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## **Wachovia Rebuilding South Mississippi Fund Awards Grants to Local Non Profits \$800,000 Awarded Since Katrina**

BILOXI — DECEMBER 27, 2007. The Gulf Coast Community Foundation and Wachovia Corporation awarded additional grants to non profit organizations to address the long-term needs of individuals and communities as they rebuild following Hurricane Katrina.

In February, 2006, Wachovia Corporation presented an **\$800,000** check to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation establishing the Wachovia Rebuilding South Mississippi Fund. Grants have been awarded to local non profit organizations until all of the funds were exhausted. This disbursement period marks the fifth round of grants to local non profits. Grant recipients include:

<u>NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Emergency Katrina Assistance
Hope Haven Children's Shelter	Helping Hands Fund
Mississippi Coast Interfaith Disaster	Warehouse
Gulf Coast Renaissance Corporation	Out Reach
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Harrison County Satellite
Loaves & Fishes, Inc.	Homeless Services
Hancock County Alliance for Health	Alliance for Health
Moore Community House	Women in Construction
Youth Build Rebuilding Company	Youthbuild AmeriCorps

Priority consideration was given to requests that 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.

"We are honored to be part of the ongoing process to provide valuable assistance to so many Gulf Coast non profit organizations so long after Hurricane Katrina," said Rodger Wilder, President of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

If you interested in supporting your local community through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, you can make a donation by calling the Gulf Coast Community Foundation at (228) 897-4841, by sending a check to GCCF, Post Office Box 2984, Gulfport, MS, 39505-2984, or by logging onto the foundation's web site at [www.mgccf.org](http://www.mgccf.org).