

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

FALL/WINTER 2018

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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

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

On Friday evening, July 27, 2018, 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 17 college students for their fall semester. The Words of Inspiration were given by Dr. Keisha Williams, the first recipient of the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship. Alyssa Copeland was also awarded the 2018-2019 Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship during the ceremony by Mrs. Myrna Brady.

Congratulations to the following students who are
receiving grants from the 2018-2019 Student Assistance Fund

Seniors

Alyssa Copeland – Southern Illinois University
Cortez Peoples – Alcorn University
Tyraze Turner – Robert Morris College, Peoria
Tamela Young – Southern Illinois University

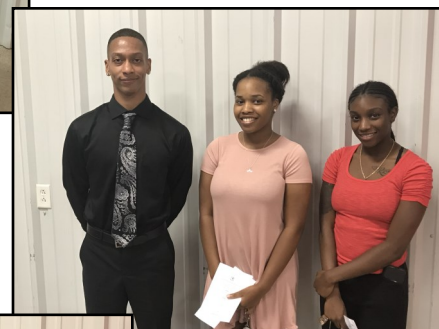


*Cortez Peoples
Alyssa Copeland*

Juniors

Jaida Carson – Wiley College
Yasmine Johnson – Clark Atlanta University
Mikayla Jones – Eastern Illinois University
Devin Ross – Southern University, Baton Rouge

*Devin Ross
Mikayla Jones
Jaida Carson*



Sophomores

Dazhee' Horton – Eureka College
Garriett Pendleton – Lincoln University
Lamar Thomas – Governors State University
Maurice Walker – Kankakee Community College



*Maurice Walker
Garriett Pendleton
Lamar Thomas*

Freshmen

Kamien Farlins – Kankakee Community College
Sion Lightfoot – BlackHawk College
DaQuashia Pope – Kankakee Community College
Mekfii Sexton – Olivet Nazarene University
Naeona Thomas-Hill – Northern Illinois University

*Sion Lightfoot
Naeona Thomas-Hill
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C.R.A.F.T's Annual Awards Ceremony (cont)



*Dr. Keisha Williams,
Dr. Darcel Brady*



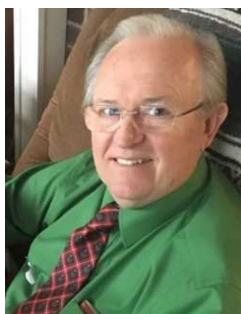
Grateful Parents



*Mrs. Myrna Brady,
Ms. Alyssa Copeland*

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

44	The years that C.R.A.F.T. has been in the Pembroke area
206	Total number of students who C.R.A.F.T. has provided funds for college through the Student Assistance Fund (S.A.F.)
\$156,990	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
15	Total number of recipients of the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship
\$24,250	Total amount that has been awarded through the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship



A Special Thank You

The C.R.A.F.T. organization was chosen to receive a generous donation in the memory of Mr. David Swacina. Mr. Swacina and his wife, Margaret, were longtime contributors to the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

C.R.A.F.T's New Board Member

The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors welcomed Mrs. Kimberly Pendleton as a new board member at the October 2018 board meeting. Mrs. Pendleton is a member of the community and is the mother of two S.A.P./S.A.F. scholars.



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

- A minimum of 50 additional donors to contribute a minimum of \$50 per month
- Educational success for students in the Student Adoption and Eagles Programs
- Transportation van



“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. continue in its mission to “unwrap some gifts.”

Enclosed 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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