

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

SUMMER 2009

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Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr.

1929-2004

## *Priceless*

The cost for a family of 4 to go to the movies: **\$80**

The cost of an average monthly cell phone bill: **\$63**

The feeling you will experience using your time, talents and treasures to help C.R.A.F.T.: **Priceless**

2009 continues to be an exciting year for the C.R.A.F.T. organization. This newsletter will share highlights and information on all of the blessings that C.R.A.F.T. has received and the blessings that C.R.A.F.T. has been able to share. We thank God for the record number of people who have shared in the various experiences with C.R.A.F.T. While we know that you enjoy such experiences as going to the movies and talking on your cell phone, we want to provide you with the opportunity to use your time, talents and treasures for C.R.A.F.T. We promise that your experience will prove to be **PRICELESS!!!**

## *C.R.A.F.T. Highlights*

- *C.R.A.F.T. has served 104 students with a total of \$106,140 through its Student Assistance Fund.*
- *C.R.A.F.T. is beginning its 18th year of partnership with Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke, Illinois.*
- *C.R.A.F.T. has established the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund in honor and memory of organization's founder. ( \$11,500 has been awarded to 6 students since 2005)*
- *C.R.A.F.T. just completed its 6th year of the Summer Enrichment/Literacy Program.*
- *C.R.A.F.T. is supporting 14 college students in its 2009-2010 Student Adoption Program.*



## HEZEKIAH BRADY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Friday, June 26, 2009, the C.R.A.F.T. organization hosted its first Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing. We are grateful for the beautiful weather, the golfers who participated and for all of the sponsors. A total of \$2,600 was raised for the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

### A Special Thank You to the Sponsors:

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## CONGRATVLATIONS!

### 2009 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholars

Wylodean Ledbetter Lynch-\$1,500.00

Tennessee State University

Chantel Johnson-\$1,000.00

St. Joseph's College



We make a living by  
what we get, but we  
make a life by what  
we give.

Henry Butcher

### Picture This!

C.R.A.F.T.'s Annual Fish Fry-July 25, 2009

A warm, sunny Saturday afternoon sitting outside under shady trees enjoying: catfish or perch fish-fried to perfection, spaghetti, coleslaw, delicious cake for dessert and an ice cold soda to quench your thirst.

Over \$1,000 was raised during this picture perfect event!

### Cakes and Pies and Cookies

#### Oh My!

Volunteers volunteered their time and culinary talents to bake cakes and pies and cookies and breads for C.R.A.F.T.'s Day at the Market event. Orders were placed by April 5, 2009 and were picked up on May 2, 2009.

Over \$600 was raised during this tasty event.



We're so proud of Student Assistance Fund Recipients:

#### Emmanuel Archie

2009 Graduate from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee

#### Shanna Miles

2009 Graduate from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

## Student Assistance Fund

The Student Assistance Fund provides financial assistance twice a year to qualifying students who are enrolled in the Student Adoption Program.

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving scholarships from the 2009-2010 Student Assistance Fund:

**Shara Brewer-Western Illinois University • Jherion Broadnax-Eastern Illinois University**  
**Jamilya Clay-Elmhurst College • Christine Foster-Eastern Illinois University**  
**Nathaniel Gibbs-Illinois State University • Ahja Hollins-Kankakee Community College**  
**Joshua Jackson-Eastern Illinois University • Sade Johnson-St. Joseph's College**  
**Ryan Lockett-Alabama State University • Franchesca Magee-Elmhurst College**  
**Shakira Marshall-Western Illinois University • Eric Walker-University of Illinois**  
**Jonathan Williams-Kankakee Community College**

**You will  
rise by  
lifting  
others.**

Robert Green



## Summer Enrichment Program 2009



### Eagles

The students who attended the Eagles section of the Student Enrichment Program arrived each day with lots of energy. The schedule for the evening consisted of devotion, writing exercises, reading and discussing the books *Stay Strong-Simple Life Lessons* by Terrie Williams and *The Pact* by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt.

The students were also placed on a points system that challenged them to use what they learned during the school year's character education discussion. The students could receive 100 points for each of the following: participation, attendance, good behavior, completing assignments and being observed encouraging someone else. The students had to earn over 250 points in order to attend the field trip at the end of the summer program. The week ended with the students having a lunch and bowling outing.

### High School Student Adoption Program

Just like the Eagles students, the high school students also arrived full of energy and excitement. Each evening's activities included devotion, writing exercises, reading and discussing *The Real Deal-A Spiritual Guide for Black Teen Girls* by Billie Montgomery Cook, *Letters to a Young Sister* by Hill Harper and *Letters to a Young Brother* by Hill Harper. The program ended with the students visiting Millennium Park and Navy Pier in Chicago.

### Something Extra

Another component of the Student Enrichment Program for both the Eagles and the High School Student Adoption Program was a Junior Achievement presentation by Ms. Mandesa Lockett. Ms. Lockett provided hands on activities for the students in career education, economics and life skills. The students were also given a booklet, 2 CDS on career education and information on scholarships for college just because they participated in the Junior Achievement Program.

Report submitted by Gloria Hamilton and James Stevenson

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

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

- Make a donation using PayPal
- See pictures from the 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

**Around Town with C.R.A.F.T.**

- C.R.A.F.T. representatives-Mrs. Elvia Steward, Mrs. Myrna Brady and Mrs. Helena Rogers-attended the Women in Business 30th Annual Seminar on May 22, 2009 at the Leslie Parrott Convocation Center on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais. C.R.A.F.T.'s booth provided information to over 400 attendees.
- Dr. Darcel Y. Brady, C.R.A.F.T.'s Executive Director, was a guest on WKAN radio discussing the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

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