



# Society of St. Andrew REPORT

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**GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS ~ FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY**

## Saying goodbye to a very dear friend **Annis Trout McCabe**

July 24, 1932-August 16, 2011

Our beloved friend Annis Trout McCabe of Bedford, VA passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family. She grew up in Concord, NC, where she began her passionate curiosity for creativity, imagination, and the arts.

Annis was a longtime friend of SoSA and lent her support from the time of its founding. She created and donated exquisite Christmas card designs from 1993 until her retirement in 2010. The sale of her cards generated more than \$1 million which provided more than 50 million servings of food to our nation's hungriest people. This is a shining example of how her art and faith directly benefited millions of lives.

Annis received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and continued graduate work toward serious craftsmanship at Arrowmont School of the Crafts, Penland School of Crafts, and Hollins University. She was a faculty member in the art departments of Lynchburg College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, an educator at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, the Sedalia Center, and in her own Blue Feather Studio. Since 1989, her creative efforts have been focused on art for liturgical spaces and her commissions appear in numerous Virginia churches. ♦



## **New artist for Christmas card**

Jerry Malzahn of Coppel, TX has designed a new exclusive card for the 2011 Society of St. Andrew annual Christmas Card program. Jerry earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Texas. His work has been on display in public and private collections in New York, Maryland, and Texas. He founded Malzahn Landscape Company where he currently serves as president. Jerry and his wife Lyla have a daughter, Franchesca, who serves in the United States Air Force.

For more information about Jerry and the annual Christmas Card program check out page 5 of this newsletter or go to [www.EndHunger.org/card](http://www.EndHunger.org/card). ♦

## **From the Sheep Shed**

By **STEVEN M. WALDMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Recently I was reading an article about organizational culture and how important that is to nonprofit organizations. We don't often think of organizations having a culture but they do. It struck me that it is the culture of the Society of St. Andrew that creates such loyalty among our many supporters whether they are farmers, volunteers, feeding agencies or financial partners. SoSA's culture is certainly what led and sustained Annis McCabe all those many years as the artist for our annual Alternative Christmas Card gift program. (See story at left) Over the years her faithfulness and talent resulted in over one million dollars being donated to SoSA to feed the hungry.

Our supporters often let us know how important the SoSA culture is to them as well. The tenants of that culture are woven through all that we do and how we do it.

- Addressing a real problem – hunger in America
- Using a common sense and simple solution – saving excess fresh produce and distributing it to those in need
- Motivation – putting our faith into action and living what we believe
- Volunteerism – providing opportunities for tens of thousands of volunteers to get involved
- Efficiency – doing it all for just a few pennies per serving
- Stewardship – making the most of all resources whether food, time, people, or money
- Effectiveness – staying focused on what works well to ensure success
- Nutrition – ensuring the poor have access to healthier foods
- Conservation – preventing waste by using existing food and transportation resources
- Environmentalism – reducing the amount of waste destined for landfills
- Collaboration – not duplicating the work of others, but rather working with farmers, orchard growers, and existing feeding programs all across the country

Indeed, that culture is what sets SoSA apart in the minds and hearts of all who are involved in this vital ministry. ♦

## SoSA Statistics at a Glance January-September 2011

### Fresh food salvaged and donated to feed the hungry:

Gleaned Produce	8,420,672 lbs
Potato & Produce Project	8,075,118 lbs
Events	2,560
Volunteers	14,617
<b>Total Pounds</b>	<b>16,495,790</b>
<b>Total Servings</b>	<b>49,487,370</b>

