

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

FALL 2011

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Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr.

1929-2004

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

- C.R.A.F.T. has served **114** students with a total of **\$116,950** through its Student Assistance Fund since 1991.
- C.R.A.F.T began its **21st** year of the Eagles with its partnership with Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke Township, IL.
- C.R.A.F.T established the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of the organization's founder. (**\$14,250** has been awarded to **8** students since 2005.)
- C.R.A.F.T. completed its **8<sup>th</sup>** year of the Summer Enrichment /Literacy Program.
- C.R.A.F.T., through its Student Assistance Fund and the Student Adoption Program, is supporting **12** college students in the 2011-2012 school year.

The numbers mentioned above testify to God's faithfulness to C.R.A.F.T. and C.R.A.F.T.'s exemplary stewardship over the funds that the Lord has blessed the organization with over the past 37 years.

However, there are numbers behind those numbers..... if C.R.A.F.T. is to continue its mission, an additional **\$2500** is needed per month.

**50 people donating \$50 per month**

**100 people donating \$25 per month**

We would like to invite you to be a part of C.R.A.F.T.'s numbers. Make a commitment today to place C.R.A.F.T. in your monthly budget.



## HEZEKIAH BRADY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Saturday, June 25, 2011, the C.R.A.F.T. organization hosted its third Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing. We are grateful for the beautiful weather, the 14 golfers who participated and for all of the sponsors. A total of \$1,507 was raised for the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

### A Special Thank You to the Sponsors:

#### Lunch Sponsors (\$250)

Brady/Rogers Families  
Fisher-Swale Nicholson Eye Care  
Friends of Lisa Dugan

#### Hole Sponsors (\$100)

Dr. & Mrs. James Upchurch  
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Pembroke Community Reformed Church  
Peoples Bank of Kankakee County  
Senator Toi Hutchison  
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www.teamplate.com-Andrea Brennan

#### Golf Cart Sponsors (\$50)

James Talley

#### Donations

Anonymous  
Mr. & Mrs. David Swacina

### CONGRATULATIONS!

2011 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship



#### **Mrs. Myrna Brady and Christine Foster**

Christine, a junior at Eastern Illinois University, was awarded \$1,500 from the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Ms. Foster is the daughter of Ms. Rosemary Foster

### Student Assistance Fund\*

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving scholarships from the 2011-2012 Student Assistance Fund:

Eastern Illinois University- **Jherion Broadnax**,  
**Christine Foster**  
Northern Illinois University-**Ascenyo Carson**  
Elmhurst College-**Franchesca McGee**  
Illinois State University-**Nathaniel Gibbs**  
Kankakee Community College- **Ayanna Jones**  
Lane College-**Octavia Jackson**  
Saint Joseph College-**Chantal Johnson**  
Tennessee State University-**Wylodean Ledbetter Lynch**  
Chicago State University-**David Troupe**  
University of Illinois at Chicago-**Jasmine Jones**  
Talledega College-**Cortez Peoples**

\* 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.

**2011 Student Adoption Program Awards Ceremony**

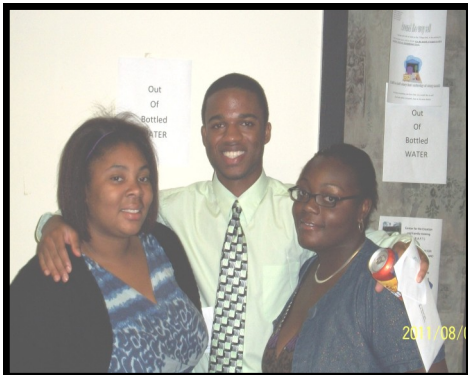


**Jasmine Jones, Cortez Peoples**

**Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing**



**Elvia Steward, State Rep. Lisa Dugan, Myrna Brady**



**Ayanna Jones, Nathaniel Gibbs, Octavia Jackson**



**Roscoe Butler, Kenny Tatum, Art Barnes**

**GOOD NEWS!!!!**

**God continues to bless the C.R.A.F.T. organization through the donations of others:**

- The C.R.A.F.T. organization was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, Inc. The grant will be used for C.R.A.F.T.'s 2012 summer enrichment program.
- A gift of land was anonymously donated to C.R.A.F.T. The 1.3 acres of land is adjacent to the property that C.R.A.F.T. already owns in Pembroke. The donated land will be vital to C.R.A.F.T.'s plan to expand its facilities during the coming years.

**Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow!!**

We're on the web:  
www.craftinc.org

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

- Make a donation using **PayPal.**
- See pictures from the third Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing.
- 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:**

- **Jamilia Clay (May 2011)**  
Elmhurst College
- **Shara Brewer (May 2011)**  
Western Illinois University

Become a Friend of  
C.R.A.F.T. on **Facebook**

I would like to experience that **"priceless"** feeling that comes as a result of helping C.R.A.F.T.  
Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.

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Giving.  
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C.R.A.F.T.**

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