

# HOME SWEET HOME IN THE PLAGUE YEARS

“Home is where the heart is,” Latina Taylor acknowledged the other day. Spring had delivered her lifetime dream—owning her own beautiful home in Marvell. “The experience of homeownership is like no other experience for me,” she said. “It is a wonderful experience.”



Taylor was able to become a homeowner with a HELP (Homebuyer Equity Leverage Partnership) grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank, arranged by Southern Bancorp Community Partners, which is one of the partners of Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (BGACDC).

For 43 years, affordable, decent housing has been an emphasis of BGACDC, which has operated many programs to help people in Phillips County obtain affordable rental housing, repair roofs, fix bathrooms, revamp floors and make other home repairs that enable people to enjoy safe, healthy and convenient living quarters. The Covid-19 pandemic has made the problem of good housing even more urgent. It ensures children a greater opportunity to be raised in a safe home in an increasingly dangerous environment and promises seniors that they can live in their own homes as long as their health permits.



What can BGACDC be doing to help even more with decent and affordable housing? To answer this question, BGACDC is collaborating with the following organizations to continue this process: Southern Bancorp, Delta Community Development and Law Center Inc., Southern Bancorp Community Partners, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and Southern Bancorp Opportunity Center.