

Christ the Servant  
Lutheran Church  
Bellingham, Washington

# **Members' Service in Community**

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# CTS Members' Service in the Community

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is a congregation which has believed in being a servant church since its inception. We don't have one major service project or cause which every member is working on; instead we are involved as individuals in many servant opportunities using our varied talents & gifts. The Community Ministry Team has done some research to learn more about where our members spend their volunteer time.

The goal of this project was threefold:

- First, we wanted to **CREATE GREATER AWARENESS** about at least some of the service opportunities available to people. Many of these opportunities are within our community or county, though some are beyond our area. How are CTS people putting their faith into action through service?
- Second, we wanted to **HELP CREATE CONNECTIONS** between those from CTS who already serve and those who would like to serve in the community. Service opportunities are great tools through which new and long-time members, youth and adults, early and late church service attendees can connect with each other. We especially see this as a tool that might help our new members connect with those who have been here longer. If you're new and interested in one of the agencies or groups listed in these pages give a current member a call and chat with them about volunteering. Maybe you can even find a time when you both could volunteer for the agency.
- Third, we wanted to **CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER SERVICE** from CTS to our community. There are so many volunteer agencies looking for volunteers. Maybe this booklet can be a reminder and an incentive to get all of us out there helping in places where good works are happening. There is always room for more servants in our midst, and we can make an even greater difference!

We certainly see this document as a work in progress. If you'd like to add an agency or add your name to the lists, please feel free to contact a Community Ministry Team Member. If you'd like to share a paragraph or a story from your volunteer experience with us for publication here that would be fantastic! Just let us know.

In the coming pages you'll find some stories from three of our members about their serving. Then, agencies or bodies for which CTS members volunteer are listed in alphabetical order. For most you'll find a summary of the organization as well as a list of CTS folks who have volunteered there.

## Community Ministry Team

Susan Horst, chair person  
Melanie Springer, council rep  
Jeff How  
Kasey Potzler  
Nancy Blouin  
Sheila Sandiford Dwyer

**Maya Norton**

**The Power of Possibility:  
One Kid's Idea of Stewardship  
Heifer International**

A couple of years ago I was thinking about how unfair it was that we rich people have much more than we need. Most of us have a few cars, about eight pairs of shoes, a decent job, a warm, cozy house, and a steady supply of food. In the midst of this, about 90% of people in the world are so impoverished that they cannot choose what they eat from day to day, have only one or no pairs of shoes, and have no method of transportation other than walking. I knew that this couldn't go on. In December of 2006, a light bulb went off somewhere in my head. I had heard of Heifer International before, but had never really looked into it. I visited their site, did some browsing, and then there it was: the Gift Ark. It seemed to pop out at me, little golden arrows pointing towards the picture on the page. I mentioned the idea to my mom, and at first we both thought that it was a little crazy—because that's what it was, without a doubt. But sometimes, crazy things, ideas, and notions are what really inspire and urge us to do what God is telling us—if very quietly—to do. And so, as you all know, the plan was put into action, and with the help of our congregation, the ultimate goal was achieved, and it even went over the top. After about a year, we as a church had raised about \$5,700 and donated it towards feeding some of God's less-fortunate children. But the global problem of poverty had not been abolished—it is very far from it and the gap between poor and rich is growing bigger and bigger with every unnecessary dollar that we spend on luxury cars, fashionable clothing, and other worldly things. But just because the goal is so enormously far away does not mean that it cannot be achieved, and should not be fought for. This I believe: if we see reason for change, we shouldn't just stand around and wait for somebody else to do it for us. Life is short: make the difference while you have the chance.

