

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!

LIGHTHOUSE MISSION – GALA EVENT PREPARATION

Who are we serving?

Homeless men, women, and children who come from all walks of life and each have their own story. Some have experienced abuse, addiction, crisis, mental illness, divorce, or bankruptcy that led to their current situation.

Did you know-in 2017, 840 people were found to be homeless on any given day in Bellingham?

Who is helping connect us to their needs?

The Lighthouse Mission offers a hand up, not a handout, to end the cycle of homelessness and restore people through Christ. They do everything in their power to address the underlying causes that lead to homelessness for guests.

On average, they shelter 250 people each night in nine different kinds of shelters. They also provide three meals a day, weekly case management, classes, referrals to community resources, as well as discipleship from a holistic perspective.

On May 19, 2018 the Lighthouse Mission will be having their second annual Light in the Night Gala. The gala is their main fundraising event of the year and their goal is to raise at least \$100,000 to support the growing needs in our community.

How are we serving?

Your small group could be such a blessing by pitching in on one or more of the following tasks:

- Addressing and mailing Gala invitations (March 15 and 16)
- Pretty Parties (date to be determined): wrapping and decorating auction items
- Event set-up mainly means transporting items and decorating and that will take place on Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19

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

Please have your group confirm who can make it when and then contact Alissa McSharry at (360) 733-5120 ext 109 or alissa.lmm@gmail.com to sign everybody up. There will be an online volunteer application to fill out.

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!