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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

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

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 great 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:

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James H. Stith

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THE CHAIRMAN'S INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL IN SEPTEMBER

September 4 – 15, 2012: Aqaba, Jordan (on the Red Sea)

Chairman Stith is serving as a member of the National Academy of Sciences *Committee to Develop a Framework for an International Faculty Development Project on Education about Research in the Life Sciences with Dual Use Potential.* On September 7-13, the Committee conducted a workshop entitled "Education Institute for Responsible Research on Infectious Diseases: Ensuring Safe Science in the 21st Century" in Aqaba, Jordan.

The goal of the Institute is to develop a network of faculty in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) region able to teach issues related to research with dual use potential (results can be used for both good and evil) by using tenets of responsible science and active learning techniques. Teams of university faculty from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Libya and Yemen will attend. The institute has been designed to facilitate the development of professionalism in science, conducting research responsibly, and being part of the responsible scientific community. The workshop will be taught using active engagement techniques with the goal of preparing faculty to implement scientific teaching workshops and a mentoring class on their

September 23 – 30, 2012: Cape Town, South Africa.

Chairman Stith joins a team of scientists and educators, under the sponsorship of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), in establishing a beneficial partnership between South Africa and the United States. The partnership's goal is to develop the next generation of globally engaged PhD leaders from the two countries. The vision is to create a structure that will support the interaction of young US and SA science and engineering students who are pursuing graduate studies, to support the possibility of research collaborations and to continue to pursue the larger goal of helping to build a pan-African science community, engaged around issues at the intersection of science and society.

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MMHMF 2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"Distinguished Honors Student"
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"Active Church Member"
"Missionary Worker"
"Student athlete"

This fall, Brandon entered North Carolina A&T to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering. An avid lover of sports from an early age, Brandon has a keen interest in helping people maximize their athletic abilities. By specializing in the development of therapeutic techniques, devices and sporting equipment, he plans to focus on decreasing the occurrence of injuries through improved safety mechanisms.

As a student at Matoaca High School in Chesterfield, Brandon's achievements and activities demonstrate that education and active participation in community are of equal importance to athletics. In addition to his participation in basketball and track (where he helped his school to become the Track Central District Champions in 2010), Brandon was a member of: the Distinguished Honor Roll; the DECA Leadership Conference; the Key Club; and the Boy Scouts of America (earned Eagle Scout rank, was selected to the Order of the Arrow, and earned two Palms). He is a member of the Union Branch Baptist Church Missions Ministry and the Youth Ushers Ministry. Brandon is very "community-minded" and service-oriented. He was involved in numerous community projects as a volunteer during his high school years and was employed at TJ Maxx as a sales associate.

We applaud Brandon for an outstanding record. We are pleased to invest in his promising future and believe in his potential to contribute much more to both his community and society.

Acknowledging the crucial role of parenting in the development of our youth, we extend our congratulations to Brandon's mother, Crystal D. Baugh for a job well done.

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RECENT MASON FAMILY GRADUATES

Alfred (Tre) Mason III, Raven Mason and JaVonte (Woo) Green are attending Radford University, Radford, VA. They are the grandchildren of Sandra Mason and the late Alfred Mason, Sr., and the great-grandniece and nephews of Martha Mason Hill (great-grandchildren of Lucy Mason Cain). Alfred Jr. and Kim Mason are the parents of Raven and Alfred; and Jeffrey Mason and Maxine Green are JaVonte's parents:

Raven Mason

Alfred Mason III

JaVonte Green

Raven graduated with honors from Brunswick High School in June 2011 with a GPA of 3.89. While attending Brunswick High School Raven was a member of the cheerleading squad. She also attended Governor's School and Southside Community College where she graduated in 2011 with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science.

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2011 SAM'S LIST

Every August/September, the late Samuel Gilliam would sponsor a fundraising drive for MMHMF. He contacted his friends, colleagues and associates most of whom expected to hear from him. Sam passed away on Thanksgiving Day, 2007. At the Foundation's tenth anniversary celebration in 2008, Sam's daughter, Doretha G. Houston, made a donation from his family and friends in his memory. She mentioned how deeply her dad cared about the Foundation and how committed he was to doing whatever he could to support it. Because of his commitment to the Foundation and to preserve his legacy, MMHMF and his family are continuing "Sam's List" of donors.

