

Making a difference



An old man walking along the beach came upon a child sifting through debris left by the night's tide. Every so often, he would pick up a starfish and toss it back to the sea.

The old man asked him the purpose of his efforts. 'The tide has washed the starfish onto the beach. They will die unless I throw them back.'

The old man looked around at the miles of beach. 'There are more starfish than you can ever save. You cannot make a difference.'

The child bent to pick up another starfish and sent it back to the ocean. Then he looked up at the old man, smiled and replied, 'I can make a difference to this one.'

You can make a difference!