

Day 1

What are your hopes, expectations and goals for this project?

“The Starfish”

Once upon a time there was a wise man that 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 he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smile to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up.

As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean. As he got closer he called out, “Good morning! What are you doing?”

The young man paused, look up and replied, “Throwing starfish into the ocean.”

“I guessed that, but why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?”

“The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die.”

“But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!”

The young man listened politely. Then bent down and picked up another starfish. He threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said, “It made a difference for that one.”

There is something very special in each and every person we meet. We have all been gifted with the ability to make a difference in another person's life. And if we can become aware of that gift, we gain through the strength of our visions the power to shape the future. If we each find our starfish and throw our stars wisely and well, the world will be blessed.