SoSA lines up to Tackle Hunger

Did you spend any time over the last several months watching football? It may surprise you to learn that the Society of St. Andrew has lots of great football connections that feed tens of thousands of people each year!

Farmer Jason Brown, a member of SoSA’s board of directors, used to play center for the St. Louis Rams, now known as the Los Angeles Rams. These days, he’s a sweet potato grower, and each fall he opens the fields on his First Fruits Farm in Louisburg, North Carolina to SoSA’s Yam Jam volunteers, who glean the fields clean and enjoy a wonderful harvest celebration.

In Alabama, the Iron Bowl, a yearly matchup between cross-state rivals Alabama and Auburn, pits students from both schools against each other in a challenge to feed hungry Alabamians. Most years, SoSA is part of that challenge, too, hosting a crop drop at one school or the other to add to the pounds of good food shared.

The playoffs — whether that’s local high schools, NCAA, or NFL — bring another round of SoSA involvement. Schools and congregations, sororities and fraternities, and even businesses set out team helmets, inviting students, members, employees, and visitors to drop spare change in the team helmet of their choice. It’s an all-in-good-fun competition that raises money to help SoSA glean and share even more healthy food.

Just before Christmas in 2018, SoSA’s Mississippi Office sent a truckload of sweet potatoes to the food bank in Shreveport, Louisiana for a crop drop. College football players from Duke and Temple University, in town for the Independence Bowl, stopped in for a service project and bagged 38,000 pounds of sweet potatoes to share with hungry families in the local area.

And every year for the past 12 years, working with Florida Citrus Sports, the Society of St. Andrew’s volunteers have been the last stop for parade floats in the Citrus Bowl parade. The morning after the parade, volunteers carefully de-construct the floats, boxing up all the fruits and vegetables to share with more than 40 feeding agencies in the greater Orlando area. Each year, this provides 100,000 servings or more of amazing, fresh, Florida-grown produce to people in great need.

Finally, Superbowl Sunday is also Souper Bowl Sunday — the day of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth groups from congregations across the United States out-do each other in fundraisers that day, hosting bake sales, chili cook-offs, and more. They decide which hunger relief organization receives the funds they raise. SoSA is blessed each year with gifts from a dozen or more congregations, shared by passionate and enthusiastic young people, many of whom learned about the Society of St. Andrew as part of SoSA’s Harvest of Hope mission program the summer prior. You may
Year End Totals – 2018
Fresh food saved and donated to feed hungry people

Gleaned Produce.......................... 16,188,683 lbs
Potato & Produce Project............... 6,874,961 lbs
Events ..................................... 6,295
Volunteers .................................... 29,079
Farms/Providers ............................ 984
Distributing Agencies ..................... 2,035

Total Historical Pounds 851.2 Million
Total Historical Servings 2.5 Billion

Did you know SoSA's mission is to end hunger?

Some people may think it's too large a goal. Some may say, “Aim lower to ensure you win...” But if you ask SoSA's dedicated volunteers and faithful donors, they will tell you that even one hungry person in this country of abundance, is one hungry person too many. SoSA supporters are incredibly passionate about ending hunger in their communities. They know it can be done, and won't be shy to tell you so.

Ray Chandler is a Society of St. Andrew volunteer in Mississippi. He volunteers as often as possible with SoSA, and with other organizations as well. Ray has a special passion for putting an end to hunger. Once he became aware of SoSA's Gleaning Network, Ray “suited up” and jumped in the game. He believes that he's called to make a difference in the lives of his neighbors and Team

Recent Donations

Special Giving Day
SoSA held a special giving in September 2018 to support the Potato & Produce Project in honor of founder — Marian Kelly retiring. The response was overwhelming. The numbers below describe what poured in and how those donations equate to the mission of SoSA and more specifically, the Potato & Produce Project that Marian Kelly ran for decades. Thanks to all who gave!

Total gifts: 516
Total amount raised: $87,464
Results: 971,822 pounds of fresh food which equates to 2,915,467 servings

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action themed VBS, a 2-3 hour program
for up to 5 days.

Ray Chandler, featured 2nd from the left, led a
handful of gleaners in gathering and giving away
more than 3,000 pounds of citrus in one day.”
Good Friday Fast
Behold the Beauty of The Lord
Good Friday begins April 19, 2019
Join Society of St. Andrew staff and volunteers in fasting beginning on Good Friday. This special time of prayer and fasting uses our physical hunger as a symbol of our spiritual hungers.

SoSA Lines Up
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not be a football player, or even a football watcher — but as a Society of St. Andrew donor or volunteer, you are surely helping SoSA tackle hunger every day. ■

There’s a Place for You on the Team continued from cover continues to recruit others to volunteer alongside him.

When a satsuma (mandarin) gleaning was scheduled on the Friday before Christmas, Ray jumped at the opportunity to get involved—and brought friends along to help. He says that getting an orange used to be a special treat that people looked forward to at Christmas. It also means a great deal to Ray, to know his efforts put healthy food on the plates of friends and families in need during the holidays.

Tens of thousands of SoSA volunteers gleaned in 2018, making a difference in the lives of so many hungry people, right here in the United States. Many of those same volunteers are planning to do it again in 2019! And there’s plenty of room for you to join them. Simply sign up at EndHunger.org/register, and you’ll soon be hearing about volunteer opportunities near you. ■

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