

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!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB - YARN GALORE DRIVE

Who are we serving?
Nearly 6,000 youth ages 6-18 in Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine & Lynden
Who is helping connect us to their needs?
For over 70 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County have been enabling young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. We help youth develop the skills and strengths needed to succeed in this world by supporting and providing opportunities in Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship, and Healthy Lifestyles. We offer before school, after school and summer programming, all for a membership fee of \$30 a year! The Clubs also offer many different athletic opportunities throughout the year like baseball, t-ball, softball, basketball, football and volleyball. We are deeply committed to the youth of Whatcom County. This is why we provide enriching opportunities for positive youth development.
How are we serving?
Art of one of the forms of self-expression that Clubs really press into but supplies are needed, especially yarn which is used in several different ways for different projects. Think pasting "hair", mobiles, connecting paper trains, knitting, you get the idea. Consider going online to www.whatcomclubs.org to learn more about all that Boys and Girls Clubs are doing with local youth. Pick a couple facts you want to share with others and see how much yarn not only your small group but your friends, neighbors and co-workers can amass between now and winter break when more kids are using the Boys and Girls Club's programs!
Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?
Please contact Kim Grams, Chief Operating Officer at kgrams@whatcomclubs.org or 360-738-3808 ext. 306 to let her know your group is collecting yarn. Then call back when you're ready to set up plans for a couple people (or maybe the whole group) to drop the yarn off and tour the nearest club. You'll be amazed at all that goes on in these facilities serving 300 kids a day during the school.

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!