

# Learn It, Teach It, Know It

Celebrating black history can be a once-a-year ritual or, as the Boys Girls Adults Community Development Center believes, an unusual chance to grow, as individuals and a community.

BGACDC and its VISTAs and AmeriCorps representatives organized a Black History Month observance on March 1 - an inspirational evening of motivational talks, skits, song, a lecture and games that brought out a large crowd from small children to seniors to recognize the legacy left them by both the famous and their own forbears.



The children of Jerry and Moneak Frazier put together family trees of their forbears going back to the nineteenth century

"It's important to know not only the gifts and the role in history of people like Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Dr. Martin Luther King and Barack Obama but what your own ancestors, right here in Marvell, Arkansas, endured to make a better life," said Jerry Frazier, the father of six and a participant in the celebration. "If you don't understand how hard they had it and what they overcame, you are doomed not to make any progress."

The program emphasized the critical importance of personal attitudes in the development of individual and community relations.



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