

GIVING AND MULTIPLYING

Improving life and opportunity for low income individuals in one of the poorest parts of the Arkansas Delta has not been an easy mission for the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center, because money is particularly scarce for that kind of work.

But for 39 years BGACDC has flourished with the help of friends and community partners and done the hard work to create better living conditions for people, greater achievement and opportunity for children in the Marvell-Elaine schools, job training and jobs, and better health and awareness for grownups.



The record must be measured against the obstacles, chiefly the scarcity of money: more than 100 families in decent and safe homes, thanks to housing development, rentals, and rehabbed and rebuilt homes undertaken by BGACDC's housing partnerships; greater achievement levels in the Marvell-Elaine schools thanks to the grade-level reading program, tutoring and counseling from BGACDC's VISTA workers and volunteers, and day camps and other summer programs that overcome summer skill losses for some 70 children each year; more rewarding careers through school-to-work transition training each summer for some 20 high school students; and a variety of health programs for adults, including mammogram screenings, obesity awareness and nutrition education.

For 12 hours on Thursday, April 6, BGACDC's supporters can make a gift to support the programs and have their gifts matched by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and the Arkansas Community Foundation. The program is ArkansasGives. The Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation will match gifts to BGACDC up to at least \$1,000, and possibly more.

Mark it on your calendar and make a gift between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. that day and help us build that record. We will send a link to our donation page on the morning of April 6.. For more information, please go to www.arkansasgives.org.

