

IT REALLY IS TIME TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED!

Now is a time when coming together—as a community, a state and a nation—is more important than ever. It is the time to be counted. In was in that spirit that the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center combined its annual community Christmas party and its 2020 Census kick-off, said Diamacious Sims, the census outreach manager at BGACDC.



State Rep. Chris Richey, Betty Reynolds, Bob Reynolds

State Representative Chris Richey told the crowd of more than 100 about the importance of being counted in the decennial census.

Among the guests were customers and volunteers of Best Food in Town, BGACDC friends and supporters, the F.R.E.S.H Program, and representatives of County Judge Clark Hall, Southern Bancorp, the Chamber of Commerce and the KKAC Foundation.

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, state and federal agencies, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funds go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.



The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.