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MAY & JUNE'S CALENDAR

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING MR. BRADY BACK FROM HIS MISSIONARY TRIP TO AFRICA.

MAY 5, 2001 - SATURDAY LEARNING ACADEMY 9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON. AND WE ALSO FED THE HOMELESS. Thanks to all who supported us in such a short notice. We were able to serve three Shelters; Randall, CCNV and the Martin Luther King shelters.

MAY 19, 2001 - SATURDAY LEARNING ACADEMY 9:30 AM - 12:00 NOON. Again we fed the homeless and were able to serve two shelters. Thanks for your support. During our prayer and praise service, two people came to Christ at the shelter, To God Be The Glory.

FUTURE EVENTS

JUNE 8 - JUNE 18, 2001 - Our Annual Clothes Drive - The Step Ahead Program will sponsor our largest **Clothes Drive** ever during the week of June 8 thru. June 18. Please bring all donations to the parking lot of Glendale Baptist Church's Christian Life Center, 7800 Central Avenue, Landover, MD. where we will pack all items for shipment to Africa. Items needed include; women, men and children clothes, black suits for men, shoes, hair products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, soap, sewing machines, computers, printers, just to name a few. So lets designate that week-end as clean you closet week. Donations can also be dropped off before and after Sunday services. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so by making all checks payable to one of our supporting churches, Glendale Baptist Church, St. Paul Baptist Church, CDC, Walkermill Baptist Church, CDC, or to The S.B. Step Ahead Program, Inc. We look forward to seeing you there. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.

JUNE 16, 2001 - Feeding The Homeless - Our Monthly Fellowship Feast at Randall Shelter for Men and C.C.N.V. shelter for men, women, and children. Please call Mrs. Virginia Scales 301-736-2732 to make your food donations. Please meet at Francis Scott Key Elementary School at 4:00 p.m.

AUGUST 8-19, 2001 - Mr. Brady will take another group to South Africa the Second week of August, 2001. If interested, please call Mr. Brady. You can help make life better for a child living in poverty in South Africa by becoming a sponsor of \$125, \$200, \$300 or more. They desperately need your help to attend elementary schools.

S.A.P.'s LATEST PROJECTS...

ATTENTION: TUTORS ARE NEEDED - The S.B. Step Ahead Program, Inc. is soliciting tutors, mentors and volunteers for the Saturday Learning Academy Tutorial Program and After School Program for P.G. County Schools. We are also asking for School Supplies for students. A drop-off box will be in the school's office (Francis Scott Key Elementary School) for your donation. Thanks for your support.

SAP is soliciting white blouses and shirts for children of all ages.

We are still looking for sewing machines to send to Africa along with Black Suits for Men. Thanks for your support.

THINGS THAT KEEP THE S.A.P., INC. BUSY

The Step Ahead Program is currently soliciting monetary donations which are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows. These contributions are used for the following projects:

- Saturday Learning Academy Tutorial Program
- S.A.P. After School Tutorial Program
- Food for:
 - Monthly feeding of the homeless
 - Monthly Volunteers and Family Fun Day
- Canned food drive
- Clothing drive
- South Africa Missionary Trip (collection of all items to donate to poverty townships in South Africa)
- Postage for mailing
- Rental expenses for meeting facilities and children activities
- Administrative supplies

Your receipts for our clothing mission project for both the United States and South Africa will be available upon request.

AN ARTICLE FROM THE GAZETTE NEWS

Program puts youths a step ahead

Mar. 22, 2001

Capitol Heights resident Veronica Scales attributes her worldly cultural knowledge to her experience with the Standley Brady Step Ahead Program Inc., (S.A.P.), which she began participating in when she was 14-years-old.

"I know my life would have been different without the program. I would be closed minded to the different cultures all over the world," said Scales, a Bowie State University graduate.

Scales, now 26, still participates in S.A.P. as a mentor along with her mother.

Standley Brady launched the Capitol Heights-based program 16 years ago when a young boy came to him looking for a mentor.

"[S.A.P.] is an anti-drug program, a measure of the community taking the children and focusing on education," Brady said.

The program's mission is to help school-aged children in the community. Besides mentoring and tutoring, volunteers also plan field trips for the children, donate clothing to the needy and feed the homeless.

Brady also takes trips to South Africa to deliver food, clothing and classroom equipment obtained through S.A.P.

The Saturday tutoring sessions for Capitol Heights children are held at Scott Key Elementary School.

"We are trying to bring up the test grades," Brady said.

Lily Robinson and Alfred Allan Riley went to the Saturday tutoring session with their daughter Maria Riley.

"I want my daughter to get the best education that she needs," said Robinson. The couple said their daughter has improved on her math and reading skills since she started participating in the program.

"I like to feed the homeless," Maria Riley said.

"The children are the driving force, children have a right to grow up as children, 365 days a year, seven days a week," said Brady.

S.A.P.'s Web site is being built by DigiFlight, a small business based in Alexandria, Va. The site will be completed by the end of April.

Currently with 50 volunteers, the program still needs more help.

Brady encourages businesses and churches to get involved in their community by helping children.

"We need a training or support system," Brady said. "I would like for this program to be international. When you can read, you can do anything."



Oswaldo Jimenez/The Gazette

Dalerico Vernon, 6, of Capitol Heights tries on a pair of headphones Saturday with the help of Peggy Harrington, a volunteer with the Standley Brady Step Ahead Program Inc., at Francis Scott Key Elementary School.

THE STEP AHEAD PROGRAM CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

- When you change the life of a child, you change the community
- Please help us provide more children with a chance to succeed
- Please help the Step Ahead Program grow
- Providing a frame work in which children can find hope
- "People and Organizations who make a difference are the community's most valuable assets."



WHAT CAN YOU DO? "Help 'em"

Donor names will be prominently displayed at the future site of the S.A.P. Program Learning Center as a tribute to those who cared enough to help make a difference for Children and Families.

		<u>This months' Donors</u>			
\$1 - \$50	Contributor	\$1,000	Advocate	\$10,000	Hero
\$100	Partner	\$2,500	Patron	\$10,000 -Plus	Champion
\$500	Sponsor	\$5,000	Benefactor	In-kind Services	Supporters (IKSS)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Location</u>
Freddie Mac	Patron	Washington, DC
Laurance & Martha Bond	Partner	Washington, DC
Ann & Kevin Burke	Partner	Dover, New Hampshire
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The Abyssinian Baptist Church	Partner	New York, NY
Citibank, N.A.	Advocate	Long Island City, NY
Ms. Teri Schaffer Hicks	Contributor	South Pasadena, CA
Ken & Darlene Johnson	Contributor	Laurel, MD
Ms. Sharon Lawson	Contributor	Washington, DC
Ms. Kimberly Edward James	Contributor	Austin, TX

The Step Ahead Program is currently soliciting monetary donations which are tax deductible to the extent that the law allows. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated: Please clip the coupon below and mail to the address given with your donation. Thank you.

Cut Along Dotted Line

I support the work you are doing. Please accept the enclosed check (or money order) in the amount of: \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____ (made payable to the S.B. Step Ahead Program, Inc.) Thank you.

Name _____

Street Address _____

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Mail this form along with your donation to:
The S.B. Step Ahead Program, Inc.
4003 Ellis Street
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743

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