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The 2021 Becky Taylor Scholarships recipients (Chempur Mack, Kanitra Thompson, and Kayla Garner), Mrs. Carolyn Bacon, Director

“Thanking God for Partnership with Becky Taylor’s Family”

The actions of one individual can ripple and affect so many people. **Becky Taylor, a friend of IHS, was the type of person who cared and advocated for others.** Her legacy lives on through the Becky Taylor Scholarship fund, which helps students in Canton, MS. This year, three of our graduating seniors, Chempur Mack, Kayla Garner, and Kanitra Thompson, received the Becky Taylor Scholarship Award. These students completed their applications for the scholarship, which included an essay, during their senior year and received the scholarship over the summer. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students financially as they move on from high school to college or vocational school. Students use the scholarship for classes, school supplies, or any other educational needs they might have.

This scholarship was named in honor of a dear friend and IHS Supporter, Becky Taylor. She was passionate about the ministry and goals of IHS. She frequently volunteered with the kids at IHS and was a light everywhere she went. **After her passing, her hope and love have continued to be a presence within the community.** Her family so graciously continued to support what the

Lord is doing through this ministry. Becky Taylor’s commitment to holistic ministry continues to be an inspiration for students, parents, and supporters. **At In His Steps, we aim to impact these children’s lives and set them up for success.**

The Taylor family has been such a blessing to the ministry. Becky Taylor’s husband, Jeff Taylor, has been a supporter of IHS for about 15 years, and he also serves as chairman of the board. **Mr. Taylor says he is involved with IHS because “It starts and ends with the kids. [I] just have a strong belief in the programs IHS does that it is Christ-centered and able to speak into the lives of kids and reach families.”**

Betty Anne, Becky’s mother, shared that Becky’s outgoing attitude and her faith is what kept the family going. **Betty Anne said, “Her legacy is to never give up, no matter the situation. She truly lived that”.** Becky had a passion and genuine love for children. **Shelby, Becky’s daughter, expressed that Becky “Loved being a mom and was like a mom to all the kids.”** Becky loved sports and being outside, so she volunteered with the students at IHS. The scholarship named in her honor is a way her legacy lives on. Shelby said, “She [Becky] always chose joy, this would bring her joy, anything that brings joy and opportunities for kids to further their education. She must feel so much joy from above.” Shelby also expressed that she is still involved with IHS because of her mother.

We are so grateful for the Taylor family’s continued support throughout all the years. In her book, *It’s all good: A Journal of God’s Amazing Grace*; (Available on Amazon), she brings you on a journey of hope and the Lord’s grace through her battle with cancer. All of the proceeds from the book go directly to IHS and the scholarship fund.

If you would like to invest in the lives of at-risk children and youth, please consider giving to the Becky Taylor memorial fund to aid in sponsorship and scholarship for students. Mr. Taylor expressed that “Becky thought a lot of the kids. She would be honored to know that something like this was in her name for the purpose of continuing the education of the kids.” If you are interested in getting involved with IHS, visit our website to find out about opportunities. (www.inhissteps.org)

5 Ways to be the Church in this Post Pandemic World

- 1) **Keep Connecting. (Heb. 10:24, 25)** The emphasis should be on connecting so that believers can “spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”
- 2) **Don’t Forget. (Rom. 12:15)** Remember those who have suffered loss of loved ones, set back for children, loss of jobs and those recovering from emotional and psychological fatigue (Rom. 12:15).
- 3) **Adapt to the Changes. (I. Cor. 5:9; II Peter 3:1)** Often the Apostle Paul could not visit a church in person, he adapted and sent letters. We must learn to adapt in this post pandemic age.
- 4) **Remember to Evangelize and Equip. (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 4:11-16)** The first concern of the church should be evangelism and equipping, not gathering.
- 5) **Pray. (James 5:16)** The first and greatest thing the church can do is pray for the body. Pray for those who don’t know the Lord.

Pray for IHS S.P.A.S.E. Program Students

Trayden, Clifton, Jaylen, Elijah, Mercedes, Courniesha, Akilah, Ricky, Jaeden, Celyria, Tylan, Ahzorion, Michael, Bryson, Alisia, Demondric, Kamijah, Lajaylen, and Jayden

Pray for New IHS Ministry Initiatives

Pray for the development of the IHS Agape Christian Camp. The vision for the camp is to create a revolutionary opportunity for youth and adults to hear the gospel and grow through the Christian Camp experience.

Pray for the development of Agape Training Center for Relational Health. The center will offer workshops and curriculum covering areas of marriage, family, parenting, race related issues, and other pertinent relational skills.

Pray for the development of the Back to the Bible on Racial Reconciliation. The goal is to offer in-person and virtual biblically based workshops with study guides on the crucial subject of racial reconciliation and other relational skills from a Christian worldview perspective.

