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Building Community Resilience Funding for Organizations Serving Communities in Hurricane-Affected Areas

[JACKSON, MS AUGUST 24, 2007] – The Foundation for the Mid South, in partnership with the American Red Cross Hurricane Recovery Program, announced the *Building Community Resilience* program designed to help support and expand the efforts of Mississippi nonprofits and community-based organizations providing emotional wellness and resilience activities for those directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Activities include those that focus on health and wellness to meet the mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of communities impacted by the storm. To be eligible, organizations must be working in Mississippi and their programs must support individuals who live(d) in a FEMA-designated disaster zip code prior to landfall.

“Beyond the visible, physical destruction caused by the hurricane, it also took a tremendous toll on the lives and mental health of our citizens,” said Necole S. Irvin, program officer at the Foundation for the Mid South. “We are pleased to partner with the American Red Cross Hurricane Recovery Program to offer support to programs that offer community resilience and wellness services that will help communities recover.”

Visit the Foundation for the Mid South’s website at www.fndmidsouth.org to review the grant guidelines or to begin the application process. The deadline for receiving applications at the Foundation for the Mid South’s office is **September 5, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.** For questions, please contact Necole S. Irvin at (601) 355-8167 or by email at nirvin@fndmidsouth.org. For questions about the American Red Cross Hurricane Recovery Program, please contact Jeanne Ellinport at 202-303-4585 or ellinportj@usa.redcross.org.

About the Foundation for the Mid South

The Foundation for the Mid South is a regional foundation that has provided over \$13 million in grants to nonprofits, individuals and families, and other programs for hurricane relief and recovery. The Foundation strives to promote racial, social, and economic equity in the region by investing in both solutions and people committed to overcoming the core social and economic disparities in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. More information on the Foundation can be found at www.fndmidsouth.org.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross is especially qualified to be a partner in recovery due to its extensive experience in responding to major national disasters. The Hurricane Recovery Program (HRP) is committed to helping survivors on the road to recovery while providing careful stewardship and accountability for the resources entrusted to it by the American public.

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