

A photograph of a person's feet on a beach. The person is standing on the left side of the frame, and their feet are reflected in the wet sand. A single starfish is lying on the sand in the center-right. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The title 'The Star Thrower' is written in a blue, cursive font in the upper right quadrant.

The Star Thrower

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To one person, you just might be the world

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Once upon a time, there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would dance to the day, and so, he walked faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, and that what he was doing was not dancing at all. The young man was reaching down to the shore, picking up small objects, and throwing them into the ocean.

He came closer still and called out
"Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young man paused, looked up, and replied
"Throwing starfish into the ocean."



“Choices, more choices than we like afterward to believe, are made far backward in the innocence of childhood.”

Loren Eiseley



"I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?" asked the somewhat startled wise man.

To this, the young man replied, "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in, they'll die."

Upon hearing this, the wise man commented, "But, young man, do you not realize that there are miles and miles of beach and there are starfish all along every mile? You can't possibly make a difference!"

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean.

As it met the water, he said,
"It made a difference for that one."

from "The Star Thrower"
by Loren Eiseley (1907 – 1977)



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Together, We Can Make A Difference

*The original version of the starfish story appeared in **The Star Thrower**, a collection of essays written by naturalist and writer Loren Eiseley. It appeared in 1978, one year after Eiseley's death.*

This story has appeared all over the web in various forms. Sometimes it is a little girl throwing the starfish into the ocean, sometimes a young man, once even an elderly Indian. In any form it is a beautiful story that reminds us that even one person can make a difference.

And that's what this little book is about. Making a difference.

If you have children ...

Our kids hear the same news we do. Often, they feel helpless to do anything. When a child helps Mommy or



“Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead



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Daddy choose and then wrap up a warm winter coat or a Christmas gift for a child that would otherwise go without, most of them feel a joy that would amaze you and make you so proud of them.

If you have children, do involve them. Read the starfish story and then pick a gift for a needy child together.

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You may give it away to your website visitors, or your subscribers or even as a gift with purchase. You may put it on a cd to give away with tangible purchases if you like. But please, share it. The only thing I ask you not to do is change it or copy it without permission.

Together, we can make a difference in many small lives.

*Sincerely,
Deborah*



“No act of
kindness, no
matter how small,
is ever wasted.”

Aesop



The average age of a homeless person in the USA is 9 years old!

SEND WARM CLOTHING TO

Locally: Salvation Army

Look up the address for your local Salvation Army and take your clothing donations directly to their office.

Children Helping Poor and Homeless People (CHPHP)

Send donations to:

2554 Lincoln Blvd., #522
Venice, CA 90291
Phone: (310) 840-4777
Website: www.chphp.com

Youth Care

Send donations to:

2500 NE 54th St.
Seattle, WA 98105
Phone: (206) 694-4500
Website: www.youthcare.org/

Families with children are among the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless.

More than 750,000 Americans a night are homeless and over 40% of them are women with their children.



At Debs-Kids.com you can get a winter coat for under \$10.

Could you be someone's guardian angel this winter?



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Hurricane Katrina & Rita Victims

Around a million people were displaced from Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi because of the August 29 storm, and the children among them have borne the brunt of the shock along with adults.

Some saw loved ones drown. Others were separated from their families. Countless children lost everything, including their clothing, toys and beloved pets.

I sincerely believe that as organizations work to provide food, shelter, water and other necessities, the human touch of receiving a package of brand new, clean clothing is a balm to the spirit and a way of saying “someone out there cares...”

Where to send donations:

Locally:

Call your local Salvation Army and ask if they are sending care packages to hurricane victims and shelters. Many are.



At Debs-Kids.com, prices start at \$2.65 for brand name kids wear. At those prices, anyone can afford to help clothe a needy child.



“You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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ALABAMA:

Shiloh Baptist Church
717 Cleveland Road
Saraland, AL 36571

Catholic Social Services
KATRINA RELIEF SUPPLIES
23010 Highway 59 North
P. O. Box 870
Robertsdale, AL 36567

Salvation Army
7361 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Additional addresses listed online at;

<http://www.al.com/weather/katrina/?youcanhelp.html>

<http://wheretosenddonationsforkatrina.blogspot.com/>

Note: An online acquaintance confirmed via phone they are in need of clothing, personal hygiene items, baby items, etc.



“No one
is useless
in this
world
who lightens
the burden
of
another.”

*Charles
Dickens*



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MISSISSIPPI

Catholic Charities in Jackson Mississippi are accepting donations of non perishable goods, toiletries, clothing, etc. They also have a list of needed goods posted at their website.

Catholic Charities
200 North Congress St. Suite 100
Jackson, MS 39201
<http://www.catholiccharitiesjackson.org/>

TEXAS

Helping Hands for Texas
c/o Alamo Premier Mortgage Group
10223 281 Freeway, Suite 200
San Antonio 78216
210.340.1390

Please call to be sure they're still accepting clothing, or check online;

<http://www.helpinghandsfromtexas.com/locations.html>

<http://www.helpinghandsfromtexas.com/supplies.html>



“That best portion
of a good man's
life,
His little,
nameless,
unremembered
acts of
kindness
and of love.”

*William
Wordsworth*



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FOR MORE LOCATIONS

To find out where your help is most needed, you can contact; help@disastercorps.org or phone them at 252-883-1776
Or, check the current help requests posted at;

<http://neworleans.craigslist.org/vol/>

<http://survivedkatrina.net>

CLOTHING DONATION PICKUP

Did you know that you can click on your state and find a Salvation Army pickup that will come and pick up donations of clothing or other goods for needy families? Find one in your state, here;

<http://www.satruck.com/MakeDonation.asp>

CHARITY NAVIGATOR

Have you heard of charity navigator? It's a website that assesses charities according to how much of their fundraising efforts actually go towards the charitable cause they promote. They currently have a list of the top rated charities that are assisting in Rita Relief efforts. You can view it at this link;

<http://www.charitynavigator.org>



“We make
a living
by what we get,
but we make
a life
by what
we give.”

*Winston
Churchill*



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Thanks for reading this book;

I'm Deborah, of Debs-Kids.com. I sell budget kids clothing, and I've sent several packages to help the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. But, I am only one star thrower. I thought you might like to help.

I wanted you to know that you don't have to write a big check to charity to make a big difference. Many people think they can't afford to donate, and think \$10 or \$15 would not make a difference.

But, it would. At my website, \$10 or \$15 means warm clothing on a cold day for a little child that needs a guardian angel this winter.

Whether you prefer to donate to the many children who lost all their belongings in the hurricanes, or whether you would prefer to help a local needy child matters not. They all need a little help right now. Thank you for being a star thrower ...

Sincerely,
Deborah
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P.S. Please pass this book on to a friend



“Kindness
is the
golden chain
by which
society
is bound
together.”

Goethe



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"At the end of life we will not be judged
by how many diplomas we have received,
how much money we have made,
how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by
'I was hungry and you gave me to eat,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was homeless and you took me in.'

Hungry not only for bread -- but hungry for love.
Naked not only for clothing -
but naked for human dignity and respect.
Homeless not only for want of a room of
bricks -- but homeless because of rejection."

Mother Theresa