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Food Bank of the Delta

The mission of the Food Bank of the Delta is to increase food security and reduce hunger in partnership with community organizations and faith based organizations by providing low income families and children access to food, a healthy diet and nutrition education.

The Food Bank of the Delta participates in The Emergency Food Assistance Program which supplements the diets of low income needy persons, ill and elderly, by providing emergency food and nutrition assistance.

The Food Bank of the Delta serves agencies and organizations who serve individuals and families in Phillips, Lee, Monroe, St. Francis, Cross, Desha, Woodruff, and Crittenden counties as well as any other counties in the Delta region of Arkansas.

The Power of Giving

It is your generous support that helps us to reach hungry people and to reduce hunger in our community. Please send your tax deductible donation to:

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MISSION

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VISION

A hunger-free Delta region.

VALUES

- **Member-driven:** We are a network of member food pantries. We are driven by their needs and interests from the grassroots to ensure we are able to meet our vision and mission.
- **Integrity:** We are an accountable and transparent organization, meeting the highest standards of integrity in our finances, partnerships, communications and all activities.
- **Justice:** We have a strong focus on doing what is right for our members and the individuals and families they serve across the Delta.
- **Impact:** We strive to ensure that our work has a positive social, environmental and economic impact.

The Starfish Story

We can all make a difference!

While walking along a beach, an elderly gentleman saw someone in the distance leaning down, picking something up and throwing it into the ocean.

As he got closer, he noticed that the figure was that of a young man, picking up starfish one by one and tossing each one gently back into the water.

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."

The old man smiled, and said, "I must ask, then, why are you throwing starfish into the ocean?"

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 elderly observer 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!"

The young man listened politely. Then he bent down, picked up another starfish, threw it back into the ocean past the breaking waves and said, "It made a difference for that one."

This story has been circulated around the web in many versions, usually with no mention of author. It is said to be paraphrased from "The Star Thrower" by Loren Eiseley, 1907 - 1977.

