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## **News Release**

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### OPENING DOORS: OPENING MINDS, GULF COAST FAIR HOUSING CENTER 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROMISES TO BE INFORMATIVE

2008 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the federal Fair Housing Act. April has been declared Fair Housing month in a recent proclamation by President Bush. Cities across the Gulf Coast have joined President Bush by also declaring this month Fair Housing Month and commending the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center. To commemorate Fair Housing month, the Beau Rivage Casino Resort along with Bancorp South will host the Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing conference.

This year's theme, "Opening Doors: Opening Minds" will explore how individual's minds are opened when they live in integrated communities. "In this time of rebuilding the Coast it is so important that recovery isn't hindered by illegal discrimination. The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center is hosting this conference to inform the community about their rights." explains GCFHC Executive Director Charmel Gauden

GCFHC will host its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Conference from 8:30am – 5:30 pm on Monday, April 21, 2008 at the Beau Rivage Casino Resort. Panelists will discuss housing discriminations impact on all aspects of a person's life including, health outcomes, environment, wealth building, educational opportunities and job opportunities. Workshops offering tips to avoid predatory lending and to empower renters will also be held. The conference is free to all attendees. Lunch will be provided. To register contact the GCFHC at 228-396-4008 , [admin@makeitfair.com](mailto:admin@makeitfair.com) or download a registration from our website at [www.makeitfair.com](http://www.makeitfair.com).

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*The Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center (GCFHC) is a private non-profit organization. GCFHC was established by a group of concerned Gulf Coast citizens in 2003 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. GCFHC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the Mississippi Gulf Coast.*