

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!

ENGEDI REFUGE – SAFE HOUSE DONATIONS

Who are we serving?
Adult women who are suffering from the effects of sexual exploitation as they escape their former life in prostitution
Who is helping connect us to their needs?
<p>Engedi Refuge Ministries is a faith-based restoration program that has two essential components. Engedi House is an adult safe home with a friendly, family atmosphere where residents take responsibility in the house for daily chores, meal preparation and personal care. Our house manager is available for mentoring, guiding and assisting in the domestic challenges that may arise.</p> <p>The other major component of Engedi is the Learning Center which provides each participant with a variety of programs to comprehensively learn the personal and occupational skills required to help them obtain and maintain employment or return to school. This includes trauma-focused therapy to find healing from all they have experienced. Engedi leads women through three phases. The first focuses on building a foundation of skills to rebuild their lives on. Second, is the educational and vocational phase that address ES job/school, but also goal setting and co-dependency. The third phase focuses primarily on their spiritual life.</p>
How are we serving?
Provide basic supplies for the women living at the safe house. You can pool money as a group to purchase items or actually collect donations from a broader group (and let people know what the Church is doing about sex trafficking through Engedi as you do). You can find the list of needed items at http://www.engedirefuge.com/engedi_house.html
Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?
<p>These items can be brought to the Engedi Learning Center @ 7370 Guide Meridian, Lynden</p> <p>Contact information: 360-922-7600 engedi.refuge@gmail.com www.engedirefuge.com</p>

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!