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"HIGHLIGHTS" 2011 ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

President Keith Miller delivered remarks.

Dr. Stith & Dr. Loretta Braxton Community Service Award Recipient.

Dr. Stith & Dr. Delores Green, Education Service Award Recipient.

Left to right: April Peterson's Mother Ryan West, Dr. Green, President Miller and Dr. L. Braxton.

MMHMF Board of Directors Members and President. Miller

Rosa Manson, MC

Dr. Stith presenting endowment check to VSU President Dr. Miller.

A $30,000 check was presented to Dr. Keith Miller, President of Virginia State University to fund a scholarship at the University in memory of Martha Mason Hill. Among her many fine qualities was her strong belief in the value of education. She was honored at Virginia State University (then College) for ensuring that all 7 of her daughters attended the College, where she worked as a housekeeper for 40 years. Two grandchildren she reared are also alumni.

April Peterson and Ryan West each received a $1,000 scholarship. Service awards were given to two individuals who for decades went "over and beyond" in their service to others. Dr. Loretta Braxton was presented the 2011 Community Service Award and Dr. Delores Green received the 2011 Education Service Award. The dinner reception that followed was compliments of the family of Martha Mason Hill and catered by Garrett Mason, a member of the Board.

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RECENT MASON FAMILY GRADUATES
GRAND & GREAT-GRAND CHILDREN OF HERBERT (DECEASED) & ERNER V. (MASON) GILLIAM

EBONI GILLIAM

Eboni graduated from L.C. Bird High School with a 3.0 G.P.A. and will be attending McCook College in McCook, NE where she received a full women's basketball scholarship. Eboni will be studying Sports Management with a concentration in Law. Eboni is the daughter of Rushanda Gilliam and granddaughter of Eugene (deceased) & Julia Gilliam and the great-granddaughter of Herbert (deceased) and Erner V. Mason Gilliam.

KESHAWN GILLIAM

Keshawn is a recent graduate of Matoaca High School and is attending Hampden-Sidney College in Virginia. He is the son of Kesha (Ivan) Mattox, grandson of Calvin (Diane) Gilliam and Christine Manson Gilliam and the great-grandson of Herbert (deceased) and Erner V. Mason Gilliam.

PATRICE GILLIAM

Patrice is a recent graduate of Old Dominion University, (May 2012). She majored in Graphics Design. She is the daughter of Rev. Marvin & Patricia Gilliam, and the grand-daughter of Herbert (deceased) & Erner V. Mason Gilliam.

SCHOLAR NEWS

DWIGHT R. BROWN, JR.

1999 MMHMF Scholarship Recipient

2012 graduate of James Madison University (JMU)

This past May was a very busy month for Dwight. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English, minor in Secondary Education, JMU in May. Seven days later, Dwight married Michelle Huey at Pocahontas State Park in front of family and friends. He began graduate school at JMU and is working on his Master of Arts Degree in Education. Dwight expects to complete the coursework this year and graduate in May of 2013.

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BRANDON BROWN, B.S., M.S.ED.

2006 MMHMF Scholarship Recipient

"Continuing a stellar record of achievement"

Brandon graduated from James Madison University in 2010 with honors, earning a B.S. in Public Relations with a minor in English. He received his M.S. Ed. in higher education from Old Dominion University in May, 2012. Brandon was recently appointed the **Assistant Director of Residence Life and Multicultural Center at Elon University.**

His Past Employment:

- Academic Coach, Peer Educator Programs at Old Dominion University
- Intern, Admissions and Enrollment Management at Norfolk State University
- House Director, High School Summer College at Stanford

Brandon is creative, dynamic, and a highly self-motivated student affairs practitioner with a solid background and interest in mentoring students and cultivating their natural talents to ensure their success. He wrote: "Over the course of my undergraduate and graduate student careers, I have had the opportunity to gain professional experience through various positions, assistantships, and internships. Fortunately, this has allowed me to develop strong competencies in the areas of peer mentor programs, residence life, multicultural programming, orientation, and Greek life. I pride myself on being a dedicated team player committed to organizational success, and through coursework and experience, I've been able to develop and exemplify strong skills in written and verbal communication, training event planning, supervision, and customer service.

