



# Society of St. Andrew

## GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY Quarterly Report

For 103 years, Martha Ann Miller has been making her mark on the world, and for the last two decades, that has included giving to and promoting Society of St. Andrew's efforts to feed our hungry neighbors.

In many ways, Martha Ann, a resident of Arlington, VA, doesn't seem like a centenarian – she's full of energy, ideas, and is still very active. In other ways, her wisdom is definitely a sign of her years of experience.

Martha Ann's accomplishments are many - one of the most recent ones is the publication of her memoir, *The First Century and Not Ready for the Rocking Chair Yet*. In it, she recounts growing up on an Indiana farm, and at the age of 13, winning first place at the State Fair for baking a perfect loaf of bread, providing her with a full four-year scholarship to Purdue, a trip to Washington DC, and a meeting with President Calvin Coolidge.

Her book describes her life as an independent college grad working in our nation's capital, meeting her husband, Drennan, and their busy lives raising their family while advocating for better schools. Their commitment to bettering society and themselves is reflected throughout her life's adventures and accomplishments.

Martha Ann doesn't remember how she first learned about Society of St. Andrew, but she knows the mission immediately resonated with her. "Being a farm girl, I knew how much food could be wasted and how important it



**January – July 2014**

**Fresh food saved and  
donated to feed the hungry:**

Gleaned Produce	10,446,810 lbs
Potato & Produce Project	3,882,859 lbs
Events	2,364
Volunteers	13,263
<b>Total Pounds</b>	<b>14,329,669</b>
<b>Total Servings</b>	<b>42,989,007</b>

### Recent donations to SoSA:

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## Executive Director's Report

By Steven M. Waldmann, Executive Director

### Partnerships make it all work



**H**ave you ever thought of yourself as a “partner” in ending hunger? That is certainly a great team to partner with, don’t you think? Simply reading this newsletter is one of the many ways people all over the country partner with SoSA. And SoSA is one massive network of partnerships that works together in a remarkable way to feed the hungry all across America.

Consider how you partner with SoSA. For many, that partnership takes more than one form. Our basic partnerships include the thousands of farmers and growers across the nation, the tens of thousands of volunteers, and thousands of feeding agencies and programs nationwide. Transportation providers represent an important partnership and we also partner with firms that provide packaging material for millions of pounds of fresh produce. But there are also critical partnerships with people, families, churches, and organizations that support SoSA financially throughout the year. There are also partners who pray for the hungry and for this amazing ministry. Many partner with SoSA by writing for our Christmas, Easter, and VBS devotional programs. We have a wonderful artist who partners with SoSA by creating the annual Alternative Christmas Card that feeds so many. Still others stay informed about what SoSA is doing and share that information with their network of friends and contacts.

As you can see, there is a host of partnerships involved in this vital ministry and every single one of them is important. These many and varied partnerships, including your partnership with SoSA, are what makes it all work. And doesn’t it all come together in a remarkable way? See how many partnerships you can identify in this newsletter. ➡

# 3rd Annual Virginia Commonwealth Day of Gleaning

SoSA again teams up with the office of the Virginia First Lady, the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, and the Virginia Department of Agriculture to sponsor this special day of gleaning - all over the state of Virginia. We'll be joined by First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe and by Todd Haymore, State Secretary of Agriculture.

On August 21, at ten locations across the Commonwealth, volunteers will glean a variety of produce. Green beans, eggplants, tomatoes, peppers, apples, peaches, corn, and more were gleaned last year on the Commonwealth Day of Gleaning and went to feed those in need. Join with us every year in Virginia for the Commonwealth Day of Gleaning and make every day in every state a day of caring for our hungry neighbors. ➡



*Harvest of Hope* participants on the Eastern Shore of Virginia picking corn that was left behind in a farmer's field. The farmer told us there may not be much corn left in this field to pick, but these hardworking youth were blessed with a bounty of over 3,000 pounds of corn in one morning of gleaning.

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was to gather it all," she commented.

She likes to give SoSA's Alternative Christmas Cards, each of which provides 600 servings of nutritious food to fellow Americans struggling with food insecurity. Each year, she selects a different group of recipients, in an effort to get more people engaged in the fight against hunger. She's sent them to family and friends all over the U.S., as well as leaders in the church she wanted to honor.

Even though macular degeneration leaves her legally blind, Ms. Miller continues to live alone, markets her own book, does speaking engagements, exercises daily, and continues to have a strong passion for life.

When she was nearing her 100th birthday, her daughter asked her what she'd like to accomplish before she died - what was left on her bucket list? She specified two things - complete the cathedral quilt she'd been working on for decades, and finish her book. She's accomplished both of those, and now she's considering writing a sequel to her book, titled *Making a Difference* - something that both she and Drennan felt strongly about throughout their years together.

