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Zoroastrians Distribute SoSA Potatoes in Chicago

SoSA crop drops are held in parking lots of schools, convention centers, municipalities, and a variety of faith groups. Volunteers come from colleges, civic organizations, scouts, and congregations. Last September, a truckload of potatoes arrived in the parking lot of the Zoroastrian Center of Chicago in nearby Burr Ridge, Illinois.

This faith group took on its first crop drop experience in a very big way—and they're eager to do it again. The truck that arrived in their lot carried 840 fifty-pound bags of potatoes—42,000 pounds in all.

About 40 members of the congregation arrived early and were

greeted by a hearty buffet breakfast already prepared by other members to get them ready for the morning's hard work.

Typical of a SoSA drop, the potatoes were all on their way to feeding agencies all over the region by noon. Volunteer Rohinton Rivetna said, "Everything went well ... the very young and the very old all helping out, some doing heavy lifting, some organizing, some feeding and quenching thirst - as it was hot, and some just cheering on. Everyone felt very good, and the recipients were ever so grateful for us doing this."



Photos by Roshan Rivetna

Rivetna also said that it was nice to meet all the good folks from the food pantries who picked up the potatoes in their vans and trucks. The recipients included Illinois Food Bank, Loaves and Fishes, West Suburban

Continued — see Zoroastrians Distribute on back





2017 Year End Statistics

Fresh food saved and donated to feed neighbors in need

Gleaned Produce.....	18,056,962 lbs
Potato & Produce Project.....	10,432,126 lbs
Servings of Food Shared.....	85 million
Events	6,188
Volunteers.....	36,858
Farmers.....	917
Partner Agencies.....	1,914

Total Historical Pounds	828.1 Million
Total Historical Servings	2.5 Billion

Executive Director's Report

By Lynette Johnson

Just In Time

85.5 million servings of fresh, nourishing food reaching the plates of more than 12 million hungry



people in this country—usually within 24-48 hours of harvest.

How does that happen?

A typical food bank receives truckloads of food, usually in boxes and bins, shrink-wrapped and stacked. Forklifts move that food into climate-controlled warehouses, where it is entered into inventory and waits to be hauled back out to food pantries or soup kitchens. It's an

effective system for getting large quantities of shelf-stable food to agencies to share with clients. But it's time-consuming, with food often taking several weeks to reach the end user. Warehousing is costly, and transportation expense is high. Trucks are required twice: to bring the food into the warehouse and to take it back out, days or weeks later.



More than 35 years ago, the Society of St. Andrew

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pioneered a “just in time” system for food distribution. By engaging volunteers in gleaning fields to harvest fresh, ripe fruits and vegetables, and sending that good food with volunteers—directly to soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries in their communities, the food arrives just in time to be prepared for tonight’s dinner, or tomorrow morning’s food distribution.

Donors are surprised when they visit SoSA’s national headquarters outside Big Island, Virginia. It’s a corrugated steel shed, in the middle of a field, on a gravel road. There’s no warehouse, no

loading dock, and no steady flow of food-laden trucks day in and day out. 14 full-time and 2 part-time staffers in Big Island coordinate with 12 full-time and 25 part-time staffers in other parts of the country. Networking with farmers and feeding agencies; mobilizing volunteers from faith communities and corporations, scout troops and senior centers, with the help of generous donors like you, SoSA gets tens of millions of pounds of healthy food from farms to forks every year—each serving arrives just in time for a hungry person who needs it. ➡

SoSA EXPANDS Gleaning in Indiana

In 2018, Society of St. Andrew goes into high gear in Indiana! SoSA has gleaned in the state in the past, but now will have a significantly larger impact on the fresh produce available to clients through food banks and food pantries across the Hoosier State. In the first year, SoSA expects to glean about one million pounds of produce from Indiana farm fields. All that food will be distributed by area food banks and food pantries to feed the state’s most vulnerable residents.



Rev. Dawn Barnes

In January, we opened the new Indiana office, directed by The Rev. Dawn Barnes, and housed at Abundant Harvest United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. The organization is currently looking for a program coordinator who will work with the farmers, volunteers, and agencies to coordinate hundreds of events across the state during the year. In addition, the office will employ several seasonal gleaning coordinators in various parts of the state. These coordinators will go into the fields with the volunteers to pick the surplus crops.

More than 900,000 Indiana residents sometimes don’t know where their next meal will come from, and one-third of those residents are children. Through this gleaning and surplus food collection, Indiana farmers and volunteers will provide fresh and nutritious food to supplement their diets. ➡

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Harvest of Hope

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2018**

Spring Break
Summer
Fall

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Zoroastrians Distribute - continued from cover

Community Pantry, Glen Ellyn Food Pantry,
Peoples Resource, Elmhurst Yorkfield Food

THANK YOU to the following FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS that donated \$1,000+ in the fourth quarter:

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Pantry, Interfaith Food Panty, and Food Pantry
of Darien.

These new SoSA volunteers discovered that a
single congregation can make great strides in
feeding hungry people in one morning - while
having a great time doing lots of hard work.
Zoroastrians believe in “good thoughts, good
words, and good deeds” -- and a SoSA potato

drop is a great way for
anyone to participate
in all three. ☺

What is Zoroastrianism

Zoroastrianism
is one of the
world's oldest
religions, possibly
dating back to
2000 BCE. In
Zoroastrianism,
one's purpose
in life is to “be
among those who
renew the world ...
to make the world
progress towards
perfection.” There
are about 140,000
Zoroastrians in
the world, about
11,000 in the U.S.

Abundance Orchard for VBS!



where faith grows
and hungry people
are fed

Year 1: Old Testament

Year 2: New Testament

Learn more and order your VBS program at
endhunger.org/vbs

Churches can start planning now for this
summer's Vacation Bible School.

Both programs are a complete hunger-action
themed VBS, a 2-3 hour program for up
to 5 days.

Good Friday Fast

Three Days to Change the World
Good Friday is March 30

Join Society of St. Andrew staff and volunteers in fasting on Good



Friday. This special time of prayer and fasting
uses our physical hunger as a symbol of our
spiritual hungers. It also serves as a vivid
reminder of our many brothers and sisters who
live with real, physical hunger every day. This
year's Good Friday Fast theme highlights the
epic impact that three days made in history!
Our lives and future are based on these three
days! Join us as we walk together through
Three Days to Change the World..
Request booklet at EndHunger.org/Lent

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