



Spring 2023

C.R.A.F.T.

A Small Charity Doing Big Things!

**Helping one person might not
change the whole world, but it can
change the world for one person .**

God's Faithfulness + Your Support = Successful Outcomes

Because of God's faithfulness to C.R.A.F.T. and your continued support, we are able to see our scholars graduate.



Giannah Boice
Kankakee Community College
Early Childhood Education



Tyshon King
Northern Michigan University
B.S. Public Relations



De'Asia Love
Southern University-Baton Rouge
B.S. Biology



Joi Strickland
Illinois State University
Universität Paderborn
B.S. Accounting/
International Business



Paul Williams III
Kankakee Community College
Applied Science:
Electrical Engineering Technology

MUSIC IN THE AIR FEATURING N'DEEP

On Saturday, March 25, 2023 the sounds of music once again filled the air at the Ralph J. Bailey Community Center, in Sun River Terrace, Illinois. The C.R.A.F.T. organization presented its Spring Concert featuring the wonderful sounds of N'Deep, a local band. The concert raised over \$3,000 to support the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship, Student Adoption Program, Student Assistance Program and the Eagles Program.



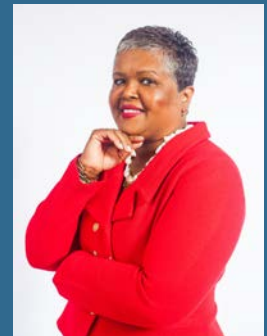
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CONGRATULATIONS!!

Alpha M. Brady, C.I.D.A.L.'s first high school graduate (1979) was recently named Interim Executive Director of the American Bar Association (ABA) the largest voluntary association of lawyers in the world.

As Interim Executive Director, Ms. Brady has overall management responsibility for staff operations at the association's headquarters in Chicago, at its Washington, D.C., office and at program sites in Texas, California and some 60 countries throughout the world. She oversees a staff of more than 1,000 and a consolidated budget of more than \$200 million.



GOOD TIMES!!

In December 2022, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and staff had an opportunity to connect with the college students in C.R.A.F.T.'s Student Adoption Program for good food, good conversation and good connections.

The students who were also joined by their parents were able to share about their experiences and even more importantly, could answer questions from some high school students who also attended the "Connection" time.





The Center for Re-Creation And Family Training wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals, churches, businesses and volunteers who helped make 2022 a productive 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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Grove Heights Baptist Church, Chicago, IL
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Finances: (1/1/2022 - 12/31/2022)

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Contributions	\$56,126.00
Student Assistance Fund	\$8,295.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	\$2,650.00
Building Fund	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$72,071.00

EXPENDITURES

General Expenditures	\$46,641.60
Student Assistance Fund	\$13,375.00
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$60,516.60

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

Please keep C.R.A.F.T. on your prayer list:

Pray for emotional, physical, spiritual, financial needs of
our scholars.

Additional funding as C.R.A.F.T. seeks to build a facility in
Pembroke.

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