

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 RASPBERRIES & BLUEBERRIES

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?

Every year during July, the CTK Farm receives an invitation from two local berry field owners to allow us to bring a crew out to pick for the Food Share ministry partners. 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 berries 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. We will be picking raspberries on Thursday nights from 5:30-7:30pm starting July 6 until the crop is done. Blueberry picking will be Thursday, July 20 and 27 from 5:30-7:30.

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

Contact John Williams at sawdad86@gmail.com to let him know which Thursday works for your group and how many people you're bringing. We will park at the CTK Farm and car pool to the berry fields 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 can 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.