

SHAPING A HAPPY FUTURE THROUGH HEALTHY HOUSING



Since 1984, the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center has consistently advocated affordable housing for low-to-moderate-income individuals in the rural Arkansas Delta—specifically those in Phillips County. BGACDC always strove to see that those individuals receive the resources that will provide them affordable housing and also the ability to improve their quality of life long-term.

Michael Jackson, President and CEO of the Delta Community Development and Law Center, Inc., has been essential to the success of BGACDC's housing ambitions through his excellent and consistent work. Mr. Jackson's services include planning, budgeting, fundraising, and finding property management for the BGACDC housing projects. He provided technical assistance for the Healthy Housing training through Zoom so that BGACDC can produce a video to share with those who were unable to attend.

A key part of the process is to educate people who have always had very little on the importance of healthy housing—how it affects their everyday living, their health and happiness. BGACDC from the outset has promoted homeownership by helping realize what it means to own a home for the first time when they are prepared to start that process.



Through Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation funding, BGACDC offers healthy housing training sessions through Victor Jordan from VLJ Enterprises. Mr. Jordan shares his extensive knowledge of what it means to establish a healthy home environment and all the benefits that come with it. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend these sessions, but BGACDC primarily targets tenants living in the seventeen community housing units and the BGACDC Manor. Jordan's programs emphasize how good housing connects one to health and happiness. Jordan's educational exercises have been a great asset to BGACDC in advancing its core mission.