

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!

CTK FARM – PICKING APPLES AND CORN

Who are we serving?
Individuals and families in need served by the CTK Food Share ministry, specifically the Foothills Food Bank and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County.
Who is helping connect us to their needs?
Since 2005, the CTK Farm has been providing nutritious food for hungry people in Whatcom County. With the help of many dedicated volunteers and generous donations from businesses and individuals we grow vegetables on 1-1/2 acres of donated land, encourage other gardeners and farmers to grow with us, and glean donations from other's fields. In 2016, we grew more than 40, 000 pounds of beans, broccoli, onions, squash, lettuce, garlic, basil, tomatoes-just to name a few!
How are we serving?
The CTK Farm receives an invitation from a local orchard to pick apples. They also will be harvesting a lot of corn later in the season. For both harvests, we will need a large group (hoping for at least 3 small groups) each time so that it only takes about an hour to pick all that we need for both our partners. Then you can stay and pick some to take home if you like. Containers for the food going out to partners will be provided but if you'd like to take some home, bring your own bag/basket for that. Good shoes and long pants are recommended. Our apple dates will be in August and September and corn will be ready September October.
Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?
If your group is interested, contact John Williams at sawdad86@gmail.com at the beginning of the month your group would like to serve and he will get you the specific workdays that have been chosen. There should be several dates to choose from! Also, be ready to let him know how many people you're bringing. We will park at the CTK Farm and car pool to the orchard since parking is limited. One of the gardening team will also be on hand to provide a tour of the CTK Farm if your group would like and come a bit early. You'll want to see all that is going on out there and the two luscious greenhouses full of huge tomato and pepper plants.

If you need help in the process, Katrina at CTK is available (katrinat@ctk.church) or 733-1337 ext 221
Please share your project with us by using the hashtag **#CTKserves** on social media!