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C.R.A.F.T.'s Mission + Your Support = Successful Outcomes

C.R.A.F.T. strives to accomplish its mission through the Eagles and Student Adoption Programs. The goals of both programs are to encourage and support the development of academic excellence, spiritual growth and inter-/intrapersonal social skills in African- American youth.

The C.R.A.F.T. organization invites you to celebrate the success of our partnership with you our faithful supporters:

Congratulations Graduates! S.A.P. Recipients and Alumni







Ariel Gibbs-University of Illinois at Chicago Bachelor of Arts-Criminology, Law and Justice and Sociology Kayla Pendleton-Georgia Southern Bachelor of Health & Human Services-Fashion Merchandising Tyra Prude-Tennessee State University Bachelor of Arts-Mass Communications (Magna Cum Laude)



Ardis Cross-Governor State University Masters of Public Administration

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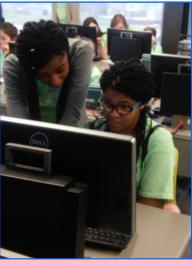
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C.R.A.F.T. at Olivet Nazarene University

On Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM the Society of Women Engineers at Olivet Nazarene University held **"Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day"** for 6th-8th grade girls. C.R.A.F.T. sponsored several young ladies so that they could attend this exciting event.







Chaperone - Gloria Hamilton; Assistant - Morrissa Alexander 8th graders - Ny'Kerria Jackson, Annika Alexander; 7th graders - Amari Stevenson, Tionna Pickens, Robrion Amos, Jamya Kirby, Maiya Melvin

The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors is deeply saddened at the loss of two of our faithful supporters:

Mrs. Juanita Barnes



Mrs. Barnes was a faithful monthly contributor to C.R.A.F.T. She assisted in coordinating the annual Black History Program at St. Anne Woods Chapel where the offering from the event was donated to C.R.A.F.T.

Mrs. Barnes also generously donated

the proceeds from the sale of her delicious lemonade that was sold at the annual Pembroke Day celebration to C.R.A.F.T. Over the years she helped to support C.R.A.F.T. in many other ways as well. Mrs. Barnes will be missed for her generous and kind spirit.

Ms. Marla V. Brady



Ms. Brady was a member of the 4th graduating class from C.I.D.A.L. And over the years remained a faithful contributor/ supporter of C.R.A.F.T. She led various financial seminars for the youth who participated in C.R.A.F.T. programs and most

recently led the strategic planning seminar for the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors.

Ms. Brady, like Mrs. Barnes helped to support C.R.A.F.T in many other ways, as well. Marla will be deeply missed for her vibrant, generous, and helpful spirit.

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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 2016 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. C.R.A.F.T. also offers a special thanks to all of those who contributed to the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship in memory of Marla V. Brady.

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