



# Welcoming: Aimee Washington-Hart



**SPECIAL URGENT REQUEST:**

**Brenda has an urgent need for an electrician and someone who worked for or currently works for the telephone company. Lines are not working and in need of repair immediately! If you can help, please contact Brenda Crisp at 618-874-6505**

Many of you came bearing gifts during the Christmas season. We share some photos of your generosity here:



The Uhes from Salem UCC in Alhambra bought a beautiful blanket for Brenda plus diapers and other items for our babies! Thank you!



Erin Beavers from First Presbyterian in Edwardsville brought lots of gifts! Erin will soon become a member of our Board of Directors. Thank you!



The gift of knowledge came to our two-year-old class this week as they studied about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other famous African Americans.

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A gift that is coming to us in February is a NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR! We welcome **Aimee Washington-Hart**. Aimee was born and raised in Chicago where she attended Shiloh Academy, Chicago State University (Bachelor's Degree) and Spertus College (Master's degree). She is excited to become a part of the Uni-Pres Kindercottage team. Aimee has over 30 years experience in Early Childhood Education and has served as a Director of Head Start, Early Head Start and the Illinois State Board of Education Chicago Public School collaborated programs. Aimee now lives in Fairview Heights, is married to retired Master Sergeant Nathan Hart Jr. and has two grown children. She is a member of North Side Seven Day Adventist church in St. Louis. Aimee considers herself an extrovert and looks forward to meeting each and everyone who is associated with Kindercottage as together we strive to build a strong thriving program.

Our current Executive Director, **Ms. Brenda Crisp**, will remain on the staff for a time as a Transitional Consultant.

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