# Doug Thomas

## Washington State University

### volunteer

Volunteer/Philanthropy Organization: Washington State University

Involvement: WSU Board of Trustees

WSU Athletic Advisory Board

Doug and Sandy Thomas WSU Athletic Foundation Endowed Scholarship for Greek Men/Women Student

Athletes

Lifetime Member of WSU Alumni Association

WSU CAST Member (Cougar Admissions Support Team)

WSU Regents Scholar Reception Host for Whatcom County

Greek Alumni Organization Board of Directors

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Alumni Board of Directors

Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity Education Foundation Annual Member

WSU Legislative Advocacy Advisor

I have chosen to remain actively engaged with the university that I graduated from some 22 years ago due to the almost magical undergraduate experience that I enjoyed while on campus at Washington State University in Pullman Washington. WSU provides a uniquely positive college experience for 18 to 22 year old students. The university is situated in a small town of less than 35,000 people with nearly 30,000 being either students or employees of the university. This small town dynamic makes for a very close knit college community providing countless opportunities for students, faculty and community members to establish special relationships. I believe that this is one of the key ingredients which produces very fond memories to last a life time for most everyone who becomes a COUG.. My experiences remain crystal clear in my mind even today. This type of environment also lends itself to instilling exceptional social skills and common courtesies to those around you. This is unfortunately a skill set that is often overlooked in many of the much larger colleges and universities situated in large metropolitan areas where a multitude of distractions can draw students away from each other thus creating a more fragmented undergraduate experience.

The reason that I have decided to give back to Washington State University through significant portions of my time, talents and treasurers is that I really enjoy being a part of a university that gave me such a memorable and positive college experience. I am a firm believer in giving back and also a firm believer in striving for continuous improvement with everything that I become involved with. I enjoy helping to make sure that the same undergraduate experience that was made available to me remains alive and well for thousands of new undergraduates each year. The overall experience at Washington State University provided me with both interpersonal and real life skills that I'm not convinced exist on more than a handful of college campuses around country and quite possibly the world. This is just my way of both staying connected to a place that I fell in love with while earning my degree and giving back to a university that gave me an exceptionally optimistic start and positive outlook at a time in my young life when I was preparing to set out into the real world. Once a Coug always a Coug!

That's why I give back to Washington State University in so many different ways...

Doug Thomas

# **Susan Horst**

## **Bellingham Community Meal Program & Interfaith's Cold Weather Shelter**

### **Why do I volunteer?**

I volunteer for three reasons.

#### **Because Jesus asked me**

It's one thing to read in your church bulletin that people are needed to do such-n-such activities. It's another thing to have someone, whom you respect very much, ask you do something. But it goes without saying – if Jesus asks you to do something – you do it. Feed the hungry. Give shelter to the homeless. Show hospitality to the stranger. Clothe the naked. I feel like Jesus has asked me personally to do these things.

#### **Because I'm part of the family**

Following Jesus is part personal, part group activity. Most of the time, my group is the CTS family, but I really like those times when I'm reminded that I am part of God's very large family. When I walk into the Assumption Catholic Church kitchen for a shift at the Bellingham Community Meal (BCMP), I love the camaraderie of hosting a big meal under slightly chaotic conditions and the shy, friendly interaction with guests at the meal. We are all members of God's family – the people I rarely see because they attend some other church and the people whose life circumstances put them in other social circles.

I really feel the intimacy of God's family when I do the morning shift for Interfaith's Cold Weather Shelter. I quietly slip into the kitchen at Garden Street United Methodist Church at 6:00 in the morning and review the names of the women (and sometimes children) who are sleeping in the next room. It definitely feels like family when the other volunteer and I wake everyone up a couple hours later and serve them breakfast.

#### **Because I need support**

I love living in Bellingham, but I find it a pretty secular place. I don't run into many Christians in my work and social circles. In fact, it's pretty common to hear people talk about how judgmental and intolerant Christians are. Of course, that's not my experience, but I can't single-handedly undo those perceptions. In every place I've lived, I've found it helpful to be part of a supportive Christian community, but all the more so, here in Bellingham. I love it when I walk into a mixed group of CTS folks and strangers at the BCMP and know that we all believe in the mission of feeding the poor. It makes me feel relaxed and welcome – these are "my people". I find being a Christian is joyful, challenging and fulfilling. I need the support of others in my faith journey, and I'm happy to give my support in return.

# Community Organization Summaries

Revised March 2009

\*\* Indicates organizations that receive financial support from Christ the Service.

## **Agape Home**

The Agape Women's and Children's Home was established in 1973. Its purpose is to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless women and children. Services include one-on-one counseling, parenting classes, Bible studies and a drug-free environment (part of Lighthouse Mission Ministries).

