

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

SPRING 2009

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1929-2004

**Q**uestion: What do The Oprah Winfrey Show, People Magazine, The New York Times and ABC News-Good Morning America have in common besides being very popular media outlets that reach millions and millions of people both nationally and internationally?

**A**nswer: Pembroke, Illinois-an area which is located 70 miles south of Chicago.

**The Oprah Winfrey Show special was called “Invisible Lives”**

**People Magazine’s article was titled “Genuine Care Packages”**

**The New York Times article was titled “In Trenches of a War on Unyielding Poverty”**

**ABC News’ Good Morning America segment was called “Wealthy Families Help Families in Poor Town”**

Pembroke has been studied, scrutinized, analyzed, and photographed. Governors, presidential hopefuls, celebrities, government agencies and well meaning citizens and organizations have all come to peek in on Pembroke. They shake their heads, make promises, take the appropriate photo ops, write the magazine or newspaper article, produce their news segment or special and then they leave, never to be seen or heard from again.

The problems that have existed and still exist in Pembroke cannot be solved easily or quickly. The problems that exist in Pembroke can only be solved by a combination of faithful, consistent and sustained efforts that will address the social, economic, spiritual, and academic issues that have festered in a community that society has long neglected.

For 35 years, the C.R.A.F.T. organization has been a faithful, consistent force in the Pembroke community. The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors wants to give **you** an opportunity to play a part in God’s amazing plan that is using C.R.A.F.T. to help transform the Pembroke community. We believe that God has blessed you with a gift, a talent, a resource that He wants you to use to help the C.R.A.F.T. organization. We will be so happy and grateful to hear from you and can’t wait for you to share your plans of how you will help C.R.A.F.T.

**Peace**



## HEZEKIAH BRADY JR. SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Friday, June 26, 2009, the C.R.A.F.T. organization will be hosting the **Hezekiah Brady, Jr Scholarship Golf Outing** at the South Shore Golf Course in Momence, Illinois. The golf outing will be used as an opportunity to raise funds for the scholarship fund, and to develop and strengthen partnerships with those who want to

join us in our mission to continue Rev. Brady's legacy of ensuring that the children in the Pembroke area have the opportunity to continue their post-secondary education.

**Cost Per Player: \$75.00**

**Cost Per Team: \$300.00**

**Dinner Only**

**Guest: \$25.00**

### Schedule of Events:

Registration: 10:00am

Lunch: 10:45am

Tee Time: 11:30am

Dinner Time: 3:30pm

For more information,  
Contact: **Ralph Bailey**  
815-944-5416

### 4 Ways You Can Help

- Volunteer to be on one of the planning committees.
- Plan to attend the event.
- Tell your friends, relatives, co-workers about the event so that they can participate.
- Ask about Sponsorship Opportunities.

## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

C.R.A.F.T.'s **Summer Enrichment Program** is a part of the organization's Eagles and Student Adoption Programs.

The goal of the program is to provide 7th-8th graders and high school students with an additional opportunity to hone their reading and writing skills. In addition, the young people will participate in roundtable discussions regarding career

paths, personal responsibility and growth. Other activities will include field trips and guest speakers from various professions.

### Session I 7th-8th Grades

**June 8-19th, 2009**

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

### Session II High School

**June 22-July 31, 2009**

**5:30pm-8:00pm**



For more information,

Contact: **James Stevenson**  
or **Gloria Hamilton**

815-944-5416

### 3 Ways You Can Help

- Come and volunteer for an evening.
- Ask about underwriting the cost of a portion of the **Summer Enrichment Program**
- Tell your friends, relatives, co-workers about the **Summer Enrichment Program**.

## C.R.A.F.T.'S 2008 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

### Contributions: (1/1/2008 - 12/31/2008)

Individuals, Churches, Businesses	\$33,753.57
Student Assistance Fund	\$4,385.97
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	\$1,430.00

### Expenditures: (1/1/2008-12/31/2008)

General	\$43,248.84
Student Assistance Fund	\$5,100.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	\$2,000.00



# Thank You

The Center for Re-Creation And Family Training wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers who helped make 2008 a fantastic year for C.R.A.F.T. **Those who contributed to the Eagles, the Student Adoption Program, the Student Assistance Fund and the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship made all the difference in the continued progress and accomplishments of the Organization.** The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and all of the participants are very appreciative of your monetary and prayer support. We know that you have the opportunity to support many worthy causes and we are grateful that you have chosen C.R.A.F.T. We ask that you continue to remember C.R.A.F.T. financially and prayerfully. C.R.A.F.T. thanks the following:

## Individuals

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Bailey	Dr. Sabrina Kendrick
Ms. Alpha M. Brady	Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Kuiper
Dr. Darcel Y. Brady	Dr. Janet V. Leonard
Mrs. Myrna S. Brady	Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Magee, Sr.
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Mr. & Mrs. William Jordan	Mr. & Mrs. James Yarbrough

## Churches

Greater New Hope M.B. Church  
 Grove Heights Baptist Church  
 Pembroke Community Reformed Church  
 Philadelphia Baptist Church  
 St. Anne Woods Chapel

## Businesses/Organizations

Aquilevie Publications  
 C.R.A.F.T.- A Day at the Market  
 C.R.A.F.T.- Fish Fry  
 Karen Graham State Farm Insurance Agency  
 Pembroke Neighbors  
 Premier Data  
 Progress Reporter



We're on the web: [www.craftinc.org](http://www.craftinc.org)

## Where Are They Now?



*Keisha Williams*

*First Recipient of Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship (2005-2006)*

Bachelors Degree-Xavier University (New Orleans, Louisiana)  
Currently enrolled as a graduate student in Environmental Toxicology at the University of California-Davis

*Ardiss Cross*

*First Class of Eagles Program (1991)*

Bachelors Degree-Illinois State University (Normal, Illinois)  
Currently employed as Trooper 1st Class –Illinois State Police  
Executive Protection Unit for Jesse White, Secretary of State

## What's New With C.R.A.F.T.

C.R.A.F.T. will be in attendance at the Women in Business 30th Annual Seminar on May 22, 2009. The Seminar will be held at the Leslie Parrott Convocation Center on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. C.R.A.F.T.'s information table will give over 400 attendees the opportunity to learn more about the C.R.A.F.T. organization

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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Thank You!!

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