Pray for the next level ministry initiative. The goal is to reach young adult men for Christ and help them reach their fullest potential. These would include men who already know Rev. Bacon through his 30 years of chaplaincy and coaching at Canton Public High School. This will prove to be a very important and widespread ministry.

Campsite Development

- Thank God for successful half-day camps.
- Thank God for \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$7,600 donation toward camp development.
- Thank God for advisors from Twin Lake and Wheaton College.
- Thank God for parents and community folks who served with us.
- Thank God for Edie Evans and Ken Primos for sharing their expertise.
- Pray for God’s direction on the development of the Agape Camp.
- Pray for financial needs for the camp development.
- Pray for the right individuals to serve at the IHS camp.

GIVE THANKS

- For the development of the new coding classes for 4th and 5th grade S.P.A.S.E. students.
- For the reopening of IHS after school S.P.A.S.E. Program, youth detention center ministry, and sports ministry in Canton Public Schools.
- For unexpected gifts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$7,600 towards camp development.
- For increased parent involvement.
- For God’s continued wisdom, guidance, protection, and strength.

Pray for Local High School Athletes and Coaches

(GIRLS BASKETBALL) Kaniyah, Caitlin, Erionna, Jasmine, Amya, Anya, MyGarricka, Emilyyah, Nichayla, Na’Miya, Jameria, Paris, Shamira, Alexanjria, Jakiah, Ashante, Arian-na, Equanyae, KeiArriya, Amya, Kamryn, and Jasmine. **(COACHES)** James Davis, Sandra McKinney, and Ashley Beals.

(JV BOYS BASKETBALL) Kendavious, Marcus, Kevonte, Jeremy, Jadarious, Eric, Zakirius, Cedric, Dayon, Cameron, and Brandon.

(BOYS BASKETBALL) Jaekwon, Corey, Jermarcus, Mareco, James, Malachi, Scyler, Shemar, Joshua, Deanthony, Jamarion, Dwight, Deandre, Marcus, Thomassavian, Kendavious, and Quantrell. **(MANAGERS)** Warfield and Slaughter. **(COACHES)** Evans, Jackson, and Townsend.

(FOOTBALL) Trevon, Tamarcus, Curtis, Jamyrian, Erik, Shemar, Nicholas, Jajaveon, Rondarius, Thomasavian, Rashad, Jaylan, Jeremiah, Selwyn, Manuel, Jeremy, Jaylon, Kevarsia, Zakirius, Xavier, Toymonzae, Marrion, Kendarious, Kendondre, Jalen, Jadarious, Ashton, Daniel, Kameron, Tyricco, TyQuan, Montrayvious, Patrick, Trevarius, Jatarri, Jordan, Jamarion, Dejour, Tyrese, Ephraim, KeyDerrian, Jaekwon, Corintius, Jadarius, Quanzavious, and Jordan. **(COACHES)** Bolton, Ball, Harris, Henderson, Johnson, Jones, Brim.

Pray for Coach Okee Henderson.

Pray for IHS Sports Ministry

- For growth and development of sports ministry in the local schools
- For continued direction for IHS sports director, Christin Howard.
- For the athletes enrolled in the leadership and development program. *(Curtis, Shemar, Thomasavian, Ashton, Nicholas, Meatball, Jaekwon, Ephraim, Jaylen, Trey, and Emmanuel)*
- For right college interns to serve with Christin Howard.

Pray for IHS Students

- Pray that all unsaved IHS students and Canton Public School athletes will receive Christ and desire a closer walk with Him.
- Pray that God will bring godly role models into the lives of our students.
- Pray that students will learn and pursue God’s will for their lives.
- Pray for the growth and development of students.

Pray for General Requests

- For continued direction and provisions for IHS.
- For wisdom and safety for IHS staff, students, and board.
- For additional resources needed for salaries, operational and camp development needs.
- For the right personnel for IHS Christian Camp.
- For the right staff and volunteers for IHS S.P.A.S.E. program and sports ministry.
- For continued guidance and provision for the development of the IHS Christian Camp.
- For the success of the outreach ministry in Northgate and Saw Mill Quarters.
- For the success of 4 IHS ministry initiatives (Back to the Bible on Racial Reconciliation, Next Level Ministry to Young Adult Men, Agape Community Outreach, and Development of the Agape Training Center).
- That IHS will know how to serve the community well.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- That the church will be more attentive to demonstrate and proclaim Christ love. (Acts 1:8)
- That Christians will seek God and turn from ungodly ways. (II Chron. 7:14)
- That Christians will pursue righteousness instead of sin. (Prov. 14:34)
- That Christians will desire God’s will above anything else. (Eph. 5:17)
- That Christians will exemplify love toward one another and their neighbors. (John 13:34,35; Matt. 22:37-39)
- That pastors and other Christian leaders would hear and know God’s voice and courageously obey Him. (Ps. 40:8)
- That the church will be an instrument of healing and reconciliation in our divided world. (Matt. 5:9, 13-16)