

OVERCOMING THE ODDS, WITH COMMUNITY HELP



Dr. Misty Farr (in red) with BGACDC youths

Back in 2003, Misty Collier Farr was a single African American mother in high school, the child of a disabled parent, living in a struggling small town in the impoverished Arkansas Delta - not the normal requisites for a successful career and life.

But on Nov. 9, 2016, *Dr. Misty Collier Farr*, only thirtyish and already distinguished in her career and in the community life of metropolitan St. Louis, was back at the 32nd annual banquet of the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center at Marvell to help it celebrate its successes. Dr. Farr had a message, of which she was the living embodiment: With the help of community empowerment programs like BGACDC, you can succeed wildly and make a contribution to the life of the community and the nation.

"Every person needs a strong network behind them," she said. "BGACDC was a part of that for so many of us and is still that for so many more." she said.

Farr, who got a doctorate in pharmacy from the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, is Walmart's pharmacy manager at the St. Louis suburb of Florissant. She has been Walmart's regional immunization champion for St. Louis. This year, she received the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumni Award, the Missouri Pharmacy Association's Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award and the St. Louis American Foundation's Excellence in Health Care Award.

She attributed her success to the skills, value and confidence instilled in her as a youth, including her experiences as a youth participant at BGACDC, where she served as a youth intern.

She lives in St. Louis with her husband and three children.



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