



Martha Mason Hill
1911 – 1985

Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation

"Reflections" — Family and friends of Martha Mason Hill share their fond memories of her on pages 3 and 4. Thoughts of others will be featured in future publications.

◀ THE 2006 AWARDS PROGRAM ▶

Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Union Grove Baptist Petersburg (Chesterfield County), VA. Details are on page 5.

EMPLOYEES AT THE AMERICAN CENTER FOR PHYSICS (ACP) DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HARROWGATE ELEMENTARY



ACP is located in College Park, MD.

The ACP Events Committee (picture on page 8) chose to help MMHMF collect supplies for students in need this year. The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) also donated office supplies to Harrowgate. See page 8.

2006 MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Brandon Brown

Brandon Brown graduated with honors from Matoaca High in May. He is currently a student at James Madison University and is majoring in Business Management. Read more about this very impressive young man on page 6.

Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation
2013 Clearwood Drive
Mitchellville, MD 20721-2511

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MMHMF RECEIVES ANOTHER MAJOR GIFT FROM PROTESTANTS AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE (AAFB)

AAFB has given the Foundation a "designated offering" every year since 2003. MMHMF received a check for \$3,201.63 in June, 2006. See article on page 13.

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From The Desk of The Chairman



--"Promoting Higher Education"--
Building The Next Generation Of Leaders

It is gratifying to witness the significant progress the Foundation has made since we began operating in 1998. This was made possible by the sustained dedication and hard work of members of the Foundation and many others within and outside the community.

I am confident that MMHMF will be able to continually carry on the legacy of the great person for whom the Foundation was established, Mrs. Martha Mason Hill. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to be a part of an organization dedicated to perpetuating her memory and her spirit through community service programs.

The Foundation focuses its efforts and resources on education because we believe that a quality education is the single most important factor in ensuring the success of our youth. The actions of Mrs. Hill clearly indicated that she understood the value of academic achievement.

I extend my gratitude and sincere thanks to the following for their continued interest and support of the Foundation:

MEMBERS OF MMHMF – the Board of Directors, the standing committees (Executive, Finance, Hospitality, Outreach, Annual Awards Program and Scholarship) and all those individuals working independently who devote their time, energy and resources to Foundation activities.

DONORS – all individuals and organizations whose contributions provide the academic scholarships, support Foundation projects and build the MMHMF Endowment Fund.

James H. Stith

MMHMF is a public, charitable organization operated by volunteers. MMHMF was incorporated in 1999 and is exempt from federal tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501 (C) (3). Operating expenses are paid by immediate family members.
MISSION STATEMENT – to carry on the legacy and spirit of the late Martha Mason Hill by providing academic scholarships to high school students, and conducting community outreach programs that create college awareness and encourage students to attend college.
Meetings are public and are held biannually on the third Saturday in May and the last Saturday in September each year; all are invited to attend.
For information and to make a contribution, write to the Foundation at:
MMHMF, 2013 Clearwood Drive Mitchellville, MD 20721-2511; ajhstith@msn.com

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Reflections (Continued from page 3.)

Bernice Surley Trent, close friend, I considered "Miss Martha", a very close friend. She was so very special! I would see her at church and at Clare Stephenson Surley's when we "got our hair done." We always talked – something she loved to do. She was very soft spoken - there was no gossip or negative thoughts expressed. She was a very loving person who only spoke kind words and always tried to do something to help others. She was the same always, a precious soul, and a true Christian.



Wendell Stephenson, Jr., first grandson, remembers his grandmother telling him to lie down and be quiet during thunderstorms. He also remembers receiving his first fruitcake at Christmas when he was in the Army and stationed in Germany. When he was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and came home on weekends, she would prepare fried chicken for him to take back.