For more information on Miller's book, contact her directly at [mam.book100@earthwave.net](mailto:mam.book100@earthwave.net) (please include your address and phone number) - or go to [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). ➡

## Harvest of Hope

The 2014 *Harvest of Hope* event season is well underway. *Harvest of Hope* combines gleaning, education, worship, and lifestyle into one dynamic event. These mission camps have been impacting the lives of youth and adults alike for 29 years. With five events already completed this year, and three upcoming events this fall, *Harvest of Hope* is set to make important changes in the lives of hundreds of participants. Not only are participants of these events impacted, but they are also making a big impact in the lives of all the people that will be fed through their hard work. Please thoughtfully consider joining us for one of these life-changing events. ➡

## Harvest of Hope 2014 Events

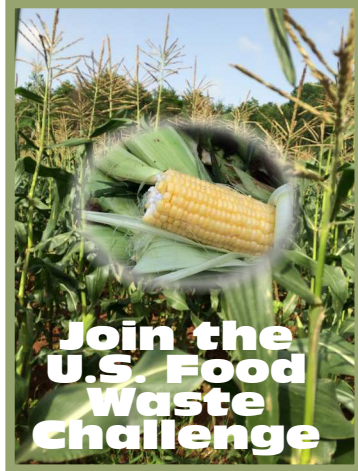
Oct 3-5	(Full) Intergenerational	Fincastle, VA
Nov 7-9	Intergenerational	Dahlonega, GA
Nov 14-16	Intergenerational	Kelso, TN
Sign up today! <a href="http://Endhunger.org/Harvest">Endhunger.org/Harvest</a>		

# The U.S. Food Waste Challenge

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued the U.S. Food Waste Challenge last year and partnered with Society of St.

Andrew to simultaneously reduce food waste and feed hungry Americans.

The U.S. Food Waste Challenge appeals to farmers, businesses, organizations, and cities across the country to join the effort to reduce food waste in the United States. The goal of the U.S. Food Waste Challenge is to change the collective thought on food waste in this country. To join the challenge, participants list the activities they will undertake to help reduce, recover, or recycle food waste in their operations.



Food waste is estimated at between 30-40 percent of the U.S. food supply. By reducing this waste, we can help ease pressure on our precious natural resources and feed families in need.

By joining the U.S. Food Waste Challenge, you add your voice to the growing movement to reduce food waste and keep wholesome food where it belongs; on someone's plate. Join the growing movement to reduce the disgrace of food waste and food insecurity existing side-by-side.

Find out more about how Society of St. Andrew is helping to reach the goals of the challenge at [http://www.endhunger.org/Farmers/USDA\\_Challenge.htm](http://www.endhunger.org/Farmers/USDA_Challenge.htm). ➡



# New Ecumenical Partnership

This summer, the Society of St. Andrew has entered into a new, formal partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

through their Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering ministries.

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Disciples in the United States and Canada, which seeks to "equip and empower Disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development, and the promotion of mission opportunities." Disciples Volunteering supports and enhances servant missions and ministries of congregations. To this end, Disciples Volunteering continues to call, connect, equip, and send servants and the church for service with the community.

Executive Director Steven M. Waldmann unveiled the new connection, saying: "This partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will result in thousands of opportunities for people to live their faith while sharing Christ with others. It will make manifest Matthew 25, 'I was hungry and you gave me food,' to millions of our brothers and sisters across the United States. We are thrilled by the promise of what this partnership means to so many in need."

This new relationship will help connect 625,000 members of the Disciples and the 3,600 congregations in which they worship with opportunities for hands-on ministry and service through the Society of St. Andrew. It will extend and strengthen ties with the many Disciples congregations already actively involved in gleaning and feeding through SoSA. ➡



# Partners in Meeting Spiritual Hungers

One of the Society of St. Andrew's great joys is fulfilling the other part of our mission: meeting spiritual hungers. Did you know that the Society of St. Andrew develops and shares high quality resources for bible study and spiritual growth, and that we share these resources with congregations across the United States at no charge?

In part, it's a way of thanking our partner congregations—those that give and those that glean—for joining with us in ministry. But it's also a way of engaging new congregations in the Society of St. Andrew's ministry and mission, especially congregations with limited resources and congregations that serve in impoverished areas.

As you hear about Abundance Orchard Vacation Bible School at your church or as you read an Advent devotion from Prince of Peace this December, take a moment to remember that these experiences connect you with Christians of all walks of life, all across the United States and beyond. As you read the daily scripture on SoSA's Hunger Action Month Calendar for Prayer and Action, and as you pray your way through SoSA's Good Friday Fast, your thoughts and prayers join with those of thousands of others, both persons with plenty and those who need the good food that the Society of St. Andrew provides.

As you are able, please give generously through the Society of St. Andrew's bible study and spiritual growth programs, that others may be fed and nourished, both physically and spiritually, as you have been.

## National Hunger Action Month Calendar for Prayer and Action

Daily scripture readings and related activities for each day of September, National Hunger Action Month. The one page PDF, downloadable from the EndHunger.org website, may be reproduced for congregational use. Children's sermons, bulletin and newsletter announcements, and a litany and prayer of dedication for use on World Communion Sunday, October 5, are included.

## Simple Supper

Materials available through the EndHunger.org website for a congregational "Simple Supper," a meal of rice and beans on Food Day or World Food Day in October.

## Advent Devotional Booklet

Daily scripture readings, reflections, and prayer for each day of the Advent season. This year's theme is "Prince of Peace." Booklets may be pre-ordered in quantity now and will begin shipping after Labor Day. Order from the EndHunger.org website.



And he will  
be called...  
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



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can be everlasting.

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