## SoSA stories from around the states

### ALABAMA

- You'll find Montgomery AL Area Gleaning Coordinator, Teresa Seevers, at work most days, organizing volunteers to glean at farmers markets throughout Montgomery County. These gleanings of produce remaining at markets provide a steady supply of fresh fruits and vegetables to seven direct service agencies in Montgomery County: Faith Crusaders Mission, Freewill Senior Center, Friendship Mission, Lakewood Christian Center Food Pantry, New Beginnings Resource Center, and the Salvation Army. Our agency partners appreciate knowing they'll have fresh, nutritious food to distribute and serve their clients—and they also appreciate receiving food from the SoSA at no charge, without any handling or shared maintenance fees. This frees their limited budget funds for other critical client needs—a double benefit!
- A late afternoon phone call from Willow Farms near Toney, AL brought an excellent new blueberry gleaning opportunity for SoSA in July. What made this call especially exciting was that we had received an email that same morning from a youth group in Fayetteville, TN (just 15 miles away) saying, "When can we come glean with you?" The result? Volunteers from Toney UMC and First Presbyterian-Fayetteville worked together to pick blueberries over three days at Willow Farms, and Manna House in nearby Huntsville, AL (which serves 3,600-4,500 clients weekly) was able to put sweet, delicious berries in all its emergency food boxes that week. We are constantly amazed at God's goodness—here providing both unexpected abundance of blueberries and the unexpected abundance of volunteers to harvest them. And through God's goodness in giving both field and laborers, so many people in need were fed!

### FLORIDA

- SoSA welcomed Hank Scott and Anna Sciarrino from Long & Scott Farm, one of our major food donors, to the FL office for brunch. We also toured the Second Harvest Food Bank where much of their donated food is distributed. The Long and Scott Farm family have been longtime partners with SoSA, allowing thousands

of volunteers into their fields each season and donating tractor trailer loads of produce at the end of the season. We thank God for this faithful and generous farm partner.

- Plans for Fall gleaning are underway in FL. Zellwood sweet corn will be ripe and ready for picking in October. Groups are already beginning to sign up and many of our October and November gleaning events are full to capacity!
- Presbyterians Day in the Grove is December 10 in Umatilla and as usual the Umatilla First Presbyterian Church will feed us lunch after we glean. The Presbyterian Youth will spend the afternoon learning about hunger and poverty, ending the day with meaningful worship. Contact the SoSA FL office to register your group.
- We are looking for more trees to glean for citrus drives in January. If you have trees that produce more fruit than you can consume, contact the SoSA office in FL to have our volunteers pick your fruit. Email Barbara Sayles at [sosaf@endhunger.org](mailto:sosaf@endhunger.org), Amanda Rich at [fl-gleaning@endhunger.org](mailto:fl-gleaning@endhunger.org), or call them at 407-650-1956.



A FL gleaner up to her forehead in citrus

### GEORGIA

- What an unusual summer for the GA Gleaning Network! Just as we were wishing for a refreshing cool slice of watermelon and dreaming of the crisp cool fall weather, gleaners took to the hot fields to glean pumpkins. This summer, as truckloads of pumpkins made their way to be processed into pumpkin pie filling, a local grower donated the remaining 10,000 pounds to the gleaning network. Imagine the surprise in delivering pumpkins to local food agencies on a hot July afternoon! Many thanks to our volunteers for their suggestions in preparing and serving the nutritious gourd-like squash. The pumpkin gleaning was just a sample of the gleanings available this fall.
- Won't you join us in the cooler GA fields for apples, cabbage, pumpkins, and other nutritious fruits and vegetables? Everyone has a part to play to feed the estimated 1.6 million GA residents who are hungry today. To learn more about the hunger issue and what you can do, contact Janet Sack, GA Program Coordinator at 229-386-5800, [gleanga@endhunger.org](mailto:gleanga@endhunger.org), or visit us on Facebook: Society of St. Andrew - Georgia Gleaning Network. Don't wait – the hungry are counting on you!

### MISSISSIPPI

- The MS office had its first Watermelon Crawl event in Scott, AR and it was a big success. The morning started off rainy and the fields were muddy, but with the help of volunteers we were able to glean 26,000 pounds of watermelons. The grower was so pleased he would like to make this an annual event.
- Sweet potatoes are in season and we are gleaning in several fields in the Vardaman, MS area. This is a great opportunity for volunteers of all ages. We would love to have you pick



for your local food pantry or for SoSA to distribute.

