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Queen Jayisha McFarland (white tiara, red dress) and King Derrick Thompson (far left, red shirt and black vest) pose with their court on Valentine's Day at BGACDC.

Developing social skills and self-confidence are as important to children as accumulating knowledge, but it requires the help not just of the schools but of the whole community, which is why Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center holds events like the King and Queen Ball.

The fourth annual Valentine festival was held at the BGACDC headquarters on February 14. Children from the Marvell-Elaine school district participated in the King and Queen Ball at the festival, which invited youngsters to overcome their natural shyness, flash their personalities and participate in a social experience.

"In my day, activities like 4H gave lots of us the self-confidence to participate and compete in activities and enjoy them," said Beatrice Shelby, executive director of BGACDC. "Most youngsters are naturally shy but activities like the King and Queen Ball pull them out of their shell. Confidence and pride are essential to their development and happiness."



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