



THE CTK BLESSING

**Your generosity  
bridges the gap  
for others.**

— HELP US CONTINUE TO SUPPORT —

FAMILIES IN NEED | COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
FOOD SHARE & FARM | SERVICE PROJECTS

## Welcome to Blessing Month 2024!

All around us we see need: in people we know and strangers we pass, in families, in marginalized groups, in our community as a whole. As citizens of God's Kingdom, we are called to stand in the gap. **We choose to see the need, identify where no other help is available, and offer what God has given us to bridge that gap.** This is the heart behind The CTK Blessing.

During Blessing Month, we focus on funding our blessing assistance, community partnerships, food share ministry and response team service projects for the coming year.

Our hope is that we will not only be able to fund our current local support efforts, but that through your generosity, we will be able to partner with Lydia Place for the purchase of a tiny home (see page 9 for details). If you'd like to learn more about CTK local missions, visit [ctkserves.org](http://ctkserves.org).

Thank you, church, for faithfully and generously blessing our local community!

Wendy Powell, Community Outreach Pastor

**Please note:** Amounts shown reflect our CTK Blessing budget needs for 2025. All Blessing Month giving will be pooled in a single fund to be distributed among these needs at the sole discretion of the Blessing Team staff.

This year's giving will fund ministry in this order:

**\$70,000**

CTKers in financial need

**\$30,000**

Food Share & Farm

**\$20,000**

Response Team  
Service Projects

**\$50,000**

Community Partnerships

**\$10,000**

Partner Collaborations

**\$80,000**

Lydia Place Tiny Home

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**\$260,000**

TOTAL 2024 GIVING GOAL

## THE CTK BLESSING (BENEVOLENCE)

# When a crisis hits someone in our church family, we rally.

Since 2003, our church has committed to “doing good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers, as you have opportunity” (Galatians 6:10). This support can be spiritual, emotional, relational, and even financial.

Each year about 100 CTK families experience a financial crisis, usually due to a sudden loss, injury, or tragedy. Our Blessing Coordinator is at the ready to come alongside, help them access community resources and find ways your collective generosity can fill in the holes. It's a beautiful thing to be part of God's answers to a fellow CTKers prayers for help.



### EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

Our Faith & Finances group is a 10-week opportunity to both give and receive support, encouragement, and wisdom as we seek God in this area of our lives. New session starts Monday, January 27, 2025

2025 BUDGET GOAL

**\$70,000**

## CTK FOOD SHARE & FARM MINISTRY

# Sharing food to bring hope to our hungry neighbors

Local food banks tell us the needs are rising steadily over the last few years. Our Food Share ministry works with our partners to adapt to the need as it grows and changes shape. Each year our team oversees the planning and daily tasks needed to grow about 50 tons of produce, collect thousands of non-perishable items through our Item of the Month club and local businesses, then drive that food all over Whatcom County to our 32 different partner locations.



In addition to meeting local food needs, we also have created a space for learning and collaboration with other organizations and schools. Here are some new ways we've been impacting our community:

- Over 300 students from 6 different schools came to the farm to serve, learn and harvest
- Our partners have sent teams of people to help work in the fields, connect with our team, and join us in prayer
- We've explored delivering to housing providers and setting up food stands with other nonprofit partners as two ways to reach people who can't access food banks

We've always believed that our impact would come through not just the food we share but also through

our people living out their faith. Ultimately our work is our testimony, and the community is noticing!



## EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

### Fill the Van for Kids Drive:

Bring individually wrapped snacks to the bin in the Commons in December or shop our Amazon wish list at [ctk.link/foodshare](https://ctk.link/foodshare).

To join our Item of the Month Club, text **FOOD** to **360-800-4173**.

2025 BUDGET GOAL

**\$30,000**

## RESPONSE TEAMS MINISTRY

# See a need, meet a need together in Jesus' name

The Response Teams ministry is focused on responding to the practical needs of our community partners. But we aren't just throwing people at a project. One of the most important aspects of Response Teams is the unique opportunity to express our faith, our hope, putting the love of Christ into action.

The goal with Response Teams is to come alongside our partners and the work they're already doing in the community. We want to meet their specific needs and let them be the experts while we are the hands and feet supporting them.

Often, our projects create mental and literal space, easing the burden of lingering projects so our partners can focus on the important work they are committed to. Filling those gaps is our specialty!



### EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

We need to add at least two more Project Coordinators to our leadership team. Project Coordinators scope out all the logistics of a service project meeting with the community partners and visiting the work sites. Visit [ctkserves.org/responseteams](https://ctkserves.org/responseteams) for more information.

