

THANKSGIVING AND THE FUTURE



Forty years ago, as economic forces brought depressing changes to the entire Mississippi Valley, a number of parents in the Marvell School District decided that it was going to require redoubled efforts to educate children of the community and assure them a safe, healthy and culturally rich environment. They formed the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center.

We celebrated that anniversary during the Thanksgiving season, and there was much to be thankful for at the 34th annual board banquet. BGACDC had left its mark, Rev. Jerome Turner, the banquet speaker said, "but, as those original parents did, we must search for ways to continue the legacy."

We are proud to have served the community and the outlying school area for four decades, but we must never rest in our mission to create a safer and healthier community by networking, partnering with every organization and faction, and collaborating with state and regional groups that have something to offer to promote better health, educational achievement and a dynamic culture through the arts.



As we enter our 41st year, we wish to encourage everyone in the immediate community and afar to engage in a dialogue with us about how we can help parents, age 18 to 39, create such an environment for all our children - tomorrow and for the next forty years.