## A TIME TO CELEBRATE LIVES OF WORK AND SACRIFICE



A life of unrewarded work and sacrifice can be recognized and celebrated at the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center.

That is the conclusion that the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center came to after receiving an unexpected monetary gift. BGACDC used the funds for a day of partying for the community's elderly, who had quietly labored to raise and educate generations of youngsters in an era of declining social and economic conditions across the Arkansas Delta.

BGACDC set aside a scheduled day of fun for people over the age of 55. The activity layout included bingo and many other fun activities for the seniors. Mrs. Shelby stated that the seniors had sacrificed endlessly over the years to make life better for the next generation. She emphasized this with words: "They weathered the storms to make a solid future for us and their struggles are a lesson for all of us."

The day turned out to be better than anyone hoped for. The center was filled with laughter, while seniors placed beans on their bingo sheets and waited anxiously to hear the winning numbers to win a wonderful prize. Some of the prizes given out during the event were a \$25 gift card or a gift from the "goody table" that included bags filled with great items. Everyone left the event as a winner with a full stomach, gift bags, a big smile and recognition that their work and sacrifices over the years were understood and appreciated. BGACDC hopes to make this a regular event.