Denise Stephenson Stevens, first granddaughter - I remember how much "Mama," as she was affectionately called, valued family and the importance of education, and waking up in her house smelling homemade hot rolls! I recall Mama saying school and getting a good education was important and that going as far as you can was also important. Her values regarding family were "action oriented" more so than her words, because in her actions you knew "you" - all of us – were special and valued. I cannot recall that she showed favoritism to any of the grandchildren, with the exception of perhaps Trudy and Judy who lived with her 24 – 7. We had great times at her house whenever we visited or spent the night. We were often over her house during the summers as I recall. We all sat on that front porch watching the stars or cars passing until dark and just talking. Breakfast and dinners were special because whatever she fixed was great! I recall her hot rolls, pies, turkey wings, and those can biscuits at breakfast, and having full meals whenever we ate. I remember visits from various folks, mainly immediate family members - her daughters, Aunt Irma, the Baugh's, etc. And she was on the phone - **A L---O---T!!** ☺



Royce Baugh, Sr., nephew, remembers her singing in the King David's Lodge Chorus and leading the hymn "O I Want to See Him."



Irma Baugh Mason, sister-in-law, says "Miss Martha", as she was affectionately called by many, was her "riding buddy." She remembers their many visits to see the sick and bereaved. She also recalls them attending homecomings and revival services at area churches on a regular basis – if there was a church-related event happening, more likely than not, they were there!. She didn't have to worry about having a traveling companion as long as "Miss Martha" was around – she was always ready to go. "Miss Martha" didn't miss much!



If you knew Martha M. Hill, we want to hear your stories! Contact any Foundation officer (names listed on page 17) or use the contact information given on page 19 to share your memories of her.

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Paige Johnson, Sr.

Paige Poindexter Johnson, Sr. was a very active member of the MMHMF Board of Directors and the Outreach Committee. Although he was affiliated with numerous religious, civic and community organizations, he took time for the Foundation. He conducted our first workshop on "Student Financial Assistance" and was actively

involved in planning projects. He supported all activities that gave back to the community and helped young people further their education. His expertise in financial assistance for college students was invaluable. We will always remember and be grateful for his guidance, inspiration, encouragement and talented service. He contributed much to the growth of MMHMF in the short time he was with us.

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—Forms available on page 19 or use a blank sheet of paper—

PROGRAM MANAGERS AND POCS: Arlene Moore and Alberta Stith

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HELP MMHMF BY REGISTERING WITH BENEVOLINK. Contact Bert Stith, (301)-390-5914 or ajhstith@msn.com for details.

Reflections *"Memories of Martha" told by family and friends*

Harold E. Braxton – wrote: "I had the high honor of knowing Mrs. Martha Mason Hill in my capacity of College Minister at Virginia State College (now University) and as her pastor at Union Grove Baptist Church, Petersburg (Chesterfield County), Virginia. At Virginia State she impressed me as a gentle, devoted lady before I knew her name. Not only was I impressed by her gentle strength and devotion to duty, but so were Mr. George Singleton, director of the VSC Federal Credit Union and director of the School of Business, and others. Because of her sense of frugality, fiscal responsibility, hard work, and willingness to accept advice on money management, she and her husband were able to finance the higher education of their seven daughters at Virginia State College. Due to her sterling maternal influence, the Credit Union and the College Chapel honored her and the family in a service and ceremony *unique* in the history of the Chapel. Mrs. Hill was a living example of the Black mother who says to her child, 'Get some knowledge in your head - that's something nobody can take away from you.' At home, work, church and in the community, she was an exceptional servant and a gentle giant."



Alberta Hill Stith, youngest daughter recalls -"she'd give someone the 'shirt off her back' and yours too!!" ☺ My mother was the most generous person I know! When I was in high school at Carver, 1960 – 1962, I remember sitting on the school bus one morning and seeing someone board it wearing an outfit that looked VERY familiar! I wondered to myself if it could possibly be mine - I hadn't seen or worn it in a while, I suddenly recalled. I thought about it the entire day. It really bothered me. Still upset, when I saw my Mother later that day, my first words were to ask her about it. I was told in a very "matter of fact" way and as forceful as my Mother could be (she was very soft-spoken, seldom raised her voice, and was always seemingly so calm) answered yes, it had indeed belonged to me and that she had given it to that person because she really needed it. "I wasn't wearing it and I didn't need it anyway" she added. At the time, I was very, very upset, but what could I say?. In later years, I began to look back on that incident with tremendous fondness and great pride – what a beautiful person she was inside! I realized that my mother exemplified the true Christian spirit and was a great role model for all of us. What a blessing to be cared for by someone who set a fine example for everyone around her daily!



