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Rev. Diane, of Carmel, IN shown volunteering at a farmer's market, makes it a priority to donate to SoSA monthly. She explains, "My donation is an extension of my grocery budget—it extends our dining table to feed those I otherwise might not know to share a meal."

It's About More Than Pounds...

Over four million pounds—that's how much food one of The Society of St. Andrew's regional networks distributed in 2020. It's an incredible amount of food, but that doesn't tell the whole story. The rest of the story is about more than pounds. It's about partnerships—last year proved how working together ensures more families are fed.

Every obstacle, crisis, and tragedy throughout 2020 created more opportunities for people to partner together. These connections and relationships demonstrated the power and effectiveness of a true Christian community in addressing critical human problems, particularly hunger.



These fresh potatoes were distributed to two different partner organizations, 120 miles apart, who helped further distribute this food to dozens of agencies across Indiana.

It is a noteworthy milestone: In 2020, SoSA's Indiana Gleaning Network shared more than 4 million pounds

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2020 Year End Totals

Fresh food saved and donated to feed hungry people

Pounds of Food Distributed	46,293,662 lbs
Servings Shared	138,880,986
Events	6,409
Volunteers	25,483
Farms/Providers	797
Distributing Agencies	2,107

Total Historical Pounds
Total Historical Servings

916 Million
2.7 Billion

Abundance Orchard for VBS!

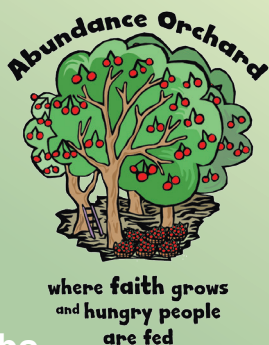
Year 1: Old Testament
Year 2: New Testament

Learn more and order your VBS program at:

EndHunger.org/vbs

Start planning now for your church's summer Vacation Bible School.

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



Executive Director's Report

By Lynette Johnson

Gratitude is one word that sums up the Society of St. Andrew's (SoSA's) reflections on 2020. Every time the odds seemed insurmountable, energy flagged, or things felt hopeless, you were there. Farmers, donors, volunteers, reaching out and helping. All of us at SoSA are profoundly grateful for your prayers, your financial support, your gifts of food, time, and talent. You make this ministry possible every single day, as you have for over 40 years.



When 2020 began, hunger and food insecurity had declined to their lowest levels in decades, with about 36 million Americans unsure they would have enough to eat. Way too many people, but the number had been consistently declining. It felt like progress. We had heard a pandemic was coming but had

no idea what that meant. As the year progressed, the number of evictions rose and unemployment climbed. By year's end, 54 million Americans struggled to put food on the table.

Naively, in March we tried to postpone some events and wait out the pandemic. By April, we knew that wasn't sustainable or right, so SoSA developed new COVID-responsive gleaning guidelines. These limited the number of volunteers, mandated masks and social distancing, and staggered times for gleaning groups, so non-family interaction was minimized. We kept our eyes on Georgia Tech's county by county COVID-risk map so every person could make an informed decision about participation in gleaning, in that place. Altogether, SoSA's amazing volunteers safely gleaned, bagged, and shared over 23 million pounds of nourishing food in 2020. You served, and in doing so, you brought joy to everyone involved. We've seldom seen happier gleaners than in 2020!

SoSA's other big opportunity of 2020 was working with the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, distributing food boxes purchased by the USDA. In just seven months, the Farmers to Families program shared 132 million food boxes across the United States. SoSA handled the final mile logistics for 23 million pounds—or about 1 in every 150 food boxes distributed nationwide. This program was an "all hands on deck" endeavor every day, week after week. Each distribution was planned and re-planned until every food box found a family to go home with. SoSA is grateful for the numerous partners, the USDA, the vendors, and every group and person

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Pandemic, Priorities, and Perseverance

2020 was about more than a pandemic. It was about people with priorities. Whether you're a farmer who gave food, a volunteer who gave time, or a donor who gave dollars— you made it a priority to help the people around you.

And because you made it a priority to help others, millions of hungry people could persevere through a seemingly hopeless time. As needs continued to increase, families continued to receive good food from The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). In fact SoSA distributed 140% more food in 2020 than in 2019. Your continued support makes that possible.

Collage Title: Snapshots from a Pandemic Year

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of good food with families across 36 counties in Indiana. Since opening as a SoSA regional office in 2018, the Indiana Gleaning Network had previously rescued approximately 200,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious food each year.

