

There is No Place Like A New Home

Last month, Elnora Dawkins, a retired cook whose home of 30 years has deteriorated beyond repair, moved into a modern new home at the same site with financing and construction arranged by the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center.



Elnora Dawkins Tidies Up Her New Kitchen

Since January 2010, BGACDC also rehabilitated seven other homes in Marvell and the surrounding rural area, putting on new roofs, new wiring or plumbing, making them handicapped accessible or simply widening bathrooms to accommodate elderly wheelchair-bound residents, bringing them up to code each time. It was all made possible through a grant to BGACDC from the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

"There is a great, great need for housing rehab here and all across the Delta," said Beatrice Shelby, executive director of BGACDC. "People in their sixties and older bought homes 30 or 40 years ago and just have never had the money to keep them up like repairing a leaking roof or fixing dangerous wiring and improving the plumbing. BGACDC is pleased to bring this important state program to benefit our neighbors."

BGACDC is seeking additional state funding to improve more housing for the community.



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