Arlene Mason Moore, niece remembers walking & talking with "Sister"- "Sister" (as we used to call my Aunt Martha) and her sisters Henrietta (my Mother) and Aunt Lucy all worked in the house keeping department at Virginia State. When I was a student there in the sixties, I fondly remember the many, many times I walked and talked "Sister" on the way to the road to meet Aunt Lucy. Between classes at State, I would go to Branch Hall dormitory where the housekeepers had a room. There I could study, relax, eat or just "hang out". I loved to walk around with "Sister" as she did her "chores" in the dormitory, chatting about any and everything. It was so easy to talk to her – she was a wonderful confidant, great listener and gave good advice. I could share anything without worrying about ever hearing it again, being criticized or judged. She was that way with everyone...always showing love and being caring no matter what the situation.

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MMHMF Scholar News

Brandon Brown (Continued from cover)

2006 RECIPIENT OF THE MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Brandon.. He graduated 5th in his class from Matoaca High School and is now attending James Madison University with a major in Business Management. Brandon was very active in school and the community. At Matoaca High, he was Captain of the Academic Team, President of the Senior Class, on the

Executive Board of the Key Club, and Treasurer of Deca and the Spanish Club. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Co-Editor of the Literary Magazine and tutored. He has served as Coordinator of the Youth Usher Ministry of his church and Assistant Teacher in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. He also volunteered

(SCA w/Red Cross) to help with Katrina relief.

He is an avid poet, enjoys reading, singing, dancing, songwriting and spending time with his family and friends.

We wish him continued success.

2002 MMHMF SCHOLAR GRADUATES WITH HONORS FROM VSU



JaVonda Tucker

The 2002 recipient of the MMHMF scholarship, JaVonda Tucker, received her Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice from Virginia State University (VSU) in May, 2006. Continuing her trend of

academic excellence, she graduated with honors, and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Criminal Justice this fall at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She plans to eventually practice law or become a law professor. Whatever JaVonda does in life, we are confident that she will do exceedingly well and we wish her continued success!

JaVonda has been a guest speaker for elementary school graduations and has tutored students in grades 8 through 12. Javonda worked while

in high school and college. And continues to do so. This past summer, after graduating, she worked for University Instructors, a private tutoring company, tutoring elementary and middle school students. She is a member of Union Grove Baptist Church in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

We commend JaVonda for her many achievements and we congratulate her for continuing to be an outstanding student, citizen and role model. She truly exemplifies the ideals of MMHMF.

Previous Recipients

- 2005 Lea C. Trotter
- 2004 LaTonya Bowles
- 2003 Alana Cooper
- 2002 JaVonda Tucker
- 2001 Travis Surley
- 2000 Chara Moore
- 1999 Dwight Brown Jr.

2005 Donations

—\$25 to \$50—

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Events By Divine Design (D. Christian-Bruce)	Chevy Chase, MD	Ms. Gertrude Walker	Petersburg, VA
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Mr. & Mrs. Winston Gilliam	Ettrick, VA	SGM (Ret) & Mrs. Joseph Williams	Edgewood, MD
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—\$50 to \$100—

Mr. Arnold Baugh	Petersburg, VA	Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Mason	Chesterfield, VA
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Master Christopher Martin	Westland, MI		

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—\$100 to \$200—

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—\$1000 Up—

Andrews AFB Gospel Service	Andrews AFB, MD	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Gilliam	Aberdeen, MD
Ms. Shirley Baugh	Croton-On-Hudson, NY	Dr. & Mrs. James H. Stith	Mitchellville, MD

MMHMF thanks all who contributed to the Foundation in 2005. We apologize if any names were inadvertently omitted from the list above. Please contact the Foundation if your name does not appear and your contribution will be acknowledged in the next publication.

