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**Gulf Coast Community Foundation grants \$7,000 to  
United Way of South Mississippi for Alternative Spring Break**

GULFPORT, MS - Gulf Coast Community Foundation granted \$7,000 to United Way of South Mississippi today to provide funding for Alternative Spring Break. This year, over 70 students from all over America are scheduled to come to Gulfport from April 25 through May 3, 2010.

Sue Suter, CEO of United Way of South Mississippi, indicates: "United Way of South Mississippi is so thankful to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation for supporting the coordinator's position for Alternative Spring Break! UWSM has been conducting this impactful program for 5 years, in partnership with our trade association, United Way Worldwide. This year, we were short staffed, and needed funds to hire a 3 month coordinator for Alternative Spring Break and the Community Foundation came through for us. Over 70 students from all across America come to the Gulf Coast and continue critical follow-up clean up from the ravages of Katrina. They leave feeling empowered, enlightened, humbled and changed forever as it relates to Community Service and service above self."

The donation came from GCCF's Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee Katrina Recovery Fund. The fund was placed with GCCF to assist in recovery efforts in Hancock and Harrison County as a result of Katrina. "The Community Foundation is excited about proving United Way support for Alternative Spring Break," said Rich Westfall, GCCF President. "Alternative Spring Break will allow volunteers to continue to come to the coast and help our non-profit agencies with their ongoing recovery projects."

**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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