

SUMMER OF LEARNING AND JOY: BGACDC LITERACY CAMP



The Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center organized an awesome Summer Literacy Camp this year! On June 24, BGACDC commenced its first day of the camp with the assistance of the respected and dedicated Mrs. Jackie Spires, who has been teaching in the Marvell-Elaine School District for three decades, and her hardworking assistant, Ms. Kenita Herring.

Their eagerness and patience with the children are truly remarkable. Seeing children who are the future leaders of our community being attentive and ready to learn is heartwarming. To witness them being hands-on and confident in their work and learning brings a joy to everyone's heart.

For forty-six years, BGACDC has striven to provide better educational resources in the community. The organization's mission statement committed it to collaborate with the schools in order to provide a system that "meets the needs of all children and prepares them to compete educationally with other children in the United States and abroad. . . and early childcare programs to meet the needs of all preschool children regardless of their income and or other situations." The literacy camp helps ensure that children in a small rural town like Marvell, Ark., receive the same educational resources and learning opportunities as those in big cities.

And the best part? The program is free. Not only does the camp offer free education, but also complimentary breakfast and lunch, along with a fifteen-minute snack time. After snacks, the children have dance time to burn off their energy, which is the physical-education part of the program. The children are always excited when it's time to dance and get their groove on! Each child shows off his or her vibrant and goofy personality, while others are shy but still participate and showcase their dance moves.

As the Summer Literacy Camp draws to a close, we find ourselves in a bittersweet moment. While we are sad to see the children leave, we are also filled with joy and pride in their progress. We are excited to see how, equipped with the knowledge and skills they have acquired at the Literacy Camp, they will excel in the approaching school year. Their growth and development have been a source of inspiration for all of us as we continue to support their academic journey to success!