

Statements and Testimonials taken from individuals involved in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Katrina and Rita from the Louisiana Recovery Office:

- "The Corps is indeed taking care of its own," said Jim Pogue, Public Affairs Officer for the LARFO
- Program endorsed by LARFO Commander Col. Smithers stating that "It wasn't until peer supporters showed up that people started opening up and talking."
- "In a short time, they have proven the effectiveness of their program. "Response to the CISM team's presence throughout the LA-RFO area has been better than I anticipated! Employees and supervisors alike are taking advantage of the team's expertise and knowledge." – Katherine Meadows, LARFO Safety Officer
- Comments from Corps employee after receiving reach back email – "Thank you for your message. For a first timer, I weathered better than I expected to. Yet, there were rumors and hurtful negative remarks that came from my own co-workers. Time and separation will heal that. This 4 month mission stands to be the most amazing and memorable thing that has ever happened in my life and that is a positive attitude. Your team met with me in the field, Kristine Brown was one of the members. Your mission was a welcomed relief and a Godsend under the circumstances. Thank you for being a part of the healing process. Thank you for being there for us." "I would be honored if anything that I could say would encourage your team to continue to assist the devastation of these missions. Personally, their presence left a mark on me with bringing me back to the reality of what the mission is and what part of my life I could leave and what part I needed to keep. I would appreciate you telling the team Thank you."
- "The CISM program was absolutely critical to the welfare of our people here." "CISM should be first out, there must be a trigger to deploy them" "CISM should be activated along with the rest of the support functions necessary for any emergency response mission" – Gene Taylor, LARFO Safety Officer