# **Keep The Dream Alive**

To become involved contact Pastor Tim or Kacie Jones at (901) 324-3022

#### **FINANCIAL NEEDS**

Scholarships - \$8,250 per year per student

#### **SUPPORT BHUA WHEN YOU SHOP**

- Join Kroger Community Rewards at kroger.com
- When you shop at Office Max/ Office Depot a percentage of your purchase can be given to BHUA when you give our ID # 70216765

#### **VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

Missionary Makers (MMs) for all students Tutors for students in all grades K-12 Extracurricular opportunities for classes

#### **MATERIAL NEEDS**

White letter size copy paper, pre-stamped self-stick envelopes, boxes of tissue, Lysol spray, baby wipes, and \$10 Wal-Mart gift cards

#### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook: Brinkley Heights Urban Academy Instagram/Twitter: @brinkleyheights

#### **BRING PT TO YOUR CHURCH**

Email Kacie Jones to schedule a time for Pastor Tim to visit your church, Sunday school class, or organization.

#### **ADOPT-A-STUDENT SPONSORS**

Contact us if you or someone you know might be interested in adopting a student, helping fund their tuition, writing letters, and praying daily for them. Now is the time to fight for these beautiful children! Will you consider adopting a BHUA student to cover with prayer support and potentially help raise tuition for them too?

#### **DONATE NOW**

Simply, scan the QR code below with your smartphone's camera and you'll be directed to the Brinkley Heights Urban Academy's PayPal donation page!



Please contact Kacie Jones by email (kjones@bhua.org) if you would like to join our mailing lists or if you have any questions or concerns.



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## **The Everlasting Father**

The Lord continues to bless our school, but He never said that rescuing kids from the streets was going to be easy. He always seems to do things in the most unexpected ways. That was certainly true on the first Christmas. Only a few were aware that God was performing the most astounding and marvelous deed ever recorded in history. Despite all the chaos, despair, and gloom in the world, God was keeping his word. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Our Lord is still at work today, performing the most incredible and unexpected things. This was true in Tony's life. Tony was the type of child who truly tested your tolerance. He was sent to the office frequently and just didn't seem to care how much trouble he caused at school or home. I talked with him and prayed with him time and time again. He knew his behavior would have consequences, but it didn't matter to Tony. Tony's behavior grew increasingly concerning as he grew older, leading to multiple suspensions. Then Tony did something that, in our school, or any other school for that matter, went way beyond what was acceptable. I had to expel Tony. I will never forget that day. As he was leaving, I saw something in his eyes I had never seen before. It wasn't anger, it wasn't disrespect, it was something else.

That was several years ago. I had not seen Tony again until a few days ago when I looked up from my desk and saw a great big man with Tony's face standing at my office door! After a big hug, Tony said he was passing by and decided to come see me. I asked him how he was doing, and he said, "I am doing good Pastor Tim. I have a good job, and I am going to church." I told him I was so glad to hear that, and I was proud of him. We talked for a few minutes catching up on old times and then Tony said, "Pastor Tim, I came to see you because I want to tell you how sorry I am for all the trouble I caused." I told him that was years ago and there was no need for an apology. He said, "I do need to apologize." Then Tony said, "Pastor Tim you are the closest thing to a father I have ever had. Everything I have learned about being a man I learned here at this school." We hugged again, and then we prayed together before he left.

During all those years I had no idea what God was doing in this young man's life. Despite all his pain and despair, God was still at work fulfilling His promise "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."



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### **Christmas Card Contest**



My name is Isa, and I am in the 10th grade. I love to draw and hang out with my friends. Some of my favorite things to draw are characters from my favorite video games, shows, and books. I enjoy participating in the Christmas Card contest each year because it is fun and I get to see what all of my friends do. The Christmas Card Contest gives me a good reason to draw and be creative. I am exploring the idea of animation and graphic design as a possible career. I love that my school gives us the chance to use our hobbies and skills to express ourselves.





We've had so many great opportunities for fun and fellowship this fall. Many of our students, staff, and their families were able to attend a Memphis Tigers Football game. A big thanks to Junior Achievement of Memphis and the Mid-South for the tickets! We also recently held our fall festival with tons of candy, games, photos, karaoke and a bounce house! Everyone looked great in their costumes and we had a blast!





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