100% of donations coming from those other than immediate family members directly support scholarship and outreach programs.

2006 AWARDS PROGRAM

The Drama Ministry of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

— Will Perform —

"The First Church of Pete's Garage" By Paul McClusker

*Presentation of Scholarship Award To
Brandon Brown*

Honoring:

Mrs. Margarette Fisher, Retired Elementary School Teacher

Mrs. Janice Johnson, Executive Director, Rudi Johnson Foundation

Mrs. Janice Mack, Former Director, Baptist Children's Home

Union Grove Baptist Church, 1911 Church Road, Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Saturday, September 30, 2006

4:30 p.m.

A Reception will follow in the Church's Fellowship Hall

For further information please contact Ms. Trudy Stephenson, Co-Chairperson (804) 590-1493

PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF MARTHA M. HILL FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Through The **MMHMF ENDOWMENT FUND**

“Providing Dependable Support For MMHMF Goals In Perpetuity”

When the founders established the MMHMF, the intent was to preserve the legacy and the spirit of the late Martha Mason Hill. Sufficient funds must be raised so that scholarships can be given and outreach programs can be conducted for generations to come from the annual interest accrued. Therefore, establishing a substantial Endowment Fund is a major goal. **YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

MMHMF is operated by an all-volunteer staff and is exempt from Federal taxes under IRS code sections 501(a) and 501(C) (3). Since immediate family members pay for expenses, 100% of your contributions support Foundation purposes as outlined in our Mission Statement (see page 2).

MMHMF OUTREACH

SUPPLIES COLLECTED FOR ETRICK AND HARROWGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

This is the third year for the project. This year the MMHMF Outreach Committee received help from the American Center for Physics. MMHMF is providing supplies for students (K – 2) at both schools. The Center collected items for all grades at Harrowgate. MMHMF is very grateful to everyone who contributed.

“(American Center for Physics ACP)” Continued from front cover



ACP EVENTS COMMITTEE

Left to right: Front row- D. Dillon, A. Coleman (Chair), T. Mai, M. Irby, D. Jones, Back row- L. Giove, J. Chambers, A. Modeste-Knowles.

Every summer as the new school year approaches, The American Center for Physics Events Committee selects a needy school in the tri-state area to sponsor a school supply donation drive. This summer they decided to donate supplies to Harrowgate Elementary. A collection box was placed in the lobby of the ACP building to receive the donations. The drive was a big success! A representative of MMHMF picked up the supplies and delivered them to the Outreach Committee for organizing. All items were delivered to Harrowgate on September 7th. The office supplies (binders, hanging file folders, and other items) donated by AAPT were also delivered.

The ACP Events Committee is responsible for coordinating building-wide events for the staff of ACP tenants identified below.

ACP Tenants:

The American Institute of Physics (AIP)

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT)

The American Physical Society (APS)

The American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)

Committee members (pictured above):

Debbie Dillon - Manager of Office Services for ACP

Annette Coleman – Chair; Programs and Conferences Manager, AAPT

Thu Mai - Treasurer; HR Administrator, APS

A. Michele Irby - Committee Secretary; Administrative Secretary, AIP Controller's Office AIP

Donna Jones - HR Administrator, AIP

Lisa Giove - Executive Assistant, AAPM

Jane Chambers - Journal/Book Coordinator, AAPT

Arlene Modeste Knowles - Outreach Programs Administrator, APS

Special and heartfelt thanks to the ACP Events Committee for selecting Harrowgate this year and for organizing the project, and to all the ACP employees who contributed so generously to the cause.