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

Mike & Mary Hess

Jim & Lorissa Marshall

## **American Red Cross, Mount Baker Chapter**

Begun in 1917 as two chapters (Whatcom and Skagit Counties), merged into one chapter in 2004. Services include disaster relief, health and safety education, armed forces emergency services and international social services, and volunteer and youth recruitment and training.

Tisch Lynch

Melinda Jones

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

Holly Whittle

Karen Stuen

Cindy Petersen

## **The ARC of Whatcom County**

ARC stands for Advocating for the Rights of Citizens with developmental disabilities. The mission of The Arc is to improve the quality of life, increase the independence, and assure the full inclusion in the community of any person with a developmental disability. The Arc serves Whatcom, Skagit and Island Counties.

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

Bob Stewart

Jeff How

## **Bellingham Civil Service Commission**

The Commission oversees and approves the Civil Service examination and eligibility processes for City employment. It also reviews hiring practices and conducts formal and informal hearings related to employee discipline. The Commission consists of five members. Terms of office are five years. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor with majority approval of the Council.

Bob/ Diane Becker

## **Bellingham Community Meal Program\*\***

More than 600 Sunday dinners are served once a month at Assumption Gym in Bellingham through the coordinated service of several congregations, including Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. There is no charge for the meal and all are welcome.

Kasey & Lee Potzler

Nancy Blouin

Bob & Diane Becker

Bob Stewart

Jim & Margaret Woodle (past member)

Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)  
Cindy Klein  
Holly Whittle  
Susan Horst & Greg Dutton  
Bonnie & Levin Drewes  
Sheila, Phil, and Sophia Dwyer  
Steve Schultz  
Donna Grubbs & Family  
Biasinis  
Karen Stuen  
Jan Rystrom  
Carolyn Casey  
Lorissa Marshall  
Congdons  
Bahr Family  
Karolyn Labes  
Jim Walker  
Carol Ebergson  
Barretts

### **Bellingham Food Bank\*\***

Alternatives to Hunger, a.k.a. the Bellingham Food Bank, is operated by a volunteer board of 12 directors, 4 paid staff and over 40 dedicated volunteers. When it opened in 1972, BFB served approximately 500 people per month. Now the Food Bank serves between 6,000 to 7,000 people each month. Its mission is to reduce hunger in Bellingham by providing wholesome foods to those in need on an emergency or chronic basis and by educating the community on the problem of hunger

Melinda Jones  
Bobbi Bristol Treat  
Bob & Diane Becker  
Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)  
Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas  
Karen Stuen  
Martin Waidelich  
Jan Rystrom  
Carolyn Casey  
Shawn Dooley  
Lorissa Marshall

### **Bellingham School District GRADS program**

GRADS is an in-school program for pregnant teens and young parents. Students are enrolled in Bellingham School District Options High School and are working toward an academic goal of high school graduation. The GRADS program offers high school credit for class work and individual activities related to healthy pregnancy, positive parenting, gaining economic independence and developing a positive self.

Holly Whittle  
Margaret Woodle  
Ilene Green

### **Bellingham School District, PTSA**

Members of Parent Teacher Student Associations care about issues that affect kids. Membership is open to anyone concerned with the education, health, and welfare of children and youth. There are several active

PTSAs among the school districts in Whatcom County.

Joan Biasini

Shawn Dooley

## **Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts**

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America—incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916—is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Bob & Laura Norton

Karen Stuenkel

Robinsons

Martin Waidelich

Mary Hess

Jan Rystrom

Ron & Linda Bahr

Carmichaels

Joan Biasini

## **Boys & Girls Clubs of Whatcom County**

Boys & Girls Clubs offer programs and services that promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence.

Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow – all while having fun.

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

Martin Waidelich

Bahr Family

Bob Carmichael

## **Brigid Collins Family Support Center**

Brigid Collins Family Support Center is a private nonprofit organization working to break the cycle of child abuse and support healthy family development as means to prevent child abuse. Programs include group therapy for children and adolescents who are victims of sexual abuse and their non-offending caregivers, case management, and therapeutic support to struggling families at various stages within the cycle of abuse and neglect.

