

FULFILLING THE DREAM OF HOME

David Bowman in the kitchen of his new home with BGA Housing Director Valerie Hansberry.

How do you make a house a home? The Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center discovered the answer—make it safe, comfortable and pleasant—and thus supplied the answer to one of the Delta's gravest social and economic problems, the low level of good home ownership and rental.



The BGACDC Housing

Department has several programs working on the problem, but the trouble is few people are aware of them and take advantage of the chance to have a new or remodeled home.

BGACDC recently finished an eight-unit project, including two reconstructions, which was undertaken under the Home Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project in collaboration with the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, the Delta Law Center and Mid-South Delta Local Initiatives Support Corp. BGACDC arranges to rebuild or rehabilitate a home and much of the cost is forgiven over a term of years. BGACDC takes applications on an ongoing basis and is eager to get them.

Other programs help people become homeowners by holding classes and counseling them on developing good credit, financial literacy, foreclosure prevention and home maintenance. The participants get a certificate that helps them arrange mortgages to buy homes and help in arranging down payments.



Of course, BGACDC owns The Manor, a 39-unit apartment complex that has one-, two- and three-bedroom units, and it runs Community Housing Rental Property, which services rental houses and apartments in a 12-block area of Marvell.

Our creed is that charity begins with a home.

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