

A LIFE LESSON FROM A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER



After You Watch

A Complete the summary with the words in the box.

Mark Bezos is not a (1) _____ firefighter, but he's very (2) _____ to the fire company he works with. As a (3) _____, he receives assignments from the fire captain. Sometimes, he gets an (4) _____ assignment, but other times they don't seem that way. At his first fire, the captain asked Bezos to get the (5) _____ shoes from a burning house. Even though it seemed like a small thing, Bezos later learned that it made a big (6) _____ to her. He learned that day that it's important to take every opportunity to help others, no matter how small it may seem.

committed	exciting
homeowner	volunteer
professional	difference

B Match the phrases to complete sentences from the TED Talk.

Cause

1. ____ Mark Bezos is the
2. ____ Bezos believes we should all
3. ____ One way we can help others is to
4. ____ We can also help by
5. ____ It's not hard to make a

Effect

- a. cleaning up our local park.
- b. serve food at a soup kitchen.
- c. Head of Development for a non-profit company that helps poor people,
- d. difference in our community.
- e. look for ways to help others.

C Read the statements below. Circle the ones that paraphrase Mark Bezos' ideas.

1. Everyone should try to volunteer as a firefighter.
2. You don't always get to do what you want to do.
3. If you can help another person, don't wait.
4. We can find ways to contribute to society every day.