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**American  
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*Hurricane Recovery Program*

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## Youth Enrichment / Summer Camp Funding for Organizations Serving Youth in Hurricane-Affected Areas

**JACKSON, MS** - (June 4, 2007)–The Foundation for the Mid South is providing grants to organizations offering summer camps for youth impacted by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma. The grants, made possible by funding from the American Red Cross Youth Enrichment Activities Program, will help support programs in Mississippi serving hurricane-affected youth by providing financial assistance for youth ages 3–16 who are interested in attending a summer day camp.

To be eligible, camp programs must be located in Mississippi (childcare services and overnight camps are not eligible for this program). The Foundation for the Mid South will accept applications from and provide payment directly to the program.

The Youth Enrichment/Summer Camps fund provides support to organizations serving a necessary function for families and the community as they continue to recover from the trauma and loss and sustained stress of Hurricane Katrina. These funds are for summer 2007 only.

“Beyond the visible, physical destruction caused by the hurricanes, they also took a tremendous toll on the lives and mental health of our citizens—especially our youth,” 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 Mississippi summer camps that will provide activities, enrichment, and emotional support for hurricane-affected youth.”

Nonprofit organizations, public schools, or faith-based organizations offering 2007 summer camps should visit the Foundation for the Mid South’s website at [www.fndmidsouth.org](http://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 is **June 19, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.** For questions, please contact the Foundation’s Grant Manager, Denise Ellis at (601) 863-0477 or by email at [bdellis@fndmidsouth.org](mailto:bdellis@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](mailto:ellinportj@usa.redcross.org).

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### **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 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. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

### **About The Foundation for the Mid South**

The Foundation for the Mid South is a regional foundation that invests in people and strategies that build philanthropy and promote racial, social, and economic equity in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Operating since 1990, the total impact of the Foundation's work is estimated at \$150 million in new resources for the region.

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