Drivers still line up for miles to receive food from distribution events—families wait, sometimes for hours, to receive food.

Hard work; community partnerships; an expanding volunteer base; good, old-fashioned scrambling; and generous donors of food and funds from people like you made it possible to share 20x the amount of fresh food, year over year in a single state.

Big numbers are meaningful because they calculate how many families were blessed in the way of much needed food, because of your generosity. Those 4 million pounds provided 12 million servings of nourishing food for hungry Hoosiers. Pounds and servings are still just part of the story. The rest is up to you!

As we celebrate communities coming together and sharing a twenty-fold

increase in the amount of food shared in Indiana, there are still families struggling to put food on their tables. Drivers still line up for miles to receive food from distribution events—families wait, sometimes for hours, to receive food.

Last year proved how effective SoSA's grassroots methods are at responding to an unprecedented crisis. In partnership with SoSA, you make a powerful difference in the lives of people who need good food most.

By working with SoSA this year, you can again be a lifeline to many as you put food on the tables of struggling families and ensure their children don't have to go to bed hungry. ■

Below: Indiana farmers generously shared from their abundance to help meet the rising need. These volunteers are taking a quick break in the shade during one of the three gleaning trips to this farm.



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

Mike Anderson
Ardarth and Dolores
George Atwell
Christi Barger
Brother Barnyard
Virginia Bealer
Andrew Benjamin
Shelby Jean Bizzell
Snead Boley
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Helen Brown
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Glenn Rapping
Julia Reed
Jo Richardson
Ralph and Betty Rump
Bill and Dorothy Schminkey
Ronald John Seres
Charles Shupe
Skylar Van Smith
Donald Struchen
Douglas Thomas
My kind and loving husband,
Warren D. Tudor
Raymond A. Vohden Sr.
Charlene Wade
Veronica West
Eldner Wiggins
Sharon Wiklinski
Ruben Billie Wilson
Theresa Damon

In Honor Of

Matt Alford
All the Volunteers With SoSA
Who Love Their Neighbors
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Velma Aschenbach
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Franco Bendict
Mike Benedict
Jessa Birchhead
Robert Boesch
Mariana Boska
Tim Bradford
Kaitlyn Brown
Karen Brown
Wallace and Olivia Bruce
Bryan, Mercedes, Riley, Angie,
Shane & Katie
Rev. Harriet Bryan
Wayne & Barbara Burgess

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Diana & Preston Chapel
Clergy Of the Danville and
Farmville Districts and Their
Families
Congregation Of Marion UMC
Covington First UMC Staff,
Covington, Ga
Carol Croft
Cooper and Jim Davidson
Wesley Delaughter
Kim Dills
Disney Employees Who Give
Smiles For A Lifetime
Disney Workers who are laid off
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Emily, Tyler, Trey, Kayla and
Riley Allyson, Christopher
and Wilson Ey
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Bruce Ferguson
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Mark Ferguson
Noah Fine
Shawn & Amy Floyd
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Amos Goldie
Matt Gonzalez
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Hayley Lohr
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Brenda Patterson
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In fact, many people who received food themselves were eager to help others as well. Volunteers who unloaded trucks and distributed food often said they were recently laid off, furloughed, or had otherwise experienced a loss of income. We heard countless stories of people who received good food and then eagerly delivered another bag, box, or bundle of food right to their neighbor's doorstep.

You, as partners of SoSA, redefined a difficult year, not as the "year of the pandemic" but as the "year of people living out their priorities." You placed others above yourselves as you gave generously of your food, time, and dollars. Each time you gave again, your actions brought not only good food to families in great need, but hope.

Every time you served, your efforts demonstrated your passion. We know your time and energy are limited. You also have jobs, families, and personal lives. You have plenty of responsibilities to care for in your own lives. And yet you gladly looked beyond your own needs and served your neighbors.



These tomatoes are from North Carolina but no matter where the food comes from, it always ends up on the tables of local families in need.

You made it possible for children to sleep at night, with full stomachs. You gave from the resources that provide for your own families and employees.



You believed you had enough, so when presented with the opportunity, you partnered with SoSA and blessed entire communities.

Your gifts put good food on the tables of families who might otherwise have gone without. You reached deep and gave the very dollars you worked hard to earn. You recognized an abundance in your own lives and lived out your faith, sharing with neighbors in need.

You—SoSA's volunteers, farmers, and donors—made it a priority to lend a helping hand when called upon. You rescued good food and shared it with families in great need. Thank you ■



Join the mission to end hunger.