2025 BUDGET GOAL

**\$20,000**

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

# Learning the best ways to help from local experts

We've chosen to meet needs outside our church family through community partnerships who help us put our faith in action for the good of the particular people they serve. We have partners who serve kids and families, unhoused neighbors, those with disabilities, survivors, and those struggling with food insecurity.

Each partner helps us better understand the complex realities they see every day and points us to the ways of helping that actually help. In return, we are able to bless their staff and clients through service projects, financial support, collaborative efforts, and volunteers. So whether it's World Relief's expertise in resettling refugees here in Whatcom County or Cascade Connections' expertise in integrating people with disabilities into our work, worship, and community, each partnership is a relationship that catalyzes God's work right here in our community.



## EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

Stop by our Partner Wall or visit [ctkserves.org/partners](https://ctkserves.org/partners) to familiarize yourself with each of our partners. Then pick one to visit or click on their logo to watch a short video and purchase an item off their wishlist of needed supplies.

2025 BUDGET GOAL

**\$50,000**

## PARTNER COLLABORATIONS

# Projects and funds that meet unique partner needs

Every year since 2016, we've had opportunities to go above and beyond the financial support of the nonprofits we partner with or the service projects we've planned for them. We keep our eyes open for strategic, meaningful ways our people, our generosity, and even our building can make a real difference for our partners and the people they serve.

### Past examples include:

- Installing a security system at a brand new Lydia Place apartment building
- Contributing to the remodel of the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic
- Hosting a Foster Family Christmas Party with several local organizations
- Operating a 40-bed winter shelter for Lighthouse Mission
- Hosting Blue Skies' for Children's back-to-school event serving hundreds of kids in need
- Staff appreciation for Cascade Connections Caregivers
- Support for the community response to the Sumas floods in November 2021



### EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

Volunteer at the upcoming Foster Family Christmas Party on Friday, December 13. Sign up at [ctk.link/foster](https://ctk.link/foster).

2025 BUDGET GOAL

**\$10,000**



## LYDIA PLACE TINY HOME COLLABORATION

# Linking arms to keep families off the streets

One of our community partners, Lydia Place, helps us understand the complexity of what puts families on the streets and what keeps them there. As they focus on upstream interventions and nurturing whole-family healing to disrupt the generational cycle of poverty and homelessness, we look for ways God has uniquely graced us to support their important work and the 300+ families they serve each year.

We're really excited to try something new with them in 2025: the purchase and support of a tiny home embedded in a new development off East Bellis Fair Parkway where a recently homeless family can stay until they get on their feet. In addition to the case management, parenting support, and in-home mental health care Lydia Place provides, CTK will commit to supporting the family who lives there in tangible ways.



### EXPERIENCE THE IMPACT

Email [wendyp@ctk.church](mailto:wendyp@ctk.church) if you'd like to be part of our first Tiny Home Team! These folks will furnish, maintain, and clean the home as families move in and out.

SPECIAL PROJECT

**\$80,000**

## THE CTK BLESSING TEAM

# Favorite scriptures that guide our work



### **Daylee Baker-Hames, Outreach Coordinator**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *Mark 10:45 / Matthew 20:28*



### **Faith Whaley, Food Share & Farm Director**

Plow new ground for yourselves, plant righteousness, and reap the blessing that your devotion to me will produce. It is time for you to turn to me, your Lord, and I will come and pour out blessings upon you. *Hosea 10:12*



### **Keri Allen, Blessing Coordinator**

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you. *Psalm 9:9-10*



### **Nathan Ford, Community Outreach Director**

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. *Romans 12:9-10 (The Message Paraphrase)*



### **Wendy Powell, Community Outreach Pastor**

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *Hebrews 13:16*

# How do I give?

## Online

You can give online anytime at [give.ctk.church](https://give.ctk.church).

Select **Bellingham Campus**, then enter an amount in the **Blessing Bellingham** field.

If you need any assistance, call our finance team at 360-733-1337.

## Cash or Check

You can give cash or checks using a green CTK Blessing envelope. Drop it in the offering or at reception during business hours (M–Th 9 AM–4 PM). You're also welcome to mail your gift to Christ the King Church, 4173 Meridian St., Bellingham, WA 98226.

Please memo your check **CTK Blessing**. We will not be keeping separate funds for the individual areas of The Blessing, so please do not memo your check with a specific ministry area.

**On behalf of each of our community partners, each of our Food Share partners, and every single CTK family that will find support in the coming year through your generosity, thank you!**



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