Andrews AFB (Continued from front cover)

ANDREWS AFB PROTESTANTS Continue To Support MMHMF



Chapel 1

Historic Chapel 2

Chapel 3

Protestant Parish Council

The AAFB Protestant Parish has been a major supporter of the Foundation since 2003. In the past, as a part of the outreach ministries, each of the services individually selected charities to receive their “designated Offerings”. The Gospel Service gave funds to MMHMF for three consecutive years. In 2006, the five Services began giving combined offerings to charities that are selected each year by the Protestant Parish Council which has representatives from each of the services. MMHMF was again chosen, and in June of 2006 we received a check for \$ 3,201.63, another very generous gift!

MMHMF is honored and forever grateful that the Andrews Protestant Chapel community views our work favorably enough to continue its support - helping the Foundation invest in the future by helping young people today.

AAFB Chaplain Service Mission: is to serve as a focal point of spiritual fitness for the AAFB community.

GOING TO COLLEGE PAYS!

College is an investment in the future, opening a world of possibilities and options. The table below shows the average earnings for workers of age 25 and over, by the educational levels attained. The table indicates that as the educational levels of workers increase, their income levels also increase.

Educational Attainment	Male Median Income	Female Median Income
High School Grad (Includes Equivalency)	\$ 27,240.00	\$ 14,695.00
Some College, No Degree	\$ 32,724.00	\$ 19,665.00
Associate Degree	\$ 36,632.00	\$ 21,959.00
Bachelor's Degree	\$ 47,325.00	\$ 28,594.00
Bachelor's Degree Or More	\$ 52,240.00	\$ 31,642.00
Master's Degree	\$ 58,933.00	\$ 39,744.00
Professional Degree	\$ 81,934.00	\$ 45,510.00
Doctorate Degree	\$ 70,452.00	\$ 46,499.00

Information source: Bureau of Labor Statistics; Earnings, March 2000: Bureau of the Census

**2005 Donations
—Up to \$25—**

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—\$25 to \$50—

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Master Dahntay Baugh	Westland, MI	Mr. & Mrs. William L. Hall	Aberdeen, MD
Miss Tatum Baugh	Westland, MI	Mr. Billy W. Harris	Petersburg, VA
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Mrs. Rebecca Branch	Petersburg, VA	B.M Jackson New Look Home Repair	Petersburg, VA
Csm (Ret) & Mrs. James Branner	Aberdeen, MD	La Chic House of Beauty (Ernestine Rodgers)	Ettrick, VA
Harold E. Braxton Mass Choir	Petersburg, VA	Mrs. Barbara Lawton	Petersburg, VA
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Cabral, Jr.	Petersburg, VA	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Layman	Edgewood, MD
Ltc (Ret) & Mrs. Richard Carey	Joppatowne, MD	Mrs. Annie D. Mason	Petersburg, VA
Centennial Realty Co., Inc.	Petersburg, VA	Ms. Joyce A. Mason	Chesterfield, VA
LTC (Ret) Eugene Chandler	Aberdeen, MD	Millineum Tours	Disputanta, VA

Scholar News (Continued from page 6)

**Letter from Lea C. Trotter, 2005 MMHMF
Scholarship Recipient**



First, I would like to say that God has blessed me for allowing me to receive this scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic school year. As an out-of state student the

money was helpful for me and my family. I just want to say thank you to the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Scholarship Foundation for allowing me to be your recipient. Currently I am taking 18 semester hours and it is not easy at all. Other than the hard times with trying to balance my grades and social life and making sure I am receiving my rest, college is wonderful. I'm finally starting to know the meaning of independence. My major is Animal Science so hopefully you'll see me as the next African American female doctor working with animals. Thank you for this opportunity and may this foundation continue to bless people at pursuing their future.

