You Went All in When Your Community Needed It Most

If you’re reading this, then you have likely gone “all in” with the Society of St. Andrew this year, in service to hungry neighbors. Your passion and dedication to preventing food waste and ending hunger made it possible for one group of farmers to share nearly one million pounds of good food in a matter of months during this year’s pandemic.

With great enthusiasm, several farmers in Eastern North Carolina donated food to SoSA for the first time in 2020. Before donating the food, they sorted, processed, and packaged everything. This meant they donated time, labor, and packaging materials, as well as the food they had grown.

But as the pandemic continued, expenses became an issue. The continued on page 4
January - September 2020 Totals
Fresh food saved and donated to feed hungry people

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| Total Historical Pounds | 897 Million |
| Total Historical Servings | 2.69 Billion |

My name is Mykevia Jones. I have served with The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), in Florida. I have been an Americorps/VISTA volunteer, a part-time coordinator, and now I proudly serve as the Program Coordinator for the state of Georgia.

I grew up in Southern Florida and attended college at Florida International University, in Miami. My education focused on agricultural issues at the farm, community, and regional levels. In college, I learned hunger was a nationwide issue. I also discovered it plagued families in my community. It broke my heart to think about a child in my neighborhood going to bed hungry. That should never happen, especially not in this country.

As I worked with SoSA’s Gleaning Network in multiple states, I saw firsthand how SoSA’s operating model makes a sustainable impact on the local community. The SoSA model is effective but I believe a key factor in SoSA’s success is YOU! I believe your generosity transforms the gift of donated food from a meal today into a hope for a brighter future, for every person that receives gleaned food.

I know the world is not perfect and there will continue to be problems. In fact, the number of hungry families in the U.S. grew substantially this year. But by building and growing a network of neighbors helping neighbors, SoSA will be prepared to continue to feed families in need in the years to come.
The Native American Heritage Association (NAHA), created in 1993, serves Native American people, on Sioux reservations in South Dakota, struggling with life’s basic necessities. NAHA’s programs encourage neighbors to care for their neighbors in a way that meets their daily needs, while sharing dignity and respect.

In addition to clothing, educational opportunities, and household necessities, every month NAHA shares approximately 350,000 pounds of food with local families. This food is sourced from partnerships with food banks, farmers, and The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA).

SoSA has played a small role during the pandemic in sharing over 70,000 pounds of food through NAHA. By partnering with NAHA, many Sioux families received much-needed food in a manner that was both culturally-appropriate and empowering.

Hunger is more than a problem in this country. It’s a tragedy and it is growing. During this pandemic, it seems impossible to overcome for families who used to get by each month. It becomes an overwhelming struggle for families suddenly confronted with unemployment, medical concerns, and other hardships this year.

Before the pandemic, the unemployment rate was 80% for people living on Native American reservations in South Dakota.

Often when people think of hunger as a problem to be solved, they tend to visualize orphans living in a faraway country. Most people have no real idea how many families in the U.S. also struggle daily to put food on the table. Across the U.S., about 1 in 6 people worry about whether they’ll have enough food to eat. But every average means that somewhere the problem is much worse.

According to 2018 data, almost 100,000 people in South Dakota (population 884,000) already struggled with food insecurity at a time when the economy was booming. In fact, two of the poorest counties in the U.S. were located in South Dakota. Due to its sparse population, this state has relatively few social supports and resources.

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Recent Donations

These names represent gifts made “In Memory Of” and “In Honor Of” special people and/or significant occasions. As loved ones are honored or remembered these gifts bring people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. Thank you.

In Memory Of
- Samuel Aiken
- The Reverend Mr. Louis Belldina
- Andrew Benjamin
- Kristina Bishop
- Lyle Snead Boley
- Mr. Sylvester Brown
- Marilyn Burnette
- Cathy Choate
- Russell Covey
- Art Cromer
- Bud Curtis
- Carroll & Helen Freeman
- Lofton Greek
- Pat Johnson
- Evine King
- Jean Makoujy
- Mary Lavonne Peebles
- Barbara Perrone
- Ollie Ragan
- Esther R. Redmond
- Jo Richardson
- Andrea Schoener
- Ed Shelton
- Rev. Donald Struchen
- Pat and Joe Wise

In Honor Of
- Faye Baumgarten
- Peter Frederick Booras
- Amy Burke
- Eva Curtis
- Louise Deacon
- Juan Fuentes
- Jim Hassmer
- Ruth Hedrick
- Vicki Herrmann
- Rev. Edward Hopkins
- Jesse Hoyer
- Cathy Hughes
- Hunger Action Month
- Jay Kelly
- Andy, Lindsey and Cecilia Lemmon
- Milton & Joanne House’s August 20th Wedding Day
- Chris & Ashley Maxwell
- James & Ginny Maxwell
- Earl Murray
- Lorraine Polik
- Susan Prahinski
- Rhonda Shirley
- WDW Cast Members
- Donna H. West
- Riley Mane Wilcox

Loose cabbage in bulk packaging is more affordable than individually wrapped cabbage heads and better for the environment as well.

This made it possible for farmers to share their abundance in a sustainable manner and for hundreds of volunteers to experience the joy of meeting hunger needs in their communities. Nearly three million servings of healthy, nourishing produce reached the tables of hungry families in Eastern North Carolina this summer and fall.

A few thousand pounds of corn are transported from the farm in a smaller dump trailer.

Are you an Active or Retired Federal Employee?

Make a difference in the mission to end hunger with your annual charitable pledges through the Combined Federal Campaign.

CFC# 12046
EndHunger.org/cfc
If you’re reading this, you gave generously of your resources this year, and I want to thank you. The pandemic has made this a very difficult year, with so much heartache and anxiety in our midst. Yet you reached beyond your own concerns to share good food with so many hungry families. I saw it firsthand!

