

MARVELL CHILDREN: "BRIGHTER THAN A MAYDAY MORNING"



The Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center hosted its May Day - Children's Day Parade on May 6, the 42nd annual event celebrating the marvelous children of the community. Like the others, the traditional event received overwhelming support from the community. Businesses, diverse community organizations, children, parents, and, yes, big-truck drivers all lined up for the big parade through town.

Children waved and cheered as the big trucks drove by, giving the drivers that trademark signal to honk their horns. The drivers happily obliged. The Central High School band from Helena, outfitted in bright red, accompanied the parade. Their lively tunes filled the streets with harmonious energy.

As the participants in the parade marched through town to the Marvell-Elaine High School field, the compelling aroma of delicious food traveled through the air. The generous folks at Marvellous Occasions had donated a bouncy house for the children to enjoy while the grill was fired up to cook tasty meals.

In addition to the fun and games offered at the parade, BGACDC provided important information about COVID-19 safety measures while distributing care packages to keep the children and adults safe, thanks to its partnership with the Arkansas Community Engagement Alliance (the CEAL Coalition). BGACDC gave out books to the children, encouraging them to love and embrace reading and learning.

The objective of the parade is to bring happiness to the children of the Marvell-Elaine schools and the community. BGACDC extends its heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated or donated to the event, making it possible to continue this cherished tradition. The community came together to support their children, and we hope to have that kind of support again in next year's parade.

BGACDC also thanks the Marvell-Elaine School District and the city of Marvell for the collaborative effort, along with County Judge Clark Hall, who signed the proclamation permitting BGACDC to host it.