Thank you,

Lea C. Trotter

—MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP ALERT—

The Board of Directors voted to increase the dollar amount available for the annual academic scholarship to \$1,500. Starting in 2007, two scholarships will be given (\$1,000 for an eligible County student attending any 4-year accredited institution of higher learning and \$500 for an eligible County student attending Virginia State University). Copies of the application will be available in February on our Website (www.mmhmf.org) or by contacting the following members of the Scholarship Committee:

- Ms. Jan Hatchette, Scholarship Committee Co-chair, 20600 Church Road, Petersburg, VA 23803, (804) 590-1492
- Dr. Adrienne Stith Butler, Scholarship Committee Co-chair, 11803 Cape Court Laurel, MD 20708, (301) 210-7799

ATTENTION! HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, SENIORS & PARENTS

◀ COLLEGE INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH MMHMF ▶

--COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS (NATIONAL & LOCAL LISTINGS)

--FINANCIAL AID

--APPLICATION PROCESS

For information and to get on the mailing list, contact MMHMF at:

2013 Clearwood Drive, Mitchellville, MD 20721-2511

Email: ajhstith@msn.com

MMHMF FOOD BOOTH AT VIRGINIA STATE U. HOMECOMING

LAST YEAR'S EVENT was organized by **Garrett Mason**, member of the MMHMF Finance and Hospitality Committees. Johnell and Deborah Thompson, graciously consented to allow us to set up on their front lawn, directly across from the stadium. Though it rained most of the day, we had wonderful food and a lot of fun. **Bernard Jones** made the most delicious Brunswick stew in the large cast iron pot with the stirrer (a rowboat oar) he inherited from the **late Lucious Edwards** who taught him "the art" of making the stew over an outdoor wood fire. That was a real treat and one of the highlights of the day. The other was the adorable daughter of the Thompsons, **Johnella**, who was none too shy and served our cause well as she summoned passersby to stop by our booth, using such phrases as "come get your chicken and fish here! Get it while it's hot!!" She didn't need a megaphone – her voice was loud and clear and **very** effective! Several individuals were compelled to stop by, thanks to her amusing "summons," for which she was rewarded with tips!!! Thanks to **Garrett, Bernard, the Thompson family**, members of MMHMF (**Marilyn George, Annie Henderson, Jan Hatchette**) and all who volunteered their services to making the day special **and** profitable!

Garrett Mason is setting up a food booth again this year during State's homecoming to benefit the Foundation. Details are below. All are invited! **For those in the area, please stop by for lunch and support a very worthy cause.**

◀2006 MMHMF FOOD BOOTH▶

Saturday, September 30, 2006, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (approximately)
Home of Johnell & Deborah Thompson, 20604 Fourth Avenue, Ettrick, VA 23803
(Directly across from the VSU stadium)

*Fried chicken and fish, side dishes, peanuts, beverages and dessert will be available.

MMHMF-SPONSORED TRIPS TO THE THEATER IN WASHINGTON, DC

Jackie Lenhardt and **Bert Stith** will be organizing theater trips to see productions at the Arena Stage Theater, Washington, DC again this season (October, 2006 to August, 2007). For additional information, contact Bert Stith at (301) 390-5914 or ajhstith@msn.com.

JOIN US!!

MMHMF OUTREACH ACTIVITES

WORKSHOP HELD OCTOBER 14, 2005



Pictured above are the **workshop participants** (students and parents) and **Robyn Byrd** (on far right) shown addressing the group. Ms. Byrd is the Business & Schools Partnership Specialist for the Chesterfield County, Virginia Public Schools.



Pictured on the left are members of the Foundation present at the workshop and **Robyn Byrd** (center) who conducted the workshop.

Left to right: **Barbara Crews**, Board of Directors and Outreach Committee Co-Chairperson; **Annie Henderson**, Outreach Committee Chairperson; **Robyn Byrd**, presenter; **Sarah Cheatham**, Board of Directors and Hospitality Committee member; and **Hilda Hatchette**, Board of Directors and Hospitality Committee member.

