

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!

LYDIA PLACE – WISE BUYS THRIFT STORE DEEP CLEAN

Who are we serving?

Lydia Place is a local nonprofit focused on ending family homelessness. We believe every family deserves a home, regardless of background or barriers.

Who is helping connect us to their needs?

Lydia Place was established in 1989 by a task force of Church Women United who saw a need for safe housing for homeless women. Although not a faith-based organization, they honor their roots in faith. In fact, the name “Lydia” came from Lydia in the New Testament, who was a businesswoman (a seller of purple cloth) and hospitable (she opened her home to the apostle Paul). Since the goal of the transitional housing program was to assist women in becoming self-sufficient and offer hospitality to homeless women and their children, Lydia seemed to exemplify the mission. With the help of many, the home on Gladstone Street was purchased and the first family moved in October 1989.

Today, Lydia Place is a much larger organization and part of their funding comes through Wise Buys, a thrift store downtown that Lydia Place took over from the YWCA. The money received from sales of donated clothing and household items goes directly to Lydia Place. Wise Buys is staffed by volunteers and together these volunteers donate over 4,000 hours per year that allows the store to then contribute over \$80,000 each year to the Lydia Place budget.

How are we serving?

Here's where we can help! Wise Buys needs a good deep cleaning! For starters, the back room needs organizing, the windows and floors washed, and much more to make our downtown store it's best and brightest! All supplies will be provided. This project should be about 2 hours for a group of 6-10 people so if your whole group can't make it, bring friends and family!

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

Once your group has found two dates/times that could work for them (when the store isn't open), connect with Kyle Fuller, Community Engagement Coordinator, at kylef@lydiaplace.org or 671-7663 ext 2005.