

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

Fall/Winter 2016

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Worth Your Attention? *Absolutely!*

C.R.A.F.T. defines itself as the “small charity doing big things” and as evidenced by the current programs and their successes this continues to be a true statement. The C.R.A.F.T. board of directors continues to thank God for His faithfulness and our prayer is that you give C.R.A.F.T. your attention with your fervent prayers, varied talents, and monetary gifts.

**\$142,290
to 172
students**

Student Adoption Program's (S.A.P.) mission is to assist students in their preparation for and pursuit of postsecondary education. The *Student Assistance Fund* (S.A.F.), a part of the Student Adoption Program, 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.

**\$21,750 to
14 scholars**

A *Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship* recipient must be an active, current S.A.F. member, at least a college sophomore and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. He/she must submit a 400 to 500 word biographical essay and recommendations from college professors. Holding a leadership role in an organization is also a prerequisite for being considered for the scholarship.

**26 years
partnership**

The C.R.A.F.T. organization just began another school year in partnership with the Lorenzo Smith School through the *Eagles Program*. The mission of the Eagles Program is to build self-esteem and self worth in Pembroke Township youth by providing role models, leadership and guidance for the students.

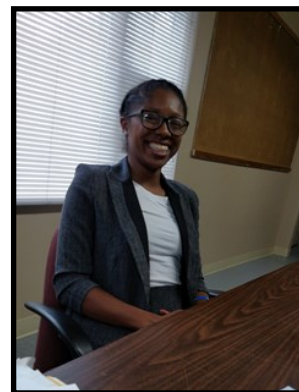
Before they are awarded the Student Assistance Funds, the students must attend an interview with members of the Board of Directors and staff from the C.R.A.F.T. organization. Time is spent getting to know the students and then they are asked to answer and discuss a series of questions on topics such as: time management, extra-curricular activities they are involved in, issues they may be confronted with at college, how they have adapted to college life, and future plans after graduation.



Javaris Logan



Taylor Prude, Ralph Bailey



Shalberyl Thomas

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Student Assistance Fund Scholars

Seniors:

Ariel Gibbs-University of Illinois at Chicago; **Kayla Pendleton-Georgia Southern**; Tyra Prude-Tennessee State University

Junior:

Shalberyl Thomas-Kentucky State University

Sophomores:

Alyssa Copeland-Southern Illinois University (Carbondale); **Javaris Logan-Indian Hills Community College**; Cortez Peoples-Alcorn State University; **Tamela Young-Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)**

Freshmen:

Morissa Alexander-Lincoln University; **DeVonte Davis-Lincoln College**; Mikayla Jones-Eastern Illinois University; **Taylor Prude- Clark Atlanta University**; Annisha Robinson-Parkland College; **Jasmine Robinson-Kankakee Community College**

CRAFT's Face of Success-Ms. Shana Miles



Ms. Miles, daughter of Rachel Young, is a former Student Adoption Fund and Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship recipient. She graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Shana passed the Pennsylvania State Bar on October 7, 2016 and is now the law clerk for the Honorable Chief Judge Patrese B. Tucker in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to Shana!!



C.R.A.F.T's Annual Awards Ceremony

On Tuesday evening, July 26, 2016, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and the recipients of the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) along with family, friends and the community came together to celebrate another year of God blessing the organization to award funds to the 14 college students for their fall semester.

GRATEFUL PARENTS



Dr. Darcel Y. Brady, John Copeland



Dr. Darcel Y. Brady, Meechie Rawls



Dr. Darcel Y. Brady, Evelyn Prude

2016-2017 S.A.F. SCHOLARS



Jasmine Robinson, Annisha Robinson
DeVonte Davis, Taylor Prude,
Mikayla Jones



Cortez Peoples, Tamela Young,
Javaris Logan



Shalbereyl Thomas

HEZEKIAH BRADY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Myrna Brady, Ariel Gibbs



Your gift to C.R.A.F.T. will:

- Enable us to provide funds for 5-10 additional college students to purchase their school books.
- Allow the organization to award two additional students the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarships.
- Help sponsor the Journey to Success conference for high school students held at Olivet Nazarene University.
- Fund “pop-up” seminars on college preparation, college financing, and steps for success in two additional locations (Sun River Terrace and Kankakee).

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

Blessed Christmas!

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

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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.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Please select one of the following: (☐) \$40 (☐) \$400 (☐) \$4,000 Other_____

Note: You can also visit C.R.A.F.T.’s website **www.craftinc.org** and donate using PayPal.

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