The Outreach Committee organized the parent-student workshop for students in grades 3 thru 5 entitled "Academic Success for the New School Year." It was held at Virginia State University, Foster Hall, on October 14th from 6 to 8 p.m. Ms. Byrd discussed "Back-to-School Essentials" for parents and children. Among the handouts available for participants were: "Parents Guide to Good Students" a school calendar for 2005-2006; a homework checklist and a basket of school supplies were available for the children. Pizza was served by MMHMF. Thanks to all who helped provide an informative and fun evening for participants.

◀MMHMF CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS SENT▶



Members of MMHMF Outreach Committee prepared and mailed care packages to college students from Chesterfield County in February, 2006. Concern about retention and attrition rates in higher education have increased over the years. There are many factors that have been found to influence student retention and to be strongly associated with student persistence in college. These factors include: student commitment; student characteristics; **support from family, peers and others outside the institution**; student involvement in the institution's academic life; and frequency and quality of student interaction with faculty.

2005 AWARDS PROGRAM, Dr. Baskerville Speaker

MMHMF was honored to have Dr. John C. Baskerville, Sr. participate on the program that was held at The Historic First Baptist Church, Centralia. His inspiring speech is printed below.



Dr. John C. Baskerville, Sr. Former teacher, Principal and Central Office Administrator in Chesterfield County; and current consultant to the VA Dept. of Education

“To the Mistress of Ceremonies, Katy, to members and sponsors of the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation, to the honorees being recognized today, friends...

There’s joy in knowing that we do not have to let circumstances define what we want to do with our lives. It is no secret that those who persevere and face challenges “head on” can find a better place in life. On this day, I commend those members of the Martha Mason Hill Memorial Foundation for carrying on the legacy of this strong and noble lady for whom this foundation is named...this beacon of strength who gave so much in order that her loved ones and others would benefit. I never met Mrs. Martha Mason Hill, but after reading about her, I could feel her faith deep inside of me, and the line from the uplifting tune, : “This Little Light of Mine,” in the words of Hoagy Carmichael, “haunts my reverie.”

I remember reading somewhere, and I shall paraphrase because I do not recall the exact wording;

however, the message was that “a Christian is not necessarily measured by what he or she does or says on Sunday, but by what he or she is Monday through Saturday. Today, we pause to honor and recognize three great ladies, from our own community, who have given of themselves, and continue to give of themselves, seven days of the week; who have reached out, and continue to reach out; who have impacted our lives, and continue to impact our lives, seven days of the week...who have been, according to James, in his letter to all Christians, “doers of the word, not, not bearers only.”

When I was a child, I thought that blessings came directly from heaven, that prayers were answered instantly and that God responded by serving material things on a silver platter...that was my innocent, childish definition of a blessing. As I grew, and I’m not finished growing yet, I came to know that blessings come at different times, many times unexpectedly and from a variety of sources...I have learned to be patient and unselfish about material things because I know that blessings will come and that God will supply all my needs. Today, we gather to recognize, honor, and present service awards to individuals who have devoted their careers to being blessings for so many of us, especially our young people. Mrs. Marguerite Friend Christian...what a blessing! Mrs. Rebecca Surley Branch...what a blessings! Mrs. Irma Baugh Mason...what a blessing! You know, some people we meet in life offer hollow rhetoric, others back that rhetoric with substance and resources. These three ladies paved the way for so many as they indeed devoted their lives to being resources as well as examples

...being doers. Some people share tidbits of knowledge with us and move on. Others take the time to teach, to instill in us the ability to be consumers. These three ladies were instrumental in teaching, reaching, and instilling in so many youngsters the knowledge, skills, and independence to be “fishermen of men,” if you will, to elevate themselves...and in turn, touch the lives of others. There was an article in the editorial section of the local newspaper a few days ago referencing the Katrina/Gulf Port situation...implying that “some people are about criticism of others and finger pointing as opposed to extending a hand”...an interesting perspective on a very touching subject, but relevant to life situations in general. Our honorees today are about extending a hand, a hand to those youngsters who need a boost, whether financial aid to attend college, a nod or words of encouragement, or a connection to a better way of life.

