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

FALL/WINTER 2014

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Help C.R.A.F.T. Unwrap Some Gifts!!

C.R.A.F.T. has had the privilege of serving the youth in the Pembroke/Hopkins Park area again this year and we are humbled by the fact that God has chosen us to be a light in the community. We have served so many children who are indeed gifts from

God. We feel that each one of the children/youth that we interact with through our various programs are "wrapped gifts" that we have been charged to unwrap. We feel that through our acts of love we are unwrapping the untapped potential, talents, and skills of the youth who are our future. We know that these precious gifts include our future President of the United States, the doctor who will discover the cure for cancer and the common cold, the scientist who will find the solution to the world's global warming, the musician who will create the next unforgettable symphony.

As you prepare your Christmas list this year, who better to add to your list than the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

Unwrapping Gifts

"Children are a gift from God" Psalms 127:3

Gifts received-

But left alone-

Remaining wrapped

Are blessings unknown

Our children are gifts

from our Father above.

But gifts to unwrap

Through our acts of love.

Let's unwrap gifts-

Reveal what's inside

Society will be blessed

And God glorified.

Hezekiah Brady, Jr. 10.20.01

Spotlight on the Student Adoption Program/Student Assistance Fund

The Student Assistance Fund (S.A.F.), a part of the Student Adoption Program (S.A.P.), was created to offer financial, social, emotional and spiritual assistance to college students. S.A.F. recipients are required to attend annual interviews, submit grades and receipts for items purchased with funds.



Tyraze Turner, Dr. Darcel Y. Brady

Evera Ivy, Shalberyl Thomas, Ms. Thomas, Dr. Darcel Y. Brady

Congratulations to the following students who are receiving grants from the 2014-2015 Student Assistance Fund

Brandi Price (Senior) Columbia College

Whitney Alexander (Senior) Eastern Illinois University

Darneisha Bridges (Junior) Eastern Illinois University

Marquisha Bridges (Senior) Eastern Illinois University

Tyraze Turner (Sophomore) Lincoln College

Kayla Pendleton (Sophomore) Southern Illinois University-Carbondale

Ariel Gibbs (Sophomore) University of Illinois-Chicago

Latasia Jones (Sophomore) Kankakee Community College

Shalberyl Thomas (Freshman) Kentucky State University

Jonathan Ervin (Freshman) Kankakee Community College

\$132,340 has been awarded to 145 students since 1991!



Alpha M. Brady



Shalberyl Thomas, Ariel Gibbs, Kayla Pendleton, Latasia Jones, Tyraze Turner

SAVE THE DATE

C.R.A.F.T. Presents a Spring Concert Featuring the KCR Ensemble



Saturday, March 28, 2015

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sun River Terrace Community Center

Tickets: \$30

Proceeds will benefit

Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship Eagles Program Student Adoption Program

In Memoriam Elvia L. Steward 1916-2014



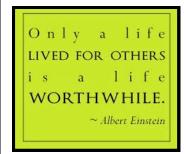
The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors was privileged to have Mrs. Steward serve on the Board for 34 years as a member and 14 years as the treasurer.

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Mrs. Steward served as an active, involved and faithful member. We will miss her vibrant presence and joyful spirit.

C.R.A.F.T. By the Numbers

| 40 | The years that C.R.A.F.T. has been in the Pembroke area | |
|-----------|---|--|
| 145 | Total number of students who C.R.A.F.T. has provided funds for college through the Student Assistance Fund (S.A.F.) | |
| \$132,340 | Total amount C.R.A.F.T. has distributed to college students through the S.A.F. | |
| 2004 | The year the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors established the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship in memory of its founder | |
| 9 | Total number of recipients of the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship | |
| \$16,250 | Total amount that has been awarded through the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship | |
| 11 | Number of years C.R.A.F.T. has held its Summer Literacy/Enrichment Program | |
| 10 | Number of college students C.R.A.F.T. is supporting for the 2014-2015 school year through its Student Assistance Fund | |



You have two hands.

One to help yourself, the second to help others.

Add C.R.A.F.T. to your prayer list:

- A minimum of 50 additional donors to contribute \$50 per month
- Educational success for students in the Student Adoption and Eagles Programs
- Renovations needed on C.R.A.F.T. building



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Blessed Christmas

C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors

| I would like to help | C.R.A.F.T. conti | nue in its mission to | "unwrap some gifts." | | |
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| | Enclose | ed is my tax-deductible gift. | | | |
| Name | | | | | |
| Address | | | | | |
| City | State | Zip Code | | | |
| Please select one of the following: () \$25 () \$50 () \$75 () \$100 Other | | | | | |
| This is a (n): () One-time gift () Annual Gift () Quarterly Gift () Monthly Gift | | | | | |
| Note: You can also visit C.R.A.F.T.'s website www.craftinc.org and donate using PayPal. | | | | | |

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