

Established in 1974 and incorporated in 1975, for over 45 years, the Center for Re-Creation And Family Training Organization (C.R.A.F.T., Inc.) has adhered to its mission of developing and implementing programs directed towards building a stronger, more productive African-American community.

For these more than 45 years, God has blessed C.R.A.F.T. to continue to be faithful to the mission set by the founder, Rev. Hezekiah, Brady, Jr. Sometimes, we all need to be reminded that:

Living is Giving

*Two identical species, of common birth:
Yet distinct personalities-Melancholy, And Mirth.*

*One. Inspiring life, An engaging smile:
The other death, Disguised guile.*

*One receives from others, but gives in kind.
The other takes, not gives, Resigned.*

*The Dead Sea-selfish? Fate designed it thus.
The lowest point on this earth's crust.
So takes and keeps, No outlet-It must.*

*But the Galilee-it's no dead sea:
No selfishness, no stagnancy.
Always exciting, busy, and giving:
Experiencing its privilege...The Joy of Living!*

*Yet "Dead Seas" can become "Galilees"
When "Mine" and "Me"
Become "Ours" and "We".*

*Concerned the plight all sisters and brothers.
We find the meaning of Living
When we're Helping Others!*

Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr. (1993)

As we are reminded daily of the plight of our young brothers and sisters, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors encourage you to reflect on Rev. Brady's poem and commit/recommit to doing what YOU can to "Help others" by giving to the organization.

C.R.A.F.T.

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Pictured with Parents:
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Goodie Bags...

On Saturday, February 19, 2022, members of the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and staff joined forces to make 350 goodies bags to give to the students at Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke and the 7th grade classes of Board member, James Stevenson's seventh grade classes (70 students) at King Jr. High School in Kankakee.



Goodie bags included:

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Face mask/Hand sanitizer
- Motivational post card



Dr. Darcel Y. Brady

C.R.A.F.T.

Executive Director

Pictured with:

Mr. Kevin Johns

Lorenzo Smith School
Principal

What's Next?



On Tuesday, February 22, 2022, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors welcomed Dr. Carla Stewart back to give a presentation to high school and college students on the topic "**What's Next? How to Navigate Uncertainty on the Next Leg of Your Journey.**" She provided them with practical tips on beginning new chapters in their lives. The students were very engaged and shared their own tips with other students as well. The seminar was informational for both the students, their parents and the C.R.A.F.T. board members.

Dr. Carla Stewart Ed.D is accomplished with credentialing in NCC, CCPC, CSC and CPCC. She is the CEO of CLS Comprehensive Services, LLC and assistant professor at National Louis University.

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 2021 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. We thank the following:

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Businesses & Organizations:

AFSME, Kankakee, IL
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C.R.A.F.T's Financial Snapshot 2021

Contributions: (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)

Individuals, Churches, Businesses	\$70,608.36
Student Assistance Fund	\$ 5,605.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	<u>\$ 1,736.00</u>
	\$77,949.36

Expenditures: (1/1/2021- 12/31/2021)

General	\$41,658.55
Eagles	\$ 1,997.10
Student Assistance Fund	\$ 7,350.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholars	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
	\$56,005.65



**SKDO of Bourbonnais, IL. is the accountant
for the C.R.A.F.T. 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.

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