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LOREN MURPHY

2008 Scholarship Recipient, Earns Her Bachelor's Degree

Lauren graduated from the University of Virginia in May, 2012, earning a degree in Bio-Medical Engineering. She is working for DuPont in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We wish her all the best.

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JAVONDA TUCKER BEASELY

2002 MMHMF Scholarship Recipient Makes a Career Move

2006 Honors Graduate, VSU, Criminal Justice, 2008, Masters Degree, Criminal Justice, VCU. Recently received her certification (August 2012) in Special Education from Virginia Commonwealth University and a new job at Harry E James Elementary School in Hopewell, VA teaching Autism K-2.

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THELMA BLAND WYATT

MMHMF 2012 Education Service Award Recipient

Thelma is an educator and mathematician who has dedicated her life to helping students succeed. Now retired (1993),She was employed as a math teacher for 34 years: 2 years in Pit County, North Carolina; two years in Dinwiddie County, Virginia; and seven years at Carver High School, Chester, Virginia;; 16 years at Meadowbrook High School, Chesterfield, Virginia; and seven years at Matoaca High School, Chesterfield, Virginia. She has also been an adjunct instructor at John Tyler Community College and Virginia State University. Now retired (1993), she continues making a difference in the education of young people as a committed volunteer.

A native of Chesterfield County, she graduated from Carver High School in 1955. She earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics from North Carolina Central University in 1959 and a M.Ed. from Virginia State University in 1969.

She says: "My passion is working with the student who absolutely thinks he/she cannot do this and/or has graduated from high school and needs to pick up a few classes to pursue furthering his/her education. I just cannot say no to that student who was either misguided in high school or has just reached the maturity level where he/she knows that this is an absolute necessity."Thelma has tutored middle school, high school and college students in her family, surrounding communities and beyond in her home, over the phone and by email. She has helped students as far away as Texas and Minnesota. For the Chesterfield County students, she gets a copy of the County textbooks to have on hand to assist students when they call.

In 2000 – 2011, she was a volunteer with the "Closing the Gap" program at First Baptist Church, Harrison Street in Petersburg, Virginia. The program provided instructions on taking the SAT to 8th grade students from Peabody Middle School in Petersburg.

A member of Gillfield Baptist Church, Petersburg, she participates in the Church's mid-day Bible study class, the Tellers Ministry, and coordinated the College Incentive Award program for several years.

She has been married to Herman A. Wyatt for 51 years. They have two adult children, Juli and Todd, and one grandson, Aaron, whom they reared.

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RECENT MASON FAMILY GRADUATES, cont'd

She is continuing her education at Radford University where she entered as a junior, majoring in Psychology. In her spare time she volunteers at Nursing Homes in the community and caring for children.

Alfred graduated from Brunswick High School in June 2012 with a GPA of 3.45. He participated in track and field where he ran the 400 meter, high jump, long jump and triple jump for three years. He was on the football team for three years as a quarterback and wide receiver. He was on the basketball team where he competed for the State Championship for three years and winning the championship two years. In his senior year he was all district, 2nd team all regional and honorable mention all state. He says: "High school was a great experience for me in class and competing in sports. I am looking forward to continuing my education at Radford University, majoring in sports medicine, and becoming a walk-on on the basketball team.

Javonte' graduated from Brunswick High School in June 2011. He participated in baseball, football, basketball and track. He received numerous awards during his high school sports career. In football he was All District and All Regional as quarterback. In basketball he competed for State Championship three years in a row, winning his senior year. He was selected All District Regional Player of the Year and Associate Press Group AA Player of the Year for the State of Virginia. Javonte' is now attending Radford University on a full basketball scholarship and is majoring in Criminal Justice. He says: "My first year was trying educationally and on the court. I took a semester to adjust and I am now applying myself and striving to achieve my goals. I was selected to 1st Team All Freshman and 2nd for Freshman of the Year in which I was much honored to achieve.