As I stand before you today, you must understand and feel my passion...for I as a youngster, was a recipient of such blessings. I lost my father when I was eight years old. My brothers, my sister, and I were raised by my mother and stepfather, who also died when I was a young teenager. We did not realize how poor we were until the man came and repossessed our old family car. We eventually lost our home and had to move in with relatives in Philadelphia, where life was even more of a struggle for us. But we survived. Today, thank God for those persons, my teachers, my assistant principal, my pastor,

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who encouraged me to go on with my life, to rise above and not let circumstances define what I wanted to become. Fortunately, I have always been an avid reader. My stepfather constantly reminded us that “he who reads, leads.” Those words are still with me today. You see, I, too, was inspired and encouraged by persons like our own Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Branch, and Mrs. Mason...blessings!...who gave of themselves, and continue to give of themselves, asking nothing in return...trailblazers, beacons of hope. In Proverbs, chapter one, verse 26, it is written, “The righteous giveth, and spareth not.”

Ladies and gentlemen, as we are gathered here today, we must realize that there are youngsters in our neighborhoods, in our schools, in our churches, who need us. Without our help, some will be left behind. We do not have to be educators or overly educated individuals to help others. Colleges and universities do not offer degrees in compassion...it is woven into the tapestry of good character. It only takes a few

minutes of our time to encourage a youngster to read, to study harder, to become more knowledgeable about technology, to seek knowledge and understanding from every available source...and yes, we need to encourage our youngsters to pursue careers in science, mathematics, engineering, and high level technology. Let us look to these role models who are being recognized today as we continue our efforts to ensure that no child within our reach is left behind.

It is up to all of us today to give of ourselves, to do all we can to ensure that our young people are focused on a better way of life. I can only speak for myself in this regard, but if I had allowed myself to be defined by my circumstances as a youngster, I may have given in to negative influences early in life. I do know that many of us thank God today for the blessings, in the persons of such righteous souls as the ladies being recognized here today, who came along and gave us a lift, offered us words of encouragement, and believed in us. As we contemplate the legacy of Mrs. Hill today, as we pause to honor Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Branch, and Mrs. Mason, let us be

reminded that we do not have to look very far for heroes and role models. Flowers of faith, flowers of courage, flowers of wisdom...I could go on and on...bloom right in our own back yards, in our own communities. Very importantly, we ourselves may be impacting the lives of youngsters as we go from day to day. Let us be at our very best. Let us not let our barriers down. We never know when and how we influence the lives of other individuals...again, let us do all we can to ensure that no child is left behind.

Finally, to those ladies being honored today...Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Branch, Mrs. Mason, we applaud you and your accomplishments. To members and sponsors of this worthy foundation, continue to do great things in the name of Mrs. Hill, keep the light burning...and to the academic scholarship recipient, Lea, congratulations. Go forth and do well. And may God bless us all. Thank you.”

◀ A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ▶

CHILDREN LIKELY DO BETTER IF PARENTS ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR LIVES!

The role of parents in student achievement cannot be overstated. The undeniable fact is that caretakers and the surrounding environment provide the greatest influence on children, shaping who they are likely to become as adults. It is never too soon for children to begin building the skills necessary for long-term success, regardless of what they choose to do in life! Learning begins at birth and even sooner most likely. One does not have to be an educator, professional or even educated to help children achieve; and the tools used for learning need not be sophisticated. **"Children learn what they live."** - parents (and/or primary caregivers) are the primary teachers. Studies show that **when parents are actively involved, children are more likely to be better students and ultimately successful in life.**

There is a wealth of information available and help for parents on the topic of childhood development and learning. Consult your local school guidance office, professionals in your community, the library or a bookstore for suggested reading material. Another useful source of information is the Internet. If you would like help finding information, contact the Foundation (see page 19 for our address).