Bobbi Bristol Treat

Mike & Mary Hess

## **C.A.S.T.**

Four nights per week, C.A.S.T. volunteers provide sandwiches, fruit juice, hot beverages, personal hygiene items and socks to 40 to 60 people who are hungry and homeless. Donations of juices boxes, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, etc. (individual size) are especially needed.

Bob Stewart

Bobbi Bristol Treat

Jer & Lin Axlund

## **Current Industries**

Current Industries provides opportunities that empower adults with disabilities to reach their highest level of success. They accomplish this while maintaining a reputation for ethical practice and performance excellence among employees, customers, and the community.

Bonnie Drewes

### **Evergreen AIDS Foundation**

Evergreen AIDS Foundation is the largest community-based agency providing services to those affected by HIV/AIDS in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, and San Juan Counties. Services include case management, chore services, transportation, housing support, food assistance, emergency financial assistance, psychosocial support, mental health counseling, re-source library and database, Internet access and referral services.

Tisch Lynch

### **Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County \*\***

Habitat for Humanity in Whatcom County is a self-sustaining affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International – a nonprofit, Christian organization that secures land and builds affordable houses for families of any faith that need a home. Families participate in the building and then purchase their new home with \$500 down and a no interest mortgage.

Holly Whittle (CTS main contact)

Melinda Jones

Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)

Susan Horst

Bob Stewart

Martin Waidelich & Carolyn Casey

Phil & Sheila Dwyer

Hess Family

Jan Rystrom

Congdon Family

Bahr Family

Connie Clement

Tim & Ellen Harris

Cindy Petersen

Karolyn Labes

Mary Solum

### **Hearing Loss Association (HLA) of Whatcom County**

The Hearing Loss Association of Whatcom County is a special support group for people with hearing loss. Hearing Loss Association of America is a national nonprofit organization that opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through education, advocacy and support. There are more than 250 chapters nationwide. Local chapters informally provide helpful programs on topics that equip participants to improve their quality of life and relationships.

Bert Lederer

Charlene MacKenzie

Matt, Mark & Melanie Springer

### **HLA of Washington State**

Bert Lederer

Charlene MacKenzie

### **Holden Village**

Holden Village is a Lutheran retreat center welcoming all people into the wilderness to be called, equipped and sent by God. It is located in a remote area of the Cascade Mountains above Lake Chelan. You get there by ferry across Lake Chelan, or by hiking in. Villagers of all kinds form a community of [worship](#), [learning](#), hospitality, celebration and service. Volunteer staff play a large part in creating a place of welcome, celebration and hilarity in all aspects of village life. The staff supports this retreat by cooking meals, cleaning lodges, doing laundry, staffing the bookstore, pool hall, and snack bar, etc. Volunteers work at Holden from 3 weeks to one year.

Bob & Laura Norton

Bob Stewart

Tim & Ellen Harris

Cindy & Bob Klein

Cindy Petersen

Karolyn Labes

Cornwell Family

Barrett Family

### **Interfaith Coalition\*\***

Interfaith Coalition is a partnership of nearly 50 congregations in Whatcom County that focuses on two areas of critical need: health care for people with low incomes and housing for homeless families. Operates 5 emergency housing units where homeless families can stay for up to 650 days and 4 transitional housing units where families can live for up to 2 years while paying subsidized rent and working to stabilize their lives. Also operates 2 severe cold-weather shelters.

Nancy Blouin

Bobbi Bristol Treat

Bob & Diane Becker

Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)

Holly Whittle

Susan Horst

Margaret Johnston

Kasey Potzler

Karen Stuen

Martin Waidelich

Connie Clement

Cindy Petersen

Cornwell Family

Carol Ebergson

Lorissa Marshall

### **Interfaith Community Health Center\*\***

Begun in 1982 as an Interfaith Coalition program, the health center is now an independent, nonprofit clinic in Bellingham that provides medical, dental and mental health care to hundreds of low income people each day. The center is part of a state and national network of community health centers that serve low-income people and others with limited access to health care.

