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Spring 2015

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Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr.

1929-2004

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Celebrating the Founder- After moving to Pembroke in 1952, Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr. devoted his life to the families and young people of Pembroke and 40 years ago he acted upon his burden, compassion and concern for the plight of our young people and established the Center for Re-Creation And Family Training (C.R.A.F.T.).

Celebrating the Past-In 1974, C.R.A.F.T. started its afterschool and summer day camp programs. The Afterschool Program held evening Bible classes, recreation, group discussions, Black history and etiquette classes 3 days a week for students in grades three through twelve. The summer day camp program expanded these activities into daylong activities that included weekly cultural trips.

The Christian Institute for Developing Altruistic Leaders (CIDAL) was the educational arm of CRAFT, which began in 1975 on the high school level. CIDAL strongly emphasized Christian leadership and altruism. The elementary level began in 1988 with kindergarten – second grades, and third grade was added a year later. CIDAL closed its doors in 1990, due to a lack of finances. Prior to that, all 26 high school graduates attended college.

Celebrating the Present- C.R.A.F.T. changed its focus to the mentoring of elementary students through the Eagles Program in 1991. The primary mission of the Eagles Program is to build self-esteem and self worth in African-American youth. The Student Adoption Program (SAP) was initiated in 1991 to assist students to prepare for and pursue postsecondary education. The Student Assistance Fund (SAF), a part of the Student Adoption Program, was created to offer financial, social, emotional and spiritual assistance to college students. In 2004 the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors established the Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship, a scholarship in honor of the memory and dedication of the founder of C.R.A.F.T. The scholarship is awarded to a college junior or senior participant in the Student Adoption Program.

Celebrating the Future - The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors is excited about the future of C.R.A.F.T. and looks forward to being witnesses of God's continued faithfulness and blessings. We would like to invite you to play a part in the future of C.R.A.F.T. and we encourage you to make your donation to help us celebrate our 40 years!

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, the sounds of music once again filled the air at the Sun River Terrace Community Center. The C.R.A.F.T. organization presented its spring concert featuring the wonderful sounds of the all female band, **KCR Ensemble.** The concert raised funds to support the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship, Student Adoption Program, Student Assistance Program, and the Eagles Program.

We would like to thank our sponsors:

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A Special Thanks-Rev. & Mrs. Louis Barnes

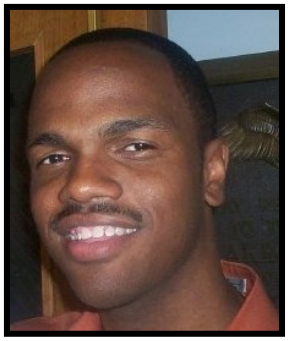
God has blessed the C.R.A.F.T. organization with many, many faithful supporters over the past 40 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. & Mrs. Louis Barnes from the Pembroke community for their unwavering support.

The annual Black History Program at St. Anne Woods Chapel not only brings the community together, but the Barnes also donate the offering from the event to C.R.A.F.T.

Mrs. Barnes generously donates the proceeds from the sale of her delicious lemonade that is sold at the annual Pembroke Day celebration to C.R.A.F.T.

C.R.A.F.T.-Faces of Success

James Stevenson



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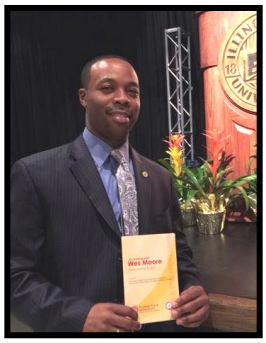

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Thank You

The C.R.A.F.T. organization wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers who helped make 2014 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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