



A Small Charity Doing Big Things!



C.R.A.F.T.'s Timeline

1974-The C.R.A.F.T. organization was established.
1974-C.R.A.F.T. started its after-school and summer day camp programs.
1975-The C.R.A.F.T. organization was incorporated.
1975-C.I.D.A.L. , the educational arm of C.R.A.F.T. , was formed.
1990-C.I.D.A.L. closed its doors due to a lack of finances.
1991-Eagles Program was started to focus on mentoring elementary students.
1991-S.A.P. and S.A.F. were started to assist students in their preparation for and pursuit of post-secondary education.
2005-Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship was established.
The C.R.A.F.T. organization continues to be blessed by God's faithfulness.

**The C.R.A.F.T. Organization celebrates
the life of our beloved and faithful
Executive Director---Dr. Darcel Y. Brady
1954-2025**

Dr. Brady dedicated her life and career to advancing the mission of providing support to the young people of the Pembroke/Kankakee area, demonstrating exceptional leadership, vision, and unwavering commitment to serving our community. Through her work, Dr. Brady profoundly impacted the lives of countless individuals, built strong partnerships, inspired staff and volunteers, and led initiatives that will continue to benefit future generations. Her legacy of compassion, innovation, and integrity will forever be a part of the fabric of CRAFT.

We honor and celebrate the life, service, and enduring contributions of Dr. Brady and commit to preserving and building upon the work to which she dedicated her life.



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

A Look Back at C.R.A.F.T. 2024

C.R.A.F.T. awarded \$11,050.00 to 27 SAF Scholars and \$4,000.00 to 3 HBJ Scholars!

Seniors

Giannah Boice, Illinois State University
LaNaeja Johnson, University of Illinois-Chicago
YaTaeja Johnson, Chamberlain School of Nursing
Kendall Lake, Northern Illinois University
Jalen Maddox, Governor State University
Micah Thomas, Spellman College

Juniors

Marcus Armstrong, Jr., Benedictine University
Ke'Ayla Dunlap, Tennessee State University
Jairus Harris, Clark Atlanta University
Tia Johnson, Kankakee Community College
Elon Mondy, Upper Iowa University
Tionna Pickens, Kankakee Community College

Sophmores

Jaedyn Butler, Missouri Valley College
Robreanna Chapman, Southern University-Baton Rouge
Jaden Harris, Kankakee Community College
Jerika Harris, Spellman College
Kenice James, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Kentrice James, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Vernon Malone III, Augustana University, South Dakota
Kaden Mondy Lincoln University-Missouri
James Stevenson Jr., University of Missouri-St. Louis

Freshmen

John Boice, Kankakee Community College
Laniya Butler, Kankakee Community College
Victor Rogers III, Kankakee Community College
Darnell Williams, Kankakee Community College

HBJ Scholars

Pictured with Mrs. Myrna Brady



Colleece Gaines

S.A.F. Scholars

Micah Thomas



Connection Time

On Saturday, December 21, 2024, the C.R.A.F.T. organization held a "Connection" time with the students who are a part of the Student Adoption Program.

This time included great food, shared experiences and advice, and lively discussions!



Congratulations!



S.A.P. Alumni Tyshon King
Masters in
Professional Communications
Youngstown State University

Giving Back

Giannah Boice, a senior in the C.R.A.F.T. Student Adoption Program was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica with the Illinois State University's Alternative Winter Break program. She completed nearly 100 hours of volunteer work that included remodeling a local school.



Thank You

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 2024 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:

AFSME
Autman, Ms. Lillie
Bailey, Ms. Erion
Bradley, Ms. Martha
Brady, Ms. Alpha
Brady, Dr. Darcel
Brady, Ms. Gail
Brady, Mrs. Myrna
Broadnax, Mr. Jherion
Carson, Mrs. Renita
Copeland, Mrs. William
C.R.A.F.T. Concert
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Woods-Porter, Mrs. Jillian



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

A Look Back at C.R.A.F.T. 2024 (cont.)

Fall 2024, the C.R.A.F.T. organization donated goodie bags that included over 15 items to the entire student body of Lorenzo Smith School in Pembroke Township.

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.

Visit the C.R.A.F.T. website (www.craftinc.org)

- Donate electronically.
- Share the link with those in your network.

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