Tisch Lynch

Bob & Diane Becker

### **Interfaith Cold Weather Shelter**

As an extension of our Interfaith Coalition's housing program, two overnight shelters provide warmth and safety to homeless people during severe weather when temperatures and conditions actually could be life-threatening. On these nights Faith Lutheran Church opens its doors to provide shelter and safety to men, while Garden Street United Methodist Church welcomes women and children. Volunteers from numerous congregations in Whatcom County created

this program and provide the transportation, staffing, and supplies necessary for the shelters to open at a moment's notice. As a volunteer you might welcome people in and register them in the evening as well as help provide some food for them, stay overnight to be present if more guests come or needs arise, or come for an early morning shift to help send guests on their way and clean the facility.

Susan Horst

Kasey Potzler

Margaret Johnston

Bob Stewart

Carolyn Casey

Ilene Green

Mike & Mary Hess

Jim Walker

### **Josephine Sunset Home\*\***

Josephine, in Stanwood, WA, is an Intergenerational Care Community which provides service to people aged 6 weeks to 110 years. They provide assisted living, skilled nursing care, therapy, adult day care, a Montessori pre-school, and a child care center. For more information please check their website at <http://www.josephinenet.com/index.htm>

Tisch Lynch

Flo Stuen

Ruth Glaser

### **Lighthouse Mission Ministries\*\***

Lighthouse Mission Ministries is a privately operated, non-denominational Christian ministry that has been open 24 hours a day since 1923; it is Bellingham and Whatcom County's only walk-in crisis homeless shelter for men, women and children. Lighthouse Mission Ministries operates 3 homeless shelters; 3 daily community meals; a long-term rehabilitation program for men; a transitional housing program for men; a medical clinic; and gives away food, furniture, personal need items and clothing free of charge as available. It also hosts Christ-centered 12-Step meetings

Melinda Jones

Bobbi Bristol Treat

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

Bob Stewart

Martin Waidelich

Hess Family

Jim & Lorissa Marshall

### **Lutheran Counseling Network**

Lutheran Counseling Network is an extension of the church's ministry to the community. LCN is a nonprofit organization of dedicated professionals who provide therapy for individuals, couples, families and groups. LCN charges a standard fee and insurance companies may reimburse a portion of the fee. Many clients pay a subsidized fee adjusted according to family income, made possible by the generous donations of the churches we serve.

Melanie Springer

### **Lutherwood Camp & Retreat Center\*\***

Lutherwood is nestled in the evergreen trees along the north shore of Lake Samish about 10 miles South of Bellingham, Washington. Since its beginning in 1946, Lutherwood has been running programs for campers of all ages on 103 acres of beautiful waterfront and forest land. They have monthly work parties!

Melinda Jones

Bob Stewart

Bobbi Bristol Treat

Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)

Bert Lederer  
Holly Whittle  
Peter Drewes  
Mike Hess  
Bahr Family  
Jim Walker  
Barrett Family

## **Lydia Place**

Lydia Place is a nonprofit, community-based agency that supports women and their children in transition from homelessness to independence. Founded in 1989, Lydia Place is an active participant in our community's effort to develop a continuum of care under the leadership of the Whatcom County Homeless Coalition. You can find more information at <http://lydiaplace.org/PageID/1/default.aspx>

Joni Hall  
Mike & Mary Hess

## **Maple Alley Inn\*\***

Maple Alley Inn is an Opportunity Council hot meal program that provides full-course, midday meals two days per week to hungry individuals and families in Whatcom County. It currently serves approximately 100 guests per day. Meals are made from scratch; more than 80% of the ingredients come from local sources. The Inn provides outreach and referral services, helps guests meet immediate basic needs and connect with resources to improve quality of life and move toward self sufficiency.

Melinda Jones  
Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas  
Cindy Klein  
Hess Family  
Willy VandeKerk

## **Max Higbee Community Recreation Center**

The Max Higbee Center is a grass-roots organization founded by educators and families of people with developmental disabilities (age 14 and older) who wanted quality community-based recreation opportunities in Whatcom County. Max Higbee, a professor at Western Washington University, spearheaded this movement. The Center is located at 314 Halleck Street, Bellingham, WA.

Peter Drewes  
Bonnie Drewes

## **Mother Baby Center**

Mother Baby Center's mission is to be Whatcom County's highest quality provider of health, education and support services for pregnant and postpartum women, their babies and their families. The staff and volunteers help mothers and fathers during pregnancy and after the birth of their baby. Services include in-home visits, office visits, breastfeeding consultation and support, Doula services, infant first aid and CPR, and classes for expectant mothers and fathers.

