroke community. C.R.A.F.T.'s Vice-President, Jimmie Stevenson spoke to the young men about how important this period of their life is and how to make decisions to keep opportunities available to them. Mr. Stevenson also emphasized the value of strengthening their relationship with God and praying about present and future decisions. CRAFT board member Ardis Cross and volunteer, Brandon McNeal, also spent time with the young men. It was a blessing to hear young men reflect on their decisions and speak about their future and the positive impact of C.R.A.F.T. in their lives.

Early evening on July 1, 2010 the young ladies who are participants in the college component of the Student Adoption Program (SAP) met together for an evening of food and fellowship. The evening started with a devotional thought on the God-given uniqueness of each of the young ladies. Each was given an opportunity to give a one-word characteristic of herself. The activity turned out to be a lot of fun as the young ladies gave their answers and others made comments about their choice.

Jamilya Clay and Franchesca Magee, both students at Elmhurst College, shared with the incoming freshmen young ladies their college experiences and offered advice on selecting classes, choosing a major, maintaining a schedule, ordering and purchasing textbooks for classes and roommates.

After a small snack the balance of the meeting was spent in "chatting" about relationships. The conversation was very enlightening with a lot of give and take about issues surrounding developing a wholesome, Christ-centered relationship with a young man. After a couple of hours of "chatting," the young ladies still had so much to share and a lot of questions to ask so the "chat" will continue when they come home for Christmas. Please continue to pray for our college students.

The Faces of C.R.A.F.T.



Jamal Collins, Cortez Peoples,
Chris Williams, Tristan Sextion, Jherion Broadnax



Ahja Hollins, Dr. Darcel Y. Brady

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5 Reasons to visit the C.R.A.F.T. website:

- Make a donation using **PayPal**.
- See pictures from the second Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing.
- See pictures from the S.A.F. Awards Reception.
- Send us an e-mail to let us know how you would like to help C.R.A.F.T..
- Send a link of the website to your friends, relatives and co-workers.



**Congratulations to our
Student Assistance Fund Recipients
who have graduated from college:**

- **Sade Johnson (May 2010)**
St. Joseph's College -Biology
- **Maurine Lloyd (May 2010)**
LeMoyne-Owen College-Sociology

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