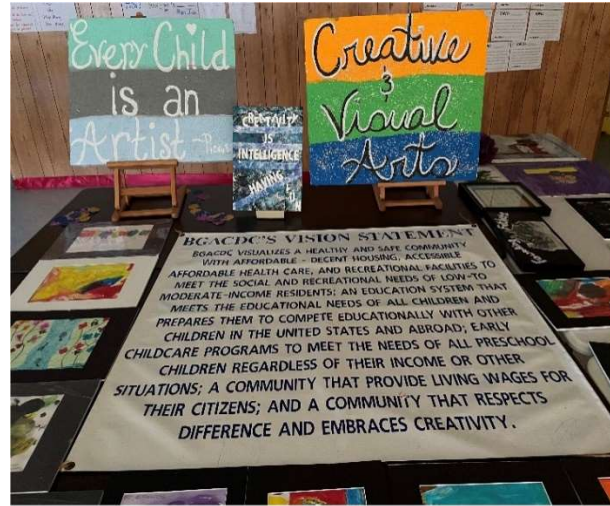


SHINING THROUGH ART



The Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center received second- and third-place ribbons for its work with children and the visual arts at the local Tri-County Fair on September 27 in Marvell. They were the latest recognition of the BGACDC Visual Arts Department's promotion of education and life skills by exploring children's latent artistic sensibilities and talents.

The second-place ribbon was for Adalene LaPearl Shelby's exhibit, which displayed various works of art by community youth through the Delta Visual and Performing Arts Program.

Her theme was: "Creativity is about having fun and expressing yourself accordingly." Adalene works with youngsters to promote positivity and creativity in multiple forms of art. She makes sure to emphasize the importance of art and how it has a positive community impact. One of her favorite quotes is that beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

The second exhibit was by Shakina Farr-Gates, an AmeriCorps VISTA member and a part of the 18-39 Parental Empowerment Program at BGACDC. Her exhibit's theme was titled "Connecting Families to Healthier Food Choices." The exhibit focused on healthy meal options while showcasing correct measurements and servings to have a proper health balance. Another focus was promoting positive family interactions and conversations between families.

BGACDC offers many services and has been a lasting staple for Marvell and surrounding communities since opening its doors in 1978. We encourage residents to come out, take advantage of our services, and attend events that we host. Feel free to contact BGACDC about any questions or concerns that you may have at 870-829-3274.

