

At CTK, we value authenticity, simplicity, empowerment, relationship, and caring about the community we live in. One key way we serve is by empowering small groups to make a difference through our local partners who address important issues for those in the hardest life circumstances. The opportunity below is a chance to tangibly demonstrate God's care, compassion, and love for those around us. As your church, we hope this makes it easy for you to put the Great Commandment to love your neighbor as yourself into action!

## **BLUE SKIES – LITTLE WISHES SPONSORSHIP**

## Who are we serving?

Local homeless, low-income and foster children ages six to eighteen in Whatcom County.

## Who is helping connect us to their needs?

Blue Skies mission is to raise hope and self-esteem by sponsoring enrichment programs and other essentials for children who are homeless, low income or in foster care. Blue Skies' primary program is called Little Wishes Enrichment Program, and covers the cost associated with sports, music lessons, dance, art, swimming lessons, martial arts, etc. They also grant one time little wishes for an individual need such as sports cleats, uniforms, summer camp or school trip fees.

Additionally, Blue Skies offers three distribution programs: a shoe and sock program in April and May, a backpack program in August and the Winter Warm Up program giving coats, hats, gloves, scarves and blankets in November & December.

## How are we serving?

This small nonprofit has a huge heart for kids to realize their full potential. Your group can pool the money to cover a child's Little Wish for the whole school year or you can each sign up to pay for one month during the year but that will require someone in the group making sure that happens so the child isn't left high and dry. You could make this fun and do a neighborhood bake sale or car wash or even create a Facebook campaign that tells others about the good work of Blue Skies. Visit <u>www.blueskiesforchildren.org</u> and click on Little Wishes to see costs and read the stories of three local children who have been blessed by this program.

Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?

If you are interested in sponsoring Little Wishes please contact them directly at (360) 756-6710

If you need help in the process, Wendy at CTK is available (wendyp@ctk.church or 733-1337 ext 212 Please share your project with us by using the hashtag #CTKserves on social media!