Feeding People: A Fitting Tribute to Mike Waldmann

SoSA’s executive director, Mike Waldmann, will retire at the end of this year, after 22 years with the organization. He first joined as director of the North Carolina office following a career in the Coast Guard. Waldmann then became operations manager in the Virginia office, and for the past 8 years, he was director of the entire organization. SoSA

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We all like affirmation when something positive happens. SoSA was blessed to receive some important recognition, earlier this month, as a truly unique and successful nonprofit.

GuideStar and Charity Navigator are the two prominent charity watch-dog organizations that evaluate the performance of thousands of nonprofits across the country. The purpose of both of these groups is to offer donors information on the accountability, transparency, and concrete results of the many charities seeking their support. If you have ever checked, you will recall that SoSA repeatedly receives the highest ranking from both of these organizations.

We recently received a special letter from Charity Navigator congratulating us on earning their 7th consecutive 4-star annual rating. This is Charity Navigator’s highest possible rating and verifies that SoSA exceeds industry standards and outperforms most other charities. Only 3% of all charities rated in the country achieve this ranking seven years in a row.

That is something of which we can all be proud – and we are. But what really sets us apart is that this was achieved by the faithful way we conduct this ministry on a daily basis. It came about because of who we are, what we do, and how we do it. This recognition also represents your affirmation that your trust and confidence in SoSA is well placed. That’s nice to know don’t you think?

I personally think so highly of this ministry that I gave it six years as a volunteer and then 22 years as a staff member. My time on staff, however, will come to an end on December 31. After that, Lynette Johnson will take over as Executive Director and lead SoSA to new heights and accomplishments. It has been a true privilege and blessing to be a part of this organization for much of its history. I look forward to continuing my support of this great ministry as a speaker, a volunteer, and a donor in the coming years. Please accept my deep and sincere thanks for all the many ways you support the Society of St. Andrew as we all continue to feed the hungry “… in deed and in truth.”

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**January - September Statistics**

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

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**Total Historical Pounds** 793 Million

**Total Historical Servings** 2.4 Billion

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**Recent Donations**

**In Memory Of**
- John Beardall
- Marjorie Boyle
- Cora Brumfield
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- Audrey Levy
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**Genevieve Stickley**

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- Mr. & Mrs. Pat Kelley
- Mr. Drew Lewis
- Mrs. Linda Livick
- Charles Moses, III
- Pastor Rob Parsons
- Ms. Marlene R. Reynolds
- James A. Smith

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“There’s a revolution starting! It’s called eating good food that your neighbors made for you ... Let the earth bring us all together back to the roots. Eat good food.” These words came from Neil Young on the stage at Farm Aid 2016, held in Bristow, Virginia in September. Young has been with several musical groups, including Crosby, Still, Nash and Young. He joined with Willie Nelson and John Mellencamp back in 1985 to create the first of what is now an annual concert to support family farmers in America. This year, Society of St. Andrew was invited to be part of the “village” on the concert grounds. SoSA set up in a tent where it presented our gleaning solution to hunger in America. In addition to feeding millions of people, SoSA gleaning reduces food waste and reduces the production of dangerous greenhouse gases. Jenny Trevey, our public relations associate, created a demonstration board where visitors spun an arrow that sent them on their way down one of four paths. On the 2x4 foot board, the user would then drive the little truckload of potatoes to a food pantry to feed people, to a farm to feed the animals, back to the field to be buried in...
The SoSA table at Farm Aid 2016 drew scores of people eager to learn more about gleaning and how it feeds hungry people across the nation. Jenny and SoSA staffers Renee Scott and Stella Carson ran the booth in the tent all day, speaking with hundreds of farmers and other concert-goers who came by to learn more about gleaning and the work of the Society of St. Andrew.

That evening, the 2016 concert featured Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, Neil Young, Dave Matthews, and many other musical groups, entertaining the huge crowd, and reminding them that we depend on America’s farmers to feed us all. America’s farmers also work with SoSA to feed the hungry across the nation. We appreciate them and their generosity every day.

The SoSA Board of Directors. It was a wonderful experience to have all these groups together, bagging, hauling, and loading trucks with bags of potatoes.

After volunteers piled bags for various organizations in the parking lot, trucks and vans arrived in the lot to take the potatoes back for distribution. Eight organizations loaded up to feed the hungry in their communities. Then all the remaining bags were loaded into the truck from the Lynchburg Food Bank for distribution to even more feeding agencies.

Society of St. Andrew thanks Mike Waldmann for all his years of service. There was no better way to do that than to gather the board, the staff, the church, and the community to feed people together!

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Mike Waldmann, SoSA’s executive director, spends lots of time behind his desk, and plenty of time talking with people to promote our food distribution, and here he is in a real driver’s seat, moving the potatoes himself!

Bank for distribution to even more feeding agencies.

SoSA's Jenny Trevey was at the table to explain the benefits of gleaning, which not only feeds the hungry, but also prevents lots of food waste and has great benefits for the environment.

This is how SoSA thanked Mike Waldmann for his dedication - as employees, board members, church members, and the local Rotary Club all joined in to bag 40,000 pound of potatoes that were then distributed by eight local agencies and a food bank.

Lynette Johnson to Become Executive Director January 1

See the full story and comments at: http://endhunger.org/lynette-johnson

The SoSA Board of Directors has named Lynette Johnson to take on the position of Executive Director on January 1, 2017. She has been with the Society of St. Andrew since 2010. Her first assignment with the organization took her to Nashville, where she served as Regional Director for Tennessee and Alabama. In 2013, she was called to SoSA’s national headquarters as the organization’s Director of Church Relations.

Watch for more information in the winter newsletter as we welcome Lynette to her new position. In the meantime, you can follow her blog at EndHungerUSA.wordpress.com. Her email address is lynette@endhunger.org.
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We will send your honorees our Alternative Christmas Card designed exclusively for the Society of St. Andrew. The card features original art and an inspirational verse blessing your loved ones with God’s nourishing love. This one-of-a-kind card announces your generous gift to feed the hungry in the name of your honorees. You’ll also receive the card with our thanks and confirmation of your order. It’s an ideal gift for sharing not just with friends but with those in need as well.

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