



MAY 2025

VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

FOOD FOREST CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 17th

9 am - 2 pm

- Building raised garden beds
- Planting fruit trees and berry bushes
- Constructing a composting station
- Building a garden tool shed
- Clearing weeds and prepping soil for planting

Join Rotary Clubs from across Skagit County for a day of service to revitalize the food forest and community garden. Community members and volunteers are invited to drop in any time to help.



Can't make it but what to help out with the garden in the future?
Please email volunteer@helpinghandsfoodbank.org
or fill out a volunteer application on our website at helpinghandsskagit.org

VOLUNTEER GROUPS

5th graders from **Mount Vernon Christian** stopped by last month for their annual volunteer day. They packed CHOW bags, packaged snack bags, helped clean up the warehouse AND brought over **680 lbs. of donations!**



Do you have a club, team, or class you'd like to bring in for a volunteer day? We'd love to have you!
Email our community outreach coordinator at cydney@helpinghandsfoodbank.org to set up a volunteer day!



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Monthly Impact



1,330+
volunteer
hours worked

7,500+ visits
across 6 locations

by



Upcoming Closures

Helping Hands will be closed from May 24th – 26th for Memorial Day

We will resume our normal schedule on Tuesday, May 27th with distributions in Anacortes and Hamilton



Upcoming Changes!

We are implementing a new volunteer management system, primarily at our Sedro-Woolley location, that will help us track volunteer hours and schedule volunteers more efficiently! We hope this will streamline the volunteer experience and make it a little more enjoyable for everyone.

What you can expect:

- Staff will be reaching out to update contact info and schedule preferences.
- New name tags with volunteer numbers for our new clock in/clock out system.

If there are any changes you would like to see, please email volunteer@helpinghandsfoodbank.org