Lorissa Marshall  
Mary Adler

## **Northwest Youth Services**

Since 1976, Northwest Youth Services has provided results-oriented services to at-risk youth and their families. Services include youth and family counseling, 24-hour crisis phone hotline, shelter and family mediation for runaway, abandoned and homeless youths, teen court, and foster care services. NYS serves hundreds of children, youths and families from Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan and Snohomish counties each year.

Doug, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

## **Opportunity Council**

The Opportunity Council is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency serving homeless and low-income families and individuals in Whatcom County since 1965. It is a Community Action agency whose goal is to help people learn to become self-sufficient. Services range from addressing immediate and crisis-oriented needs such as for food, emergency shelter or eviction-prevention to longer-term programs that promote self-sufficiency, such as early childhood education and home weatherization.

Bert Lederer (previously)

Margaret Johnston

Cindy Petersen

Kori Barrett

## **Parish Nurse Program**

Parish nurses are specially-trained nurses who minister to congregations, combining care of mind, body and spirit. CTS parish nurses do many things: work with people having surgery (before, during and after); provide monthly blood pressure checks for church folks; organize prayer and healing services; pray with church members who are facing difficulties; visit

people at home, in nursing homes, at the hospital; refer people to community services and resources; and encourage healthful practices to promote life-long health. In addition, parish nurses coordinate two service programs with the help of CTS members: Comfort Care Baskets for those suffering a loss through death, and Care Teams to assist members having surgery or returning home after a hospital stay.

Tisch Lynch

Carol Ham

Jeanne Brotherton

Margaret Woodle

Willie Van de Kerk

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This multi-church group has met monthly since Fall 2003 and has given away over 550 knitted or crocheted shawls for folks who need one due to any life challenge—serious illness, loss, medical procedures, divorce, life changes. People of all ages and abilities who want to provide comfort for others are welcome to participate. Monthly meetings are full of laughter, snacks and a light-hearted love of life. Contact any of the CTS parish nurses for more information.

Margaret Woodle

Cindy Petersen

Carol Ham

Jeanne Brotherton

Melanie Springer

Loralie Gray

Barbara Oliver

Shari Ennen

Phyllis Segren

Char Sutton

Kathy Auerbach

Claydene Lederer

Sheila Sandiford Dwyer

## **Rebound of Whatcom County**

Rebound exists to bring hope and healing to children and families that have suffered from abuse, poverty and neglect. Working in partnership with local agencies, area churches, businesses and over 250 volunteers, Rebound provides services such as summer day camp, parent education, after-school child care with an academic focus, and support groups

for children and parents. Programs are designed to strengthen children and empower their parents to support positive growth and change in the family setting. Rebound offers a holistic approach that promotes the emotional, mental, relational and spiritual health of each person. For more information, visit [www.reboundwc.org](http://www.reboundwc.org)

Cindy Petersen

### **Salvation Army**

With 100+ years as an international movement, Salvation Army, locally and abroad, emphasizes a Bible-based treatment of all people as God's children through their provision of social services. Activities include 2009 flood relief in Washington state, prison ministry, adult rehabilitation (including work therapy, counseling, and chemical dependency education), as well as youth and senior programs.

Anna, Sophia & Emily Harris

### **Sean Humphrey House\*\***

Sean Humphrey House is one of the few Adult Family Homes licensed by the State of Washington to provide a residence, meals, medication management services, counseling, recreational activities, and other support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS. The House consists of six studio apartments, each with private entrance, bathroom, and furnishings. adjoined to a community living space. The family-home setting allows residents at Sean Humphrey House to maintain independent fulfilling lives while having access to support services to remain healthy while combating HIV/AIDS. Our aim is to foster good physical health as well as the feelings of confidence, self-esteem and a sense of security in our residents.

### **Small Potatoes Gleaning Project**

Small Potatoes Gleaning Project aims to develop a community food system, focusing on equitable food distribution through gleaning, market retrievals, educational outreach and promoting food self-reliance. They obtain local surplus produce that would otherwise be wasted and deliver it to those who are hungry. In 2007 Small Potatoes gleaned and distributed 250 tons of fresh produce in Whatcom County.

The Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)

Cindy Klein

Kasey Potzler

Bob Stewart

Ilene Green

Harris Family

Cornwell Family

Jim Walker

### **Tierra Nueva\*\***

Tierra Nueva (New Earth) is an ecumenical learning center located in Burlington, WA that seeks to share the Good News of God's liberation in Jesus Christ with migrant farm workers, new immigrants, and permanent Hispanic residents in Western Washington. Tierra Nueva is involved in Skagit County jail ministry, migrant chaplaincy, Family Support Center, and People's Seminary events and courses.

Melinda Jones

Susan Horst

Karen Stuen

Angela Hess

Mike & Mary Hess

David Westerlund

## **Visiting Nurse Personal Services**

Tisch Lynch

## **Whatcom Counseling & Psychiatric Clinic**

This not-for-profit mental health clinic is licensed by the State of Washington, and has served area counties for almost 50 years. The skilled staff provide counseling and care to clients with severe and persistent mental illness. They offer 24/7 emergency services to anyone in Whatcom County experiencing a mental health crisis.

Bert Lederer

## **Whatcom Hospice Foundation**

The foundation raises funds and friends for Whatcom Hospice, which serves terminally ill people and their families in Northwest Washington. Health care professionals, chaplains, and volunteers make home visits to help patients and their families with their medical, social, emotional, and spiritual concerns. Funds raised by Whatcom Hospice Foundation help provide care for patients needing financial assistance.

Bob & Diane Becker

Mark & Kori Barrett

## **Whatcom Land Trust**

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Whatcom Land Trust is dedicated to the preservation and protection of wildlife habitat, scenic, agricultural and open space lands in Whatcom County for future generations by securing interest in and promoting land stewardship. Habitat areas conserved to date include 14 miles of Nooksack River shoreline, 700 acres of ancient forest, and over 1,000 acres of Lake Whatcom watershed.

Cindy Klein

Karen & Tom Stuen

Connie Clement

Cornwell Family

Bob Carmichael

Mary Solum

## **Whatcom Literacy Council**

This nonprofit organization helps adults improve their literacy skills or learn to use English as a second language, and all services are provided free of charge. Approximately one in six adults in Whatcom County is functionally illiterate. Since 1978, the Whatcom Literary Council has helped over 8,000 people learn to read or write or use English as a second language.

Melinda Jones

Cindy Klein

Holly Whittle

Lee Potzler

Karen Stuen

Connie Clement

Karen Payne

## **Whatcom Peace & Justice Center\*\***

Mission: to create an active, inclusive, community voice for peace and social justice in Whatcom County through partnerships with local community and religious organizations, education on alternatives to violence and war, and actions to promote lasting peace and justice at home and worldwide.

The Nortons (Bob, Laura, Nate, Maya)

Holly Whittle

Peter Drewes

Cornwell Family

## **Whatcom Humane Society**

The Whatcom Humane Society has been caring for animals in Whatcom County since 1902. WHS advocates for animals; educates the community to promote humane treatment and respect for animals; provides for abandoned, abused or neglected animals. They operate an open-admission state-of-the-art shelter facility and resource center. Additionally, they provide 24 hour animal control and rescue services in Whatcom County, as well as interactive adoption programs, staff veterinarians and community outreach programs.

Logan Smith

Bob, Sandy & Lauren Thomas

## **YMCA**

The Whatcom Family YMCA is an association of individuals with the shared values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Collectively YMCAs are the largest not-for-profit community services organization in America. YMCAs offer hundreds of programs in response to community needs, including child care, teen clubs, substance abuse prevention programs, youth sports, family nights, mentoring and job training. Today, half of all YMCA members are female, and half are under age 18.

Brad Cornwell

## **Young Life**

Young Life is a non-denominational Christian ministry devoted to introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Programs include local clubs, WyldLife for middle school kids, special programs for kids with mental or physical disabilities, camps serving kids of color and those from under-resourced rural or inner-city areas.

Young Life relies heavily upon volunteers.

Cindy Petersen

## **OTHERS:**

### **AARP Driver Safety Program**

Bert Lederer

Charlene MacKenzie

### **Bible Study Leader, Parkway Chateau and Rosewood Villa**

Margaret Johnston

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