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FAIR HOUSING CENTER ANNOUNCES **FIT FOR A KING WEEKEND:** **TEACH-IN AND DINE-OUT, JANUARY 19TH AND 21ST**

The Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (GNOFHAC), in partnership with Louisiana Family Recovery Corps and the Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation, announces a weekend of community events in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King's life and the 40th anniversary of the passage of the federal Fair Housing Act.

Teach-in

The "Teach-in," free and open to the public, will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom of the Morial Convention Center (Hall E). The event will feature a keynote presentation by renowned author and Princeton University Professor, Melissa Harris Lacey Ph.D. Lacey will discuss the Hurricane Katrina's affect of racialization of America's view of New Orleans.

In addition, panels on race relations and the state of black New Orleans, will provide attendees valuable insight into New Orleans' progress in achieving Dr. King's dreams civil rights and social justice.

Attendees will continue the "Teach-in," with an informative slate of workshops on

- Renters' rights;
- Landlord responsibilities;
- How to acquire blighted housing;
- Minority entrepreneurship;
- Disability issues in New Orleans' housing market;
- Basic fair housing laws;
- Predatory lending and
- First time homebuying.

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The Dine-Out

On Monday, January 21st, 2008, Martin Luther King day, New Orleanians can support modern day civil rights work, by treating themselves to a meal in honor of King. Lil' Dizzy's the featured "Dine-Out," restaurant will dedicate 15% of its income from Monday to support the civil rights work of GNOFHAC. Lil' Dizzy's, a well-known New Orleans creole restaurant chain, will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and has locations at 1500 Esplanade Ave. and 610 Poydras Ave. Call 569-8997 for more info about Lil' Dizzy's.

GNOFHAC Executive Director, James Perry comments, "Dr. King identified housing discrimination as an issue of great concern in the struggle for civil rights. Today, 40 years after the passage of legislation prohibiting housing discrimination, people in New Orleans continue to experience housing discrimination at an alarmingly high rate. I encourage the public to join us this weekend to commemorate Dr. King's work and continue the struggle for equality that he was so dedicated to."

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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 area.