

BGACDC EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

As BGACDC embarks upon a new year, it turns its attention to its vision, and it asks the question: After laboring for 46 years, how close is it to achieving a vision that many felt impossible?

With changing times, visions change; however, since January 1985, BGACDC has stayed focused on its vision even to this day. The vision is relevant and achievable. With the new groups emerging in the Marvell-Elaine School District, BGACDC believes this vision is possible by partnering and collaborating with these individuals.

Last month, BGACDC spread the meaning of giving by doing numerous holiday activities, from having children participate in Christmas trivia games, make hot chocolate, and decorate Christmas ornaments, trees, and gingerbread cookies to having a toy drive to bless the children and their families with gifts. BGACDC also hosted a Christmas party for people in the community to come out and enjoy themselves. Special thanks to all the volunteers and donors who made this possible.

Recently, BGACDC has collaborated with the Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas to provide individuals in the 18-39 age group the tools and support they need to pursue higher education, obtain their GED, or become certified nursing assistants. This opportunity offers a wide array of educational equity and support services to empower these individuals on their journey toward a better future.

Through networking, partnering, and collaboration, BGACDC visualizes **a healthy and safe community** with affordable housing, affordable healthcare, and recreational facilities to meet the social and recreational needs of moderate-to-low-income residents; an education system that meets the educational needs of all children and prepares them to compete with other children in the United States and abroad; early childcare programs to meet the needs of all preschool children regardless of their income or different situations; a community that provides living wages for their citizens; and a community that respects difference and embraces creativity.

As BGACDC continues to discover ways to sustain its vision, we encourage you, a family member, or a loved one to consider sending BGACDC a donation that will continue funding the ongoing programs and activities that strive to make a positive difference for the people in the community.