Great-Grandchildren of Martha Mason Hill Graduate

LESLIE SIMONE STEVENS
2012 VALEDICTORIAN
Thomas Jefferson High School, Richmond, VA

Leslie is the daughter of Martha Denise Stevens & the late Claude Stevens; granddaughter of the late Doris & Wendell Stephenson; and great-grand daughter of the late Martha Mason & Thomas Hill. In her speech entitled "We Made It", urged her fellow graduates not to settle for less, she challenged them to continue overcoming obstacles and not to focus on the negative.

As one of the most competitive classes, academically, in the last 10 years, Leslie said members of the class of 2012 are destined for greatness. However they choose to further their education, she urged her fellow classmates not to stop, to thirst for more, to set goals, try to reach them and encourage others to do the same.

Leslie is attending the University of Richmond and is majoring in Environmental Engineering.

Leslie (lower right) is shown receiving an award from the city of Richmond in VA. Mayor Dwight Jones, and the City Council honors Valedictorians for Richmond City Schools each year.

ALECIA HOUSTON, B.A., M.A.
Current Law School Student

Alecia Houston earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Practice and Policy (interdisciplinary major) from the University of Richmond in May of 2010. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University May 12, 2012, with a Master of Arts degree in Urban and Regional Planning. She is currently enrolled in the School of Law at North Carolina Central University. Alecia is the daughter of James and Doretha Gilliam Houston, granddaughter of Delores Hill Gilliam and the late SGM (Retired) Samuel Gilliam, and the great-granddaughter of the late Martha Mason Hill and Thomas E. Hill.

PAMELA THIBODEAUX
2012 Honors Graduate

Received her B.A. Degree, with honors in May 2012 with a major in English Writing, from Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, GA. She is currently seeking employment. Pamela is the daughter of Ellen Stephenson Thibodeaux, granddaughter of the late Wendell and Doris Hill Stephenson, and the great-granddaughter of the late Martha Mason Hill and Thomas E. Hill.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, Gabriel Harris (left) and COLLEGE GRADUATE, Benjamin (Ben) Harris (right)

Gabriel Harris

Benjamin Harris

Gabriel graduated from Matoaca High School in May with honors. He was accepted to NOVA Southeastern University, Ft Lauderdale, FL. He is interested in a career in Business Administration. Ben graduated from Ferrum College, Ferrum VA, May, a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems. He is seeking employment or an internship in his field. He plans to work for the U.S. government as an IT specialist. Ben and Gabriel are the sons of Gilda Harris and the late Billy Harris, grandsons of Sarah Hill Cheatham, and the great-grandsons of the late Martha Mason & Thomas Hill.

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SCHOLAR NEWS

A Letter From
JASMINE WADE, 2009 MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Hello all!

Time has passed by so quickly! I simply cannot believe that I am in my senior year. I am taking this opportunity to update you on what I have been doing over the last year. But first I want to personally thank the Foundation for making the investment in my education. It was so important for me to know that the members of the Foundation believed in me to the point of selecting me to receive such a prestigious scholarship!

I continue to remain active in several organizations on campus and in the greater Ithaca community. I am currently serving as Co-President of the Chosen Generation gospel choir, which is composed of Cornell students. I am also the webmaster and a section leader for the Phenomenon Step Team and am a member of the Executive Board of the Imara Magazine.

For the spring semester I studied abroad at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland at its School of Informatics. It was a wonderful experience as I worked with students from all over the world and was able to travel to Paris, Rome and many other sites throughout England and Scotland. In July I obtained a position with the Virginia Department of Transportation as an Information Technology Specialist. In this position I assist in the design of web applications and analyzing user feedback from testing trials. The position also provides me the unique opportunity to work on an hourly basis via the internet while attending classes in Ithaca!

I am truly humbled by God's grace and will remain ever mindful of the trust and faith that others have in me. I will continue to move forward with my education and career while at the same time increasing the value of the generous investment that you made in my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Jasmine Wade

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A Letter From
Randolph (RJ) Brown
2010 MMHMF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear MMHMF,

My sophomore year of college went very well. Academically, I had a good year, finishing with a sophomore grade point average of 3.6 and a cumulative grade point average of 3.67. I had the opportunity to be involved in a number of activities during the year. I was one of five members chosen to represent A&T in a case study competition sponsored by Deloitte in Charlotte, NC. I also had the opportunity to represent A&T in another case study competition, sponsored by KPMG, in Phoenix, AZ during the summer. During the summer, I interned with John Deere in Moline, IL. There I worked in the company's accounting and finance department, specifically in the General Ledger Shared Services department.

