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## *Newsletter January 2009*

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"Here's a little lagniappe/New Years present for all the GFSC good people who helped out here after the storms,

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/katrina/talk/>

This tells the intricacies of where we are at 3.5 years in. It digs down through cutaways to the policy issues that still impact individuals. It's a shorthand of the dilemmas New Orleans and the Gulf Coast face, in stark relief. All the comments on the site are worth reading.

We are always faced with a big dilemma here: How much do we reveal; how much do we say? How much is anyone interested, how much do they want to hear? How do we not whine? How do we not chase away the tourists who are our lifeblood because there is no other "industry"? How is our story different from the chaos left in this country by the last 8 years?

This is a great story of the resiliency with realism which is one takeaway of GFSC. It also reveals the sources of so much of our culture of family and why no real New Orleanians ever want to leave.

A group of us.... Erness, Ted, Carol, Al, Julianna and I are facilitating a session on workforce development, directly related to increasing the amount of local hires for the infrastructure work that now has dollars. Remember that GFSC brought us all together as a team, which we are developing slowly. We hope that Obama's hopefulness is contagious."

Michael Kane  
New Orleans

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**GFSC provides mentoring, methods and materials to strengthen community resilience in times of crisis.**

**Our best wishes for a new year of positive change - actions we can all take to make our world a better place. We invite you to enjoy this video/recording ...**

**[Playing For Change:  
Song Around the World  
"Stand By Me"](#)**

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***English, Spanish and Chinese\****  
*(\*traditional and simplified)*

***\*Manuals and Workbooks\****  
***Dealing with Disaster,  
Crisis & Change***

***for Children, Adults and Facilitators***

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