



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

MORE THAN
133 Billion
POUNDS OF FOOD
ARE WASTED EACH
YEAR IN AMERICA

Food Waste
2ND LARGEST
CAUSE OF METHANE GAS

MORE THAN
40 Million
AMERICANS DON'T
ALWAYS GET ENOUGH FOOD



Through The Society of St. Andrew, you can bring people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.

Three PROBLEMS

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Hunger is a huge problem in America, touching nearly every community in all 50 states.

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While more than 40 million Americans are in need of food, our nation wastes over 133 billion pounds of food each year.

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And food waste in our nation's landfills is the second largest contributor of methane gas into our atmosphere.

**SERVE
OTHERS
SHARE
ABUNDANCE**

A common-sense solution

Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) is a network of thousands of farmers, tens of thousands of volunteers, and thousands of vital feeding programs in all 48 contiguous states. Using the ancient biblical practice of gleaning, SoSA saves and distributes 20-40 million pounds of fresh produce every year. Volunteers and partners come from all faith communities, civic groups, campus organizations, and secular groups working toward a common goal of feeding the hungry and preventing food waste.

Proven success and excellence

With more than 40 years of success, SoSA has proven the effectiveness of these programs, while feeding the hungry at less than 5¢ per serving. SoSA's core value of good stewardship of all resources has resulted in a nation-leading low overhead cost of just 4%. Millions of Americans are fed each year, most with no other access to fresh produce.





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Preventing Waste, Feeding the Hungry

With the help of thousands of generous donors, the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) addresses this crucial issue in two ways. In each, SoSA gathers up food that would otherwise be wasted. This fresh and nutritious food is then provided, at no cost, to food banks, pantries, and programs that feed or provide food to those most in need:

- » **In the fields** – SoSA mobilizes thousands of volunteers each year to glean fields and orchards for remaining fruits and vegetables. Volunteers from all faith groups, civic organizations, schools, and universities gather food remaining after the harvest. Every year, SoSA's Gleaning Network coordinates thousands of events to rescue and distribute food from farms across the nation.
- » **At the packing houses** – food that is surplus, inconvenient size, or considered cosmetically imperfect, is transported by SoSA to agencies that feed the hungry. Otherwise, this food would have been shipped to a landfill as waste. The Potato & Produce Project rescues millions of pounds of food each year from sources like these.



2021 END-OF-YEAR STATISTICS

Pounds Saved

46,552,966

Events Held

7,009

Volunteers

21,661

Since 1979

963 million pounds
distributed in over 40 years

**Less than 5¢ per serving
4 % overhead**



Healthy Food to Those Who Need it Most

Working in a collaborative effort with thousands of farmers, tens of thousands of volunteers, and thousands of feeding programs in all 48 contiguous states, SoSA provides healthy food to those who have little or no access to it.

This nutritious, but excess, bounty is sent directly from the point of surplus (field or packing facility) to where it will be used, and is not stored in a warehouse.

The Society of St. Andrew is nationally recognized for both efficiency and effectiveness with a total overhead of just 4%. SoSA's remarkable programs have proven extremely successful at providing nutritious food to those who need it most while reducing food waste in our nation's landfills.

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Society of St. Andrew is the Ultimate Green Ministry



Good Stewards of God's Creation

Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) was founded in Virginia in 1979 on Christian principals of caring for the environment; living a simple, sustainable lifestyle; and caring for the "least of these" by modeling a commonsense solution to the problems of food waste and feeding the hungry.

SoSA uses the excess of God's abundance to feed those who don't get enough to eat, for less than 5¢ per serving.



Saves Good Food from Going to Waste

SoSA saves 20-40 million pounds of perfectly good, fresh produce each year, food that would otherwise go to waste, and donates it to feed the hungry throughout the nation.

Using the proven biblical practice of gleaning farm fields and orchards after the harvest, each year SoSA engages tens of thousands of volunteers who pick, bag, and deliver leftover crops that, for a variety of reasons, would not be sold.

Go Green with the Society of St. Andrew



Pray



Volunteer



Donate



Benefits the Environment

SoSA keeps 10,000-20,000 tons of food waste out of landfills each year, not only saving good food, but also reducing the production of methane gas, which damages the atmosphere.



Opportunities to Act on our Faith

SoSA supplies fresh fruits and vegetables rather than high-caloric "filler food," improving the health and well-being of our society's most vulnerable.

Harvest of Hope, SoSA's mission retreat program, teaches young people and adults how to live responsibly in a hungry world, and to care about those who are hurting.

SoSA's Gleaning Network and Potato & Produce Project put faith into action by gleaning leftover produce from farms and bagging excess loads of fruits and vegetables, and then distributing the food to critical feeding agencies.

SoSA offers seasonal devotions and other programs — Lent, Advent, Vacation Bible School, and Christmas Cards — to enrich spiritual life, inviting people of faith to feed hungry neighbors through prayer, volunteerism, and financial giving.

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