

THE RETURN OF CHILDREN'S MAY DAY

After a hiatus of nearly two years to avoid the deadly perils of Covid-19, the Save the Children May Day Parade returned last month to the streets of Marvell. The 41st parade organized by the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center was a roaring success. More than a hundred people, including vendors, turned out to celebrate the cause—the children of the Marvell-Elaine community and their growth and future.

In 2020, the raging pandemic forced BGACDC to postpone such traditional events or else host them virtually. This was the first major event that invited everyone to come out, mingle and celebrate our hopes, the children of the community. The main attraction was the march from the BGACDC headquarters to the Marvell-Elaine schools. Children carried signs as they marched with a lineup of cars and big trucks dedicated to community programs. BGACDC board members turned out and helped, including Mark English (bottom left photograph), who prepared food for the event. Children had a bouncy house to play in and conducted a sack race to conclude the event.

“It was such a great moment for us to witness all the happy faces in and around the parade,” said Mrs. Beatrice Shelby, executive director of BGACDC.

