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**Gulf Coast Community Foundation “pays it forward” with \$10,000  
American Red Cross donation to assist in Haiti Earthquake relief**

GULFPORT, MS - Gulf Coast Community Foundation donated \$10,000 to American Red Cross today to “pay it forward” in earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. GCCF’s Board of Directors unanimously approved the donation at their January 13 meeting.

“Mississippi is extremely grateful to those who donated to the many causes following Hurricane Katrina to assist in our recovery,” Rich Westfall, GCCF President, stated. “This donation seems fitting considering the extreme need following the earthquake in Haiti.”

The donation came from GCCF’s Good Works Fund. The Good Works Fund was established in 2002 by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation Board of Directors to respond to community needs, as well as natural disasters or other unforeseen events. The Good Works Fund enables the Community Foundation to provide financial support when needs arise. “The Community Foundation Board of Directors is grateful to the supporters of the Good Works Fund which allows us to make donations such as this,” said Greg Cronin, Chairman, GCCF Board of Directors.

“The American Red Cross is thrilled to have such great community partners like the Gulf Coast Community Foundation,” Joshua Joachim, American Red Cross Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter Executive Director stated. “The donation will assist the Red Cross response efforts in providing food, shelter, health and mental health to the citizens of Haiti.”

To make a donation to the American Red Cross, you can donate online at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-REDCROSS. To make a donation to GCCF’s Good Works Fund, you can donate online at [www.mgccf.org](http://www.mgccf.org) or call 228-897-4841.

**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 base of funds, totaling almost \$32 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, 11975 Seaway Road, Suite B150, Gulfport, MS 39503.*

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