- Pumpkins will be available after Halloween and we are looking forward to our 3rd annual Pumpkin Event. Pumpkins are distributed to schools and the children take home a pumpkin and make a baked good to bring back to school. All of the baked goods are taken to the Salvation Army. If anyone is interested in getting their school involved please contact gleanms@endhunger.org.
- This has been a difficult season for our farmers due to the extreme weather conditions. Even with the difficult growing season, the MS office has salvaged 800,000 pounds of produce as of the end of August. The season is not over for a couple of months so if you would like to get involved please contact Jackie Usey at 769-233-0887 or gleanms@endhunger.org.

## NORTH CAROLINA

- In the third quarter, we gleaned almost 1.4 million pounds of food in North and South Carolina. Thank you very much to the over 3,400 volunteers who braved the extreme heat and spent a total of 9,500 hours working to feed the hungry!
- Churches - Feed Your Neighbor Sunday is back. This year, your congregation can choose any Sunday to be Feed Your Neighbor Sunday. Choose a date, and ask your congregation to bring produce from their garden, from a farmer's market, or grocery store. SoSA will provide worship guides, children's activities, and a location for you to take the fresh, nutritious food you have collected! Please contact us at sosanc@endhunger.org or 866-GLEANNC for more information.



A hard-working gleaner in NC

## TENNESSEE

- On Saturday, July 23 over 100 volunteers came together to bag and distribute 19,312 pounds of farm-fresh green beans to more than twenty TN hunger-relief agencies in Cookeville, Knoxville, Wartburg, Oneida, Tazewell, Morristown, Crossville, Maryville, and everywhere in between. Within 72 hours of leaving the field, every bag of TN-grown beans was delivered and served at soup kitchens and emergency shelters, and in the apartments and homes of low-income Tennesseans. The beans were 'culls', meaning second-quality or unmarketable product—in this case, beans either too long or too short for market. Harvested on July 22 at Hughes Farm & Produce in Crossville, TN, the beans were donated to the Society of St. Andrew by the packing house, then trucked to the parking lot of Concord United Methodist Church in Knoxville for the Green Bean Glean. Volunteers, age 4 to 84, from across the Oak Ridge District of the United Methodist Church lent their hands—in 90+ degree weather, for six hours or more—to ready the beans for distribution. Each 8-pound bag of beans even received a quick ice bath dip to mitigate the field heat.

Without SoSA's intervention, these beans would have been fed to cattle or taken to a landfill. Instead, careful planning and networking wove a relationship between packing house, churches, and relief agencies to find abundance where others saw only waste, and to provide 57, 936 servings of fresh, incredibly delicious green beans—hope and health—to hungry neighbors.

- Hughes Farm & Produce is continuing to make its green bean culls available to SoSA throughout the harvest season, so the TN Regional Office is seeking churches, synagogues, and civic organizations to host green bean drops between now and mid-October.

## VIRGINIA

- Gleaning in VA is in full-swing!! We have gleaned sweet corn, tomatoes, blueberries, cucumbers, green peppers, cantaloupe, eggplant, peaches, and squash this summer. The gleaning will continue with apples, pumpkins, winter squash, and turnips through the fall season. Join us in the fields and orchards this Fall!
- The VA Gleaning Network has been gleaning at the Charlottesville Farmers' Market. Gleaning has been for fresh produce, sandwich wraps, bakery items, and flowers. So far, over 4,200 pounds has been gleaned from the market to feed local folks in the area. Thanks to all of the farmers who have donated to the gleaning and to all who have donated their time and efforts.
- Later this fall, we will have many turnips to be gleaned in the Riner area, southwest of Roanoke. Everyone is invited to come out and help with harvesting to feed many hungry people in central VA and surrounding areas.
- On Saturday, October 29 all the colleges of VA are invited to participate in the Turnip College Bowl in Riner. There will be lots of young people working hard to get as many turnips as possible.

