

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

WINTER 2009

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Share in the Excitement !!!

Who among us doesn't like to be where exciting things are happening, where you can see the hand of God working, where lives are being changed, where hope is on display? If you've never had the experience or haven't had it in a while, we have just the place for you- the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

Here is a taste of what happens in the life of the C.R.A.F.T. organization:

Eagles Program— On Friday afternoons during the school year staff members Gloria Hamilton and James Stevenson are present at Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke where they connect with the 6th-8th graders for lively discussions on careers, character education, leadership and a variety of other topics. The students are engaged by the discussions as well as by the guest speakers. It doesn't hurt that Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Stevenson toss in tokens for participation and grades as well as a pizza party and awards presentation at the end of the school year.

Student Adoption Program— Monday evenings find Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Hamilton with high school students discussing high school life, preparation for college and careers. Making it even better are trips to a youth rally, college fairs, dinners, and museums.

Student Assistance Fund—Each summer the C.R.A.F.T. staff members interview students who will be receiving funds. The focus is on college-what to expect, its challenges and ultimately the reward of not only attending, but also completing the 4 years with a degree. The funds that C.R.A.F.T. provides assists with books, class fees and other college related expenses that must be verified by receipts.

Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship—What better way to honor the founder of C.R.A.F.T. than by providing additional funds to help worthy young people complete their college education?

C.R.A.F.T.— The place where you can see the hand of God working, where lives are being changed, where hope is on display.

You— Can be a part of the excitement!!!!

Peace.



Help C.R.A.F.T. Celebrate 35 Years!!

- **YOU-** For 3 months or more donate the money you would spend at Starbucks, McDonalds, Red Lobster and/or your other favorite restaurant to the C.R.A.F.T. organization.
- **YOUR FAMILY-** Planning a family event? Share information about the C.R.A.F.T. organization with your family members and then ask for donations from them.
- **YOUR CHURCH-** Speak with your pastor about including the C.R.A.F.T. organization in the monthly budget as one of your church's mission.
- **YOUR FRIENDS-** Host a tea party, a sporting event, or another social event, share information about the C.R.A.F.T. organization and request that attendees make a donation to C.R.A.F.T.
- **YOUR BUSINESS-** Sponsor/Underwrite one of C.R.A.F.T.'s special events, such as the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing or the Summer Enrichment Program.

To request brochures about the C.R.A.F.T. organization, please contact Helena Rogers at hrogers@craftinc.org.

During the Christmas break, the C.R.A.F.T. staff had an opportunity to meet and fellowship with several of the college students who are recipients of the Student Assistance Fund. They were willing to share their thoughts:

“This semester was interesting. I learned new things about myself. I learned what I needed to do more and what I needed to do less. Overall it was a great experience. I enjoyed myself.” **Christine Foster (Freshman -Eastern Illinois)**

“This semester was unique. On a scale of 1-10, I would give this semester a 6. With my schedule and social incidents (i.e. roommate issues), I had a rough time trying to enjoy my time there. However, I did make new friends and enjoyed my freedom away from home. Next semester, I plan to have a better time at ISU.” **Nate Gibbs (Freshman-Illinois State)**

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody. **Chinese Proverb**



What Next??

That question was answered at C.R.A.F.T.'s recent symposium for high school students who are preparing for college. The students were given information on classes they should be taking in high school, specific classes needed for specific colleges, how to complete financial aid forms and how to look for and apply for scholarships.

C.R.A.F.T.'S WISH LIST

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| 1. COPIER | 5. TELEVISION |
| 2. INFOCUS MACHINE | 6. PROJECTOR SCREEN |
| 3. OVERHEAD PROJECTOR | 7. DVD/CD PLAYER |
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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 2009 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:

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

Save the Dates:



- Day at the Market (Spring)-May 1
- Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship Golf Outing-June 26
- Fish Fry-July 31
- Day at the Market (Winter)-December 4

Welcome

New Board Member Ardis Cross

The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of Ardis Cross to the Board.

Mr. Cross is a graduate of Illinois State University and is currently employed as Trooper 1st Class-Illinois State Police (Executive Protection Unit for Jesse White, Secretary of State).

We welcome Mr. Cross and are excited about the contributions he will make to the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

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