This year, I have another full year planned in addition to my classes. I was elected to serve as president of North Carolina A&T State University's Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants and to be a representative for the School of Business and Economics in the A&T Senate. I was also fortunate to be selected as a Fellow in the MLT Career Prep Program which will provide me with the opportunity to be coached by professional mentors and travel to skill building seminars during the school year.

I am excited to begin my junior year and am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities it will bring. And I am very thankful for your continued support and prayers.

Sincerely,
Randolph Brown

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COMMITTEE: Tommy Anderson, Garrett Mason, Alberta Stith

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Tommy Anderson
LUNCH, DINNER, SNACKS: Compliments of Garrett & Vanessa Mason
PHOTOGRAPHY: Compliments of Felecia Mason
WINE TASTING: Compliments of Tommy Anderson
GIFTS, BEVERAGES, SNACKS: Compliments of Sarah Cheatham, Annie & George Henderson, Alberta Stith and Club Viniterra

VOLUNTEERS: Frances Brown, Sarah Cheatham, D. Carol Harris, George & Annie Henderson, Dr. Willie Lewis, Floyd Robinson, Jr., Denise Stevens, and Patricia Woodfolk.

THANKS TO ALL FOR A SUCCESFUL DAY!

MMHMF OUTREACH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

ANNIE HENDERSON

WINS ANOTHER AWARD FOR HER CHARITABLE WORK or change is here

Above Annie is shown reading to students at a local elementary school, one of her many volunteer projects.

This year, our own Annie D. Henderson was one of the first individuals nominated and selected to receive the honor of 'Secret Saint', defined as those members of the community who go above and beyond in helping others. On the Christian Radio Station **Praise 104.7** during a new segment called 'The Belle', the audience was asked to nominate a person whose activities exemplified this type of service.

Those selected for this honor received a two hundred and fifty dollar ($250.00) gift card courtesy of **Martin's Grocery Store** to be used for gas or groceries in appreciation of their efforts. The nominee receives a fifty dollar ($50) gift card.

Annie Henderson's many efforts to support and improve her community over the years made her an obvious choice for this award. These efforts include: providing assistance to men and women shelters; spearheading the provision of books and school supplies to the area schools; reading to children in the Petersburg, VA elementary schools; passing out American Cancer Society literature on breast cancer to women in the area; assisting the James House for battered women; aiding homes that provide a safe haven for boys and girls; helping coordinate the Debutante program of the wives of Beau Twenty that works with high school junior and senior girls; and participating in the Alpha Kappa Alpha society and Beautillion program for young men. Annie is also very active in her church and participates in every activity sponsored by MMHMF. Though she spends a great deal of time volunteering, Annie manages to take good care of her family and oversees the care of her 97 year old mother. She is a blessing to all!

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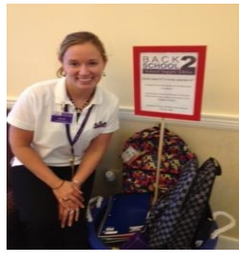

This is the third year Bernie and Maria Elena Khoury have initiated the collection of school supplies for the Foundation in their Maryland community. Amanda DeFilippo (pictured), Community Lifestyle Director, helped this year by making the sign and setting up the collection container (shown in picture) in the lobby of the Community Center for residents to drop off their items. The President of the Victoria Fall Board of Directors is Linda Jackson, another MMHMF supporter.

Thank You Victory Falls Community Residents for Caring!

MMHMF OUTREACH, 2012

"Dedicated to helping students achieve academic success"

The Foundation has held fast to the guiding principles of its namesake - promoting higher education – for fourteen years. Members understand that the key to success is education and that it is the responsibility of citizens to help all children receive a quality education. Through its many outreach projects, scholarships and grants given, steps have been taken to ensure that area children take advantage of every opportunity to achieve academically.