## WEST

- This summer in the West we have been busy with gleaning everything from cabbage to zucchini. And we look forward to the fall harvest of apples, squash and turnips. We continue to build our network of farmers and volunteers. Most recently Kansas City, KS was host to the 26th Farm Aid Concert. While Willie was busy raising money to help family farms SoSA West was busy making connections with new farmers and volunteers in the Homegrown Village outside the concert venue. Scores of concert-goers stopped by our booth to learn about SoSA and some have already joined us on a gleaning. ♦



SoSA West at Farm Aid

# Harvest of Hope

By SCOTT BRIGGS, HARVEST OF HOPE DIRECTOR

Imagine, the snow was gently falling, the ground crunched under our boots since the morning frost was still a few hours from melting. The Blue Ridge Mountains, covered in a light snow provided a breath-taking scene. It was a typical, yet



glorious, November morning in Southwestern Virginia. What made this morning unique was that we were gleaning turnips in the snow. A dozen adventurous souls put on winter gear and harvested several thousand pounds of the purple tubers. It was a great experience being out in the field that late in the

year and still being able to collect fresh vegetables for those in need. That experience was the beginning of the idea for the November *Harvest of Hope* event in Shawsville, Virginia. The event will be held at the beautiful Camp Alta Mons. Participants will learn about the hunger crisis in America, and they will go into that same turnip field to glean. They pick the last fresh vegetables of the season; putting much needed food on the tables of those living in poverty. For many people their holiday meals will come out of a can from their local feeding agency. With your help, some will enjoy fresh vegetables at their meal. Please join us and Do Something about Hunger! ♦

Gretna Glen, PA ..... October 21-23  
Shawsville, VA ..... November 4-6

## Potato & Produce Project

By MARIAN KELLY, POTATO & PRODUCE PROJECT DIRECTOR

The *Seed Potato Project* is the self-help arm of the *Potato & Produce Project*. Each year, SoSA distributes about a half million pounds of seed potatoes to impoverished regions where people have access to land for gardening. Families plant, cultivate, and harvest their own crops and share with others in their community. The yield is about 8 pounds of potatoes per pound planted. Those who received seed potatoes in the spring have already harvested their potatoes. These potatoes will feed thousands of families during the cold months to come.

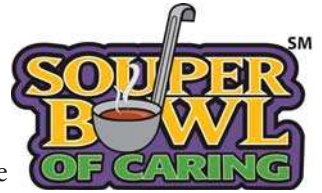
By the end of the third quarter of this year, the *Potato & Produce Project* will have salvaged and distributed approximately 8 million pounds. We gave away a mixture of food including sweet potatoes, white potatoes, bananas, corn, juice, and a variety of canned tomato products. Though fresh produce donations have been low for us, our donors were generous with other types of food.

Fortunately, harvesting white potatoes across the country has begun. We pray the yields will be plentiful. Shipments of white potatoes will be underway by late October. Food banks and churches anxiously await a load of potatoes to help feed the hungry in their area. We are able to package and deliver this food for about 6 cents per serving. There is enough food grown in the U.S. to feed all of the food insecure. Many thanks to those of you that help us feed the hungry. ♦

## Souper Bowl of Caring Challenge — GO TEAM!

By REV. JENNIFER VESTAL MOORE, DIRECTOR, CHURCH RELATIONS

This Super Bowl, join the SoSA team that is all about feeding our hungry brothers and sisters good, healthy nutritious food. Society of St. Andrew is the team that knows how to use God's good food to feed the hungry out of God's abundant provisions. For 2¢, SoSA can provide a serving of food to the hungry while keeping God's good food out of the landfill, which is a win for both teams: our hungry brothers and sisters, and God's beautiful world.



There are many ways to share your blessings with others while having fun at the BIG Super Bowl game. Why not consider one of the events listed below and get your entire congregation to join in the celebration and make a difference at the same time?

