

GULF COAST
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FOUNDATION



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**BUILD BACK THE COAST FUND
AWARDS FINAL GRANTS TO LOCAL NON PROFITS
OVER \$1 MILLION AWARDED SINCE KATRINA**

BILOXI-MISSISSIPPI. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation is pleased to announce the fifth and final round of grant allocation from the Build Back the Coast Fund to local non profits with a 501(c)(3) classification from the Internal Revenue Code. Recent awards were grants to the following organizations for the programs indicated:

NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT GRANTED
St. Vincent de Paul (Our Lady of Fatima Church)	Katrina Emergency Assistance	\$25,000.00
Hancock County Food Pantry	Feed the People of Hancock County	\$25,000.00
MS Coast Interfaith Disaster	Interfaith Warehouse	\$25,000.00
Mercy Housing	The "GAPS" Project	\$25,000.00
Manna Ministries	Pathways to Hope Recovery Project	\$10,000.00
St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy	Satellite Project	\$25,000.00
Loaves & Fishes	Food and Homeless Services	\$25,000.00

Priority consideration was given to requests to help people in areas most severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina and that are aligned with one or more of the following focus areas: Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture.

About the Gulf Coast Community Foundation

The Gulf Coast Community Foundation is a non profit public charity that has been serving the people of South Mississippi since 1989. The Foundation's primary mission is to increase philanthropy by making grants to worthy causes, providing donor services and promotion and providing leadership in response to the community's changing needs. The Foundation meets this mission by developing and managing a comprehensive bases of funds, totaling almost \$50 million dollars. These funds represent an expanding pool of charitable dollars, committed to meeting the needs of the people of South Mississippi. If you are interested in supporting your local community through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, you can make a donation by calling (228)897-4841 or by sending donations to GCCF, P.O. Box 2984, Gulfport, MS 39505.