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FAIR HOUSING CENTER SET TO OPEN IN BATON ROUGE

As a result of a generous donation by Ameriquest Mortgage, the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) will temporarily relocate its office to 7868 Anselmo Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The move comes on the heels of complaints and reports of discrimination against New Orleans evacuees seeking housing.

Victims of discrimination should contact GNOFHAC to file complaints at 877-445-2100 or 504-596-2100. Due to staffing constraints, most complainants will be forced to leave messages. Staff will return calls as quickly as possible.

Ameriquest Mortgage, hearing reports of discrimination, donated the office space, rent-free, for a one-year period. James Anderson, Ameriquest vice president for community and government relations remarked, "We are proud to support the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center in continuing its important work during this challenging time in New Orleans."

James Perry, GNOFHAC Executive Director remarks, "If there is ever a time for people to ignore the barriers of race, national origin, sex, familial status, religion and disability, it is now, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Housing providers must put aside their prejudices and welcome evacuees. Unfortunately, our office has received reports of landlords basing housing decisions on race, whether a family has children, and disability. Through this great donation from Ameriquest Mortgage and our supporters, we will be able to continue to ensure that housing opportunities are fair for all Louisiana home seekers."

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The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC) is a private non-profit organization. The Center was established by a group of concerned New Orleanians in 1995 with the help of the National Fair Housing Alliance and a grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. GNOFHAC is dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination and furthering equal housing opportunities through education, outreach, advocacy, and enforcement of fair housing laws across the metro New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. GNOFHAC received great notoriety recently for its investigation into discrimination by Bourbon Street nightclubs and bars.

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