- ♦ Host a chili cook off.
  - ♦ Use two large soup pots, one for each team in the Super Bowl, and invite the congregation to place dollars in the soup pot of the team they want to win.
  - ♦ Use the children's moment at church to inform the congregation about the work of SoSA's ministry.
  - ♦ Have the children take up a noisy offering using soup pots to collect the donation.
  - ♦ Host a potato luncheon and encourage the congregation to donate to SoSA for their lunch
- Be creative. Inform. Invite. Publicize. Share.**

After the big game, total up your collection. Send a check to SoSA along with a short note on how your congregation celebrated Super Bowl Sunday.

Each church that participates in the Souper Bowl of Caring challenge, will receive a special certificate recognizing the effort and financial gift of the congregation. Your team can make a big difference! ♦

## Donations to SoSA in recent months:

**IN HONOR OF** - All United Methodist Men ... Dr. & Mrs. Aquiles Amparan ... Barclay Family ... Bob Anding ... Liliana Rae Azevedo ... John Bailey ... William H. Beardall ... Mary Esther & Fred Cawthorne ... Mrs. Ruth Cree ... Rev. John Duvall ... Dr. George D. Ford ... Rev. Dr. Laura East ... Steve Harney ... Mrs. Francis R. Howell ... Thomas Hughes ... Levi Johnson ... Maxwell Family ... Sam & Nancy Mayhew ... Martha Ann Miller ... Elizabeth McCoy ... Kenneth & Pam McCullough ... Mary Paes ... Lillian Pielnik ... William & Ida Powell ... Jeff Roberts ... Rev. Brandon & Mrs. LeeAnn Robbins ... Kenneth & Yvonne Staiger ... John Studebaker ... Mrs. Sandy H. Tilley

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## During Advent, Christmas & Lent make feeding the hungry your mission



### ♦ Advent Devotions

Daily scripture, prayer, and reflection on how we might pass the peace as we welcome the Prince of Peace this Advent.

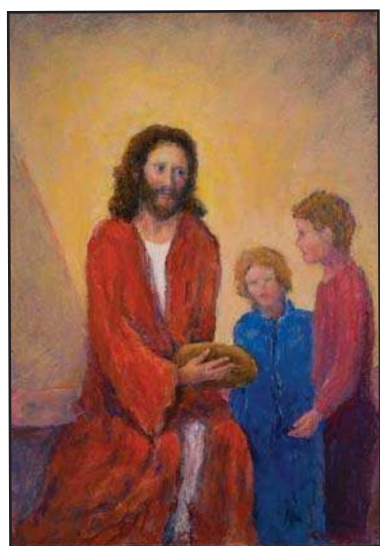
- ♦ Reflect on and share in the work and mission of the baby in the manger who is Immanuel ... "God with us".
- ♦ Nourish your spirit and feed your hungry neighbors.
- ♦ \$1 donation per day (\$24) provides about 1,200 servings of nourishing food for hungry families.

### ♦ Lenten Devotions

Program of daily spiritual reflection, prayer, and giving.

- ♦ Reflect and pray what justice for everyone looks like through the love of Jesus.
- ♦ Take seriously scriptural injunctions to care for the poor.
- ♦ \$1 donation per day (\$47) provides over 2,000 servings of fresh produce to those who don't have enough to eat.

All materials for both devotional programs are free and there is no obligation. Order sample packets today: 800-333-4597; Church@endhunger.org; or order online: EndHunger.org/advent.htm & EndHunger.org/lent.htm



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## Sharing God's love at Christmas

**Your \$12 gift puts 600 servings of  
food on the tables of the hungry!**

### Christmas Gift Donation Card

Minimum donation gift for each card is \$12

Do not send cash through mail. Donations tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Make check payable to "Society of St. Andrew" or**

Charge my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx

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☐ Send \_\_\_\_\_ cards TO ME for personalizing and mailing.

OR ☐ SoSA send out the following cards on my behalf:

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Sign this card: \_\_\_\_\_

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Society of St. Andrew, 3383 Sweet Hollow Rd., Big Island, VA 24526

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## Passing the Peace Advent Devotions



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