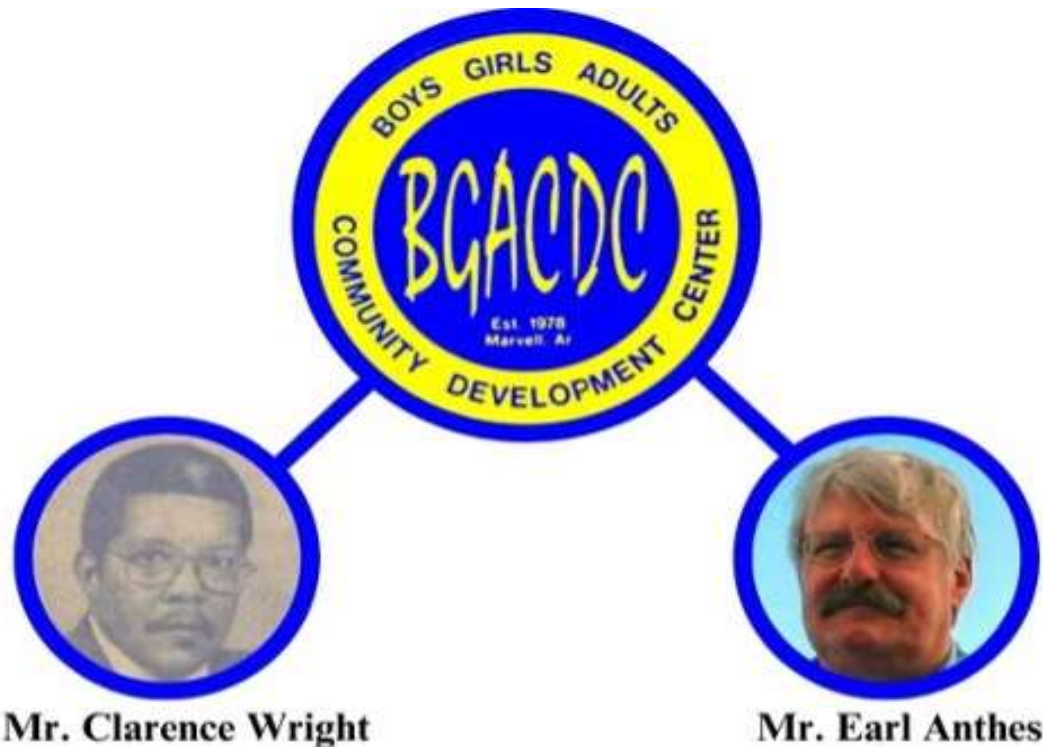


THEY CAME. THEY SAW. THEY HELPED.



The nonprofit world in the Arkansas Delta has lost two pioneers: Clarence Wright and Earl Anthes, to whom the region and especially the Boys Girls Adults Community Development Center owe an outstanding debt that can never be repaid.

In 1982, Beatrice Shelby, the new staff leader for BGACDC, was introduced to Clarence Wright of Save the Children and Earl Anthes of Independent Consulting. Mrs. Shelby states, "Clarence mentored me for years, while Earl Anthes mentored me for the rest of his life."

BGACDC is in its 46th year of service and continues to thrive, owing to the inspiration, knowledge, resources, skills, and tools gained under the mentorship of these two men as they helped us bring about positive differences to the Arkansas Delta during the critical period when the region had to adjust to the evolution of farming and the vital laws and judicial decisions on civil rights after 1954.

Since then, networking, partnering, and collaboration have been the pillars of BGACDC's vision to create a healthy, safe, and educated community with affordable and decent housing, affordable health care that is accessible to everyone, an education system that prepares children to compete with everyone and recreational facilities that meet the social needs of low- and moderate-income families. That includes early childcare programs, an economic evolution that provides living wages for citizens, and a community that respects differences and embraces creativity. Clarence Wright and Earl Anthes shared all those goals and helped BGACDC develop programs that advanced them. That is a debt that we cannot repay but only recognize.