



C.R.A.F.T.

A Small Charity Doing Big Things

**"For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord. "**

Luke 2:11

As we reflect on this season of giving, we are especially grateful for your generous support. Your contribution has made a meaningful difference, and we couldn't continue this work without you. Thank you for sharing your kindness and helping us to brighten lives this year.

Blessed Christmas!

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

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Because of your gifts:

**Since 1991, \$255,290 has been awarded to
314 students through the
Student Adoption Program.**

Because of your gifts:

**Since 2004, \$48,950 has been awarded to
27 student scholars through the
Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship.**

**"Every act of giving is
a ripple that reaches
farther than
you'll ever see."**



IT WAS A CELEBRATION!

On Friday, July 25, 2025 at 6:30pm, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and staff welcomed 31 students and their families and friends to the Fall 2025 Student Adoption Program Awards Ceremony. Each guest received a blue and silver pom pom to cheer and celebrate the students as their names were called to receive their awards. Our guest speaker for the evening was Ms. Dawn Thomas, mother of Micah Thomas, a Student Adoption Program scholar and a Hezekiah Brady, Jr. scholarship recipient. Ms. Thomas shared how appreciative she and Micah were for all of the support from the C.R.A.F.T. organization.

C.R.A.F.T. awarded \$13,300 to 31 SAF Scholars and \$5,200 to 3 HBJ Scholars.!

Seniors

Giannah Boice, Illinois State University
 Jace Lightfoot, Tennessee State University
 YaTaeja Johnson, Chamberlain School of Nursing
 Kendall Lake, Northern Illinois University
 Jalen Maddox, Governor State University
 Jairus Harris, Clark Atlanta University
 Gabrielle Dee, Tennessee State University
 Danasia Conley, Olivet Nazarene University
 Brooklyn Baptist, Clark Atlanta University

Juniors

Marcus Armstrong, Jr., Benedictine University
 Vernon Malone, III, Augustana University
 Jaedyn Butler, Missouri Valley College
 Robreanna Chapman, Southern University-Baton Rouge
 Kenice James, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff**
 Kentrice James, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff**
 Jerika Harris, Spellman College**
 Kaden Mondy Tennessee State University
 James Stevenson Jr., Indiana University-South Bend
 Jarell Lewis, Olivet Nazarene University

Sophmores

Laniya Butler, Kankakee Community College
 NaKyrah Cooks, Southern Illinois-Carbondale

Freshmen

Justin Pendleton, Governor State University
 James Stampley, Jr. Iowa Central Community College
 Roniya Gibbs, Kankakee Community College
 Christopher Link, Millikin University
 Jamarion Calvin, Morehouse College
 William Hill, Prairie View A & M University
 Ayden Steel, Southern University
 Myah Crawford, Spelman College
 Kayla Leftridge, Tennessee State University
 Nick Charbonneau, College of DuPage

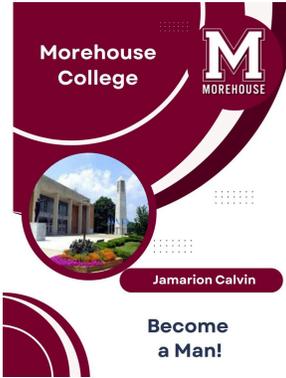


** Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship recipients



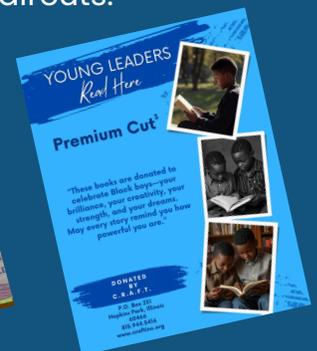
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(The evening in pictures)



READERS ARE LEADERS

In partnership with Premium Cuts³, a barbershop owned by Barnett Carney, located in Bourbonnais, Illinois, the C.R.A.F.T. organization is donating books for the boys and young men to read while they are in the barbershop waiting for their haircuts.



In 2022, the Nation's Report Card from the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) found that just 14% of Black 4th graders were at or above reading proficiency.



**CONGRATULATIONS
Micah Lauren Thomas**



Bachelor of Science-Computer Science
Spellman College
Quality Engineer at Citi Bank
Dallas, Texas

Please keep the C.R.A.F.T.
organization in your prayers.

Fall/Winter 2025

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Always in Our Memories

Dr. Darcel Y. Brady

Founder

Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr.

Photos: Ardis Cross

As we continue to celebrate the life of Dr. Darcel Y. Brady and C.R.A.F.T.'s 50th year Anniversary in 2025, please consider making a special donation.

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Please select one of the following: () \$50 () \$100 () \$400 () \$1,000 Other _____

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