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A Helping Hand

Homelessness is a common ¹ **phenomenon** / **responsibility** in New York City. Perhaps that explains why hundreds of people ignored Leo Grand, a homeless man, as they passed by every morning on their way to work. Patrick McConlogue, a young software engineer, was one of them. Every morning for three years, Patrick ² **risked the life of** / **observed** the homeless man on the sidewalk as he walked by. Then one day, something ³ **present** / **exceptional** occurred. Somehow, Patrick managed to feel enough ⁴ **heroism** / **empathy** for the man to ⁵ **overcome** / **make an impression on** the bystander effect. He decided to make the man an offer in an attempt to change his life. Patrick ⁶ **assumed** / **approached** the man and gave him a choice: He would give him \$100 to spend on anything he wanted or he would teach him how to code*. Leo chose the second option. For months after, they would meet every morning at the city park to practice coding. After four weeks of lessons, Leo was ready to start coding his first app. The story was widely reported in the ⁷ **media** / **dilemma**. Many have praised Patrick for his ⁸ **commendable** / **mandatory** behavior, but he said his ⁹ **conscience** / **victim** simply wouldn't allow him to ignore Leo any longer.

* code: write instructions for a computer program

