

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 – LAWN & GARDEN PROJECT

Who are we serving?

Engedi Refuge provides a restorative program for women who have survived sexual exploitation, prostitution and trafficking. We serve them with dignity and compassion. We demonstrate the love of Christ as we teach them practical ways to overcome challenges and embrace healthy living.

Who is helping connect us to their needs?

Engedi Refuge provides both safe housing for ladies coming from often very dangerous sex trafficking situations, and a comprehensive program that helps them heal and restore their lives so they are prepared for healthy relationships and successful living. Engedi's program requires them to be at the Learning/Counseling Center for 30 plus hours per week. Our residents come every week day for classroom instruction, group discussions, clinical counseling and therapeutic activities. The Learning Center is designed to be a place of safety, peace, reflection and inspirational education. We want the entire atmosphere of this property to reflect and enhance the ministry they are receiving in their hearts and minds.

How are we serving?

Removing weeds from the plant beds around the Learning Center property is the goal. Engedi can provide two wheelbarrows. Your small group would need to bring their own weeding tools, hand shovels, rakes and gloves. One to two hours on a week night, say 6pm to 8pm would be plenty. There are four specific areas that need weeding, raking the bark mulch and watering the plants. One of our staff could meet the team at the designated time to point out the areas, tell you a little more about our ministry and answer any questions you have.

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

Once you've got a couple days that work for your group, contact Aaron Newcomb, Development Director at Engedi.aaron@gmail.com or (360) 922-7600 to finalize a time that works for them also.

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!