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**NEW HOUSING ASSISTANCE CENTER OPENS IN DEKALB**

*Katrina Evacuees Get Help In Finding A Place Called Home*

**DECATUR** –DeKalb Chief Executive Officer Vernon Jones and representatives from the Southeast Region of HUD announced the opening of the Katrina Disaster Housing Assistance center (KDHAP) at the Housing Authority of DeKalb County, located at **750 Commerce Drive**.

The KDHAP will provide additional help to Hurricane Katrina evacuees until the **November 30**, deadline.

“There are families affected by Katrina that are still here and they still need help,” said CEO Jones. “This center will help these evacuees find some stability.”

Families eligible for this free, 18-month housing assistance program must be a former public housing resident or a Section 8 voucher holder. Families that were homeless prior to Katrina may also qualify for this assistance. Qualified families will be given a rental subsidy based on 100 percent of Fair Market Rent in their community.

Families that meet the KDHAP criteria, should call the DeKalb County Housing Authority at 404-270-2105.

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**(from left) Bob Young, Southeast Regional Director of HUD, DeKalb CEO Vernon Jones and Dr. Gerald Durley, pastor of Providence Baptist Church announcing the new KDHAP housing assistance center for Katrina evacuees.**

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