The Outreach Committee was very busy this past year. Members work diligently to identify areas where Foundation services can be most effective in providing the support students and schools need. Title One schools, where there are large numbers of students who need extra help, are targeted. We are pleased to report that outreach efforts have expanded, in spite of the negative impact the Foundation has experienced because of the persistent economic downturn. The Committee meets several times a year to make and assess past programs and plan for future projects and activities

The MMHMF Outreach Committee implements at least three projects each school year. Assisting the largest number of students and their parents or guardians is a top priority. Therefore, the Committee chose Title One schools to support – those situated in areas designated as Urban Renewal Zones for blighted areas by the Federal Government**. Ettrick Elementary and Harrowgate Elementary Schools were "adopted".** The majority of students receive federally subsidized free/reduced lunch. Each school provides a list of ways the Foundation can help. However the Committee has only been able to choose limited projects due to limited finances and other commitments. When greater resources become available, more will be done.

School Supplies Are Donated Every Year – For several years several boxes of "Back to School" supplies have been given to two elementary schools (Ettrick and Harrowgate) for students in need of assistance. Schools receive supplies twice a year, in September and January.

The Foundation supported two additional groups this year, special students at Matoaca Middle School and the Achievers Plus After School Program at the Children's Home of Virginia Baptists. This program was organized and designed in 1999 by Dr. Janice Mack for students at Matoaca Middle School who needed special assistance. Clifton Dickens, Sr. serves as the Program Academic Coordinator. We were able to get three Virginia State University students to assist with homework assignment and other tutorial activities. The young ladies were patient, friendly, and knowledgeable in various areas especially in mathematics. They enjoyed working with the pupils. Dr. Regina Knight Mason who works in the Biology Department at Virginia State University was instrumental in helping to recruit the students as volunteers with our program. Kelsey Johnson and Ariel Lawson, juniors at VSU at the time, were tutors. Both young ladies who are in the Biology Department at the University were very dedicated to the program and the students.

Other Outreach Projects

"Care Packages" for College Students: In February, 2012, packages were prepared for delivery to students. In honor of Black History Month, a card with black history facts, created by George Henderson, was included. Some were mailed and others were hand delivered.

Books for Summer Reading Program: In June, 2012, Ettrick Elementary and Harrowgate Elementary Schools each received 200 books for students in 4th and 5th grade to take home for summer reading. Every student was also given a bookmark.

Help for Matoaca Middle School: The Outreach Committee was delighted to assist Matoaca Middle School's sixth grade teachers with an interdisciplinary unit of study regarding the Mummy Exhibit at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The students took a field trip to the museum to experience the mummy exhibit. The Committee supported the activity by purchasing 120 copies of the book, **The Red Pyramid** for students which they read prior to visiting museum.

Angel Tree: Ettrick Elementary sponsored an Angel Tree for their most needy students. The Outreach Committee donated educational gifts for the children whose names were selected from the tree.

Union Grove Baptist Church: In March 2012, the outreach committee partnered with the Youth Ministry of Union Grove Baptist Church, Chesterfield County in honoring their young members on Youth Recognition Sunday. MMHMF presented certificates to more than 30 students for achievement in academics, sports, music, art, school attendance, conduct and special talents. All certificates were prepared and donated by the Outreach Committee.

OUTREACH, 2012

200 books for students to take home were delivered to Harrowgate Elementary by Annie & George Henderson, Barbara Crews and Felecia Mason.

Outreach Committee members delivering school supplies to Ettrick Elementary and were greeted by students and staff.

Outreach Co-Chair Annie Henderson displays some of the school supplies her committee delivered to Harrowgate.

Union Grove Youth Ministry Directors Robyn Clark (left) and Monica Moore (right) conduct activities for children at the Church.

Outreach members welcomed by Harrowgate staff and excited Pre-K class. MMHMF donated funds for a field trip.

Annie Henderson helps Ettrick Elementary Students select their take-home books.

VA State University student, Kelsey Johnson (left), Achievers Plus Program tutor, with Annie Henderson at the end of the year program

Achievers Plus After School program students and Program Director, Clifton Dickens Sr. (far right).

Outreach Committee Members

Annie D. Henderson and Barbara Crews, Co-Chairpersons, Rev. Dr. Harold Braxton, Frances Brown, Sarah Cheatham, Gwendolyn Davis, George Henderson, Felicia Mason, and Patricia Woodfolk.