

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!

FOOTHILLS FOODBANK – FOOD SORTING

Who are we serving?

Anyone in need of food in east Whatcom County. Our families come from all over the Mt Baker area which covers over 600 square miles. It is considered a "food desert" because of how far people must travel to get to grocery stores.

Who is helping connect us to their needs?

The Foothills Food Bank was established in 1986 and continues to supply groceries to anyone living in East Whatcom County. Families can visit the Food Bank once per week for as long as they need assistance. They serve an average of 150 Foothills families every week at our distributions, and provide groceries for home-bound adults in our community through our Home Delivery program. Our Winter and Spring Pantry Program helps prevent hunger over school breaks for low-income elementary school students by providing additional kid-friendly snacks and meals.

How are we serving?

We have been distributing food out of St. Peter's Catholic Church for 31 years. Between distribution days, the food we have on hand is kept in a storage container in their parking lot. We need help organizing what's in there. This means moving older food to the front to be given out first, restocking shelves with food we give away every week. Also, they could use help moving out an old freezer to make room for a new one! Your group only needs to bring 8-10 people that are able to lift heavy boxes and a hand truck if you have one (if not CTK can loan you one). The Food Bank will have another hand truck and all other materials needed for labeling and cleaning. This should only take a couple hours. They would prefer to do it during the morning any day but Tuesdays after June 23.

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

Once your group has a couple day/time options that work for most folks, contact Becky Zender, Executive Director at blzender@comcast.net.

If you need help in the process, Katrina at CTK is available (katrinat@ctk.church or 733-1337 ext 221
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