



Gulf Coast COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Gulf Coast Community Foundation Announces New President

October 1, 2008. (Gulfport, MS) - The Gulf Coast Community Foundation announces the selection of Rich Westfall as the new President of the Foundation.

Rodger Wilder, who assumed the role of President of the Foundation post Katrina states, "the board and staff of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation are delighted that Rich Westfall will assume leadership of our organization. His experience and knowledge combined with his demonstrated community leadership will make him an asset to the Foundation and to the organizations they serve."

Westfall has been a member of the local community since 1992, when he was chosen as the Marketing Director of the first casino to open in Mississippi, the Isle of Capri. He has continued to play an active role in developing our community by creating and supporting tourism events and other economic opportunities. Westfall has also served in a leadership capacity for the Coast Chamber of Commerce and other organizations in the community. For the last five years, Westfall has devoted his career to the support and advancement of our non profit community serving as the Director of Community Development for the Isle of Capri.

Rich Westfall will assume the leadership role at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation on October 20, 2008. Rich states, "I am excited to have this opportunity to work with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation board and staff. This committed group of individuals are dedicated to improving the community in which we live, and my experience at the Isle has prepared me to become fully engaged in that mission."

The Gulf Coast Community Foundation currently manages over 250 funds with assets in excess of \$37 million. If you are interested in supporting your local community through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, call (228) 897-4841 or visit our website at www.mgccf.org.

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