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Gulf Bend Basic Center Reopens

Victoria, Texas (January 23, 2012) – Gulf Bend’s Basic Center Program has reopened its doors now that renovations are complete. The program received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the City. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Specifically the grant paid for remodeling the building so that the Basic Center now has two ADA compliant and TDFPS Licensing compliant bathrooms, one for boys and one for girls.

The central purpose of this program is to provide runaway and homeless youth with emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling and referrals for health care. The Basic Center seeks to reunite young people with families, whenever possible, or to locate appropriate alternative placements.

Eligibility criteria for this program includes youth who are at risk of separation from the family who are less than 18 years of age and who have a history of running away from the family. Age appropriate services or referrals for homeless youth ages 18 – 21 is provided.

The Basic Center is located at 208 Marilyn Drive in Victoria, Texas (off of Hwy. 87 - one block North of Crestwood).

About Gulf Bend Center

For 40 years, Gulf Bend Center has served the Crossroads community as the largest and one of the most trusted providers of mental health and intellectual and developmental services and support. The Center serves nearly 3,000 adults and children within the region each year and offers a wide array of services, including psychiatric treatment, counseling, case management, habilitation and residential services and supported employment.

For more information, visit www.gulfbend.org.

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