I also saw that, by partnering with SoSA, you are helping grow a robust, sustainable network of farmers, volunteers, and receiving agencies in communities across our country. This network addresses needs today, and will continue to do so in the future. Thanks to your caring heart and generous spirit.

Relationships built this year ensure we reach more people tomorrow. Please join me in continuing to give and serve. This way your impact will grow every year.

Ending hunger is an audacious goal but your generosity makes me believe it’s possible. Your donations, volunteering, and good food build connections and build up the local community. Your gifts address the daily needs of many as well and grow an amazing network that ensures every person in this country can grow and thrive.

Thank you for allowing me to share my story and for allowing me to serve in the mission with you.
In this environment, a single additional factor, like unemployment, triggers a ripple effect that can devastate any family’s carefully balanced plans.

Before the pandemic, the unemployment rate was 80% for people living on Native American reservations in South Dakota. With unemployment as a pre-existing condition, these families found themselves especially vulnerable to the cascading effects of the pandemic.

SoSA and NAHA have worked together for over 20 years to bring nearly 700,000 pounds of fresh food from nearby states to these families in the direst of circumstances.

Through your gifts to SoSA, you, too, partnered with NAHA this year. You shared food, hope, and dignity with Native American families who routinely face great economic and social disadvantages. Thank you!

All in for SoSA

Since the pandemic began, the number of families struggling with hunger has continued to climb. The number of obstacles facing food-insecure families has increased.

You saw the need, answered the call, and went “all in” to serve others and share abundance.

Despite our best efforts, the number of hungry families continues to increase. Please continue to give, serve, learn, and lead in the mission to end hunger in your community. You can continue to help by donating food, donating dollars, and volunteering in your community.

We don’t charge fees for our services but rely 100% on your donations. Gleaned food is shared with recipients at no cost to them. Your donations cover the logistics of rescuing food, including packaging and transportation of the food gleaned by SoSA volunteers. Those materials and transportation bring food safely from the fields to the tables of families who need it most.

Every $1 donated puts 35 servings of food on the tables of families who might otherwise go without.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS that donated $1,000+ in the 3rd quarter of 2020

Alfa Foundation ................................................................. Montgomery, AL
Amaturo Family Foundation ........................................... Fort Lauderdale, FL
BB&T Scott & Stringfellow ................................................ Lynchburg, VA
Beazley Foundation, Inc. ...................................................... Portsmouth, VA
Benevity .......................................................................... Calgary, AB
Caring Foundation ............................................................ Hoover, AL
Central Florida Presbytery .................................................. Orlando, FL
Community Foundation for a Greater Richmond ................... Richmond, VA
Davison Bruce Foundation .................................................. Nashville, TN
Enterprise Holdings Foundation ..................................... Saint Louis, MO
Family Agriculture Resource Management ...................... Charlotte, NC
Fidelity Charitable Gifts ..................................................... Cincinnati, OH
Food Finders ...................................................................... Los Alamitos, CA
Foundation for the Mid South ............................................ Jackson, MS
John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation ......................... Bethesda, MD
Lily Endowment, Inc .......................................................... Indianapolis, IN
M.F. Moorman Family Foundation .................................... Thaxton, VA
OneAmerica ................................................................... Indianapolis, IN
Publix Super Markets Charities ......................................... Lakeland, FL
Renaissance Charitable Foundation ................................. Indianapolis, IN
Renaissance Charitable Foundation ..................................... Indianapolis, IN
Schwab Charitable ............................................................. San Francisco, CA
SEI Private Trust Company .................................................. Oaks, PA
Sierra Club ...................................................................... Nashville, TN
St. Joseph Community Health Foundation ......................... Fort Wayne, IN
State of Alabama Corona Relief ........................................ Montgomery, AL
State of Tennessee ............................................................ Nashville, TN
TD Ameritrade ................................................................ Omaha, NE
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ...... Nashville, TN
Vanguard Charitable ........................................................ Warwick, RI
Wells Fargo Foundation ..................................................... Minneapolis, MN
Wells Fargo Wealth Management ...................................... Winston Salem, NC
Lydia first learned about The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) in 2016.

Since then, she has volunteered at crop drops and gleanings, and she has invited SoSA staffers to speak at a number of public forums. She is all about educating, advocating, and empowering people to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.

When Lydia learned about the Society of St. Andrew, she immediately recognized that SoSA’s solution to addressing community hunger prioritized building relationships and connections to help people and share good food.

Lydia dedicates her life to building relationships and teaching people. She currently teaches, works for, consults with, and volunteers at several organizations, including the State Department of Education, Department of Health, Public Health Association, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in Mississippi.

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In all helping situations, Lydia approaches challenges by first building connections with people from the local community. “It doesn’t feel like ‘work’ when you spend all day meeting new people, building relationships, and helping your neighbors in the community.”

“I knew SoSA was a worthwhile endeavor because the staff always starts new projects by building relationships and seeking partners.”

Earlier in 2020, Lydia volunteered her professional skills with SoSA. She coordinated an internship for a student in the College of Nutrition and Dietetics, who created a set of informational flyers. These flyers, which can be used in many locations for years to come, ensure that produce recipients know what to do with the healthy, nourishing food they bring home. Providing nutritional information, storage tips, cleaning procedures, and simple recipes using affordable ingredients, the flyers focus on the produce types SoSA most often has available in the state.

Lydia says, “It’s crucial to share this information with the families we serve. Alana, my intern, and I worked very hard to use recipes that were based on SoSA’s gleaned food and only include ingredients that are available on virtually any budget.”

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