While volunteering is an exciting way to get involved, it's not a perfect fit for everyone. If you live far from the nearest gleaning event or have a physical limitation that might make gleaning in farm fields difficult, or don't have a desire to be outdoors lifting, bending, and stooping, then there are other ways you can serve.

Make a donation to SoSA. We do not charge fees for our services but rely 100% on donations. Gleaned food is shared with recipients at no cost to them.

Your donation covers all the logistics of rescuing food, including packaging materials and transportation of the food gleaned to where it is most needed. Those materials and transportation get food safely and quickly from the fields to the tables of hungry families.

Giving is simple, and a small gift makes a huge impact. A \$25 monthly donation through the 12 Baskets Monthly Giving Program is a great way to start. Your monthly gift shares more than 800 servings of food, every single month, with families in need.

For more information about 12 Baskets Monthly Giving Program, go to EndHunger.org/12

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS that donated \$1,000+ in the 4th quarter of 2020

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Bell Family Foundation for Hope	Atlanta, GA
Braveheart Foundation	Fishers, IN
Carlson Family Foundation	Chapel Hill, NC
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Kroger.....	Cincinnati, OH
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Vanguard Charitable.....	Warwick, RI
Wake County Cooperative Extension.....	Raleigh, NC
Wells Fargo Foundation.....	Minneapolis, MN
Weyerhaeuser NR Company	Seattle, WA

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The Great People At SoSA
Florida!
Evelyn Spears-Newsome
Stephen, Andrew, Francis,
Claire, Joseph, Christine,
Mark, and Kathleen
Joseph Strausbaugh
Sullivan Grandchildren
Miriam Taber
Sylvia Teeuwen
Judy and Roger Thurman
Carl & Becky Ullrich
Mike Ultee
Bill and Laura Ellen Wade
Peter D. Weaver
Julia Webb-Bowden
Diane & Terry Wilson

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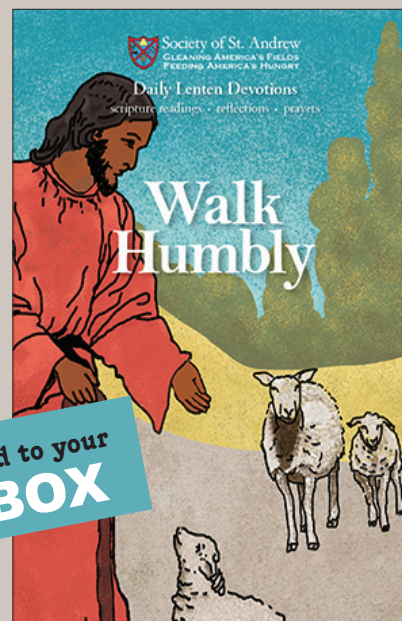
that made "truck to trunk"
distribution possible, at SoSA
events in over 20 states. In
each location, families waited
for hours, sometimes from
dawn to dusk, for food. Yet
every greeting spoken, by
volunteer or food recipient,
was filled with gratitude.

The pandemic isn't over,
though it feels we're rounding
a corner. SoSA teams are
at work every day, seeing
that food gets to people in
need, rather than be wasted.
We are grateful for your
partnership. ■

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It's not too late to sign up.

EndHunger.org/lent



Deepen your faith & experience renewal in your
own life with Society of St. Andrew, as you join our
online readership family during the season of Lent.

February 17 – April 3, 2021

Volunteer Spotlight

Mae Wallace is extraordinary. At the young age of five, she volunteered with The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) in December 2020. Later that month, after receiving a Christmas gift of gymnastics lessons from her grandparents, which brought her great excitement, she asked her mother Beth, if she could end those lessons before March...

When Beth asked why Mae wanted to end her lessons early, before she'd even tried them, her daughter explained, "...all of the plants will start growing again in March. And I won't have time to volunteer on Saturday mornings if I'm at my gymnastics class."

Beth was proud of her daughter's heart for service and assured her they could do both. This conversation made Beth realize she had passed on a legacy. Beth's own father had shown her the importance of volunteering—with SoSA—when she was growing up.

Beth frequently volunteered with her father, for SoSA, over 20 years ago. She remembers her father's truck and trailer safely carrying up to 5,000 pounds of food. She even remembers where the pantries were that they delivered food to, from SoSA gleaning events! Beth remembers seeing children her own age smile broadly when they received a bundle of fresh food.

Beth recognized that her parents provided a comfortable environment for her, as a child. Her father was an attorney and made sure his family's needs were met. However, Beth also knew her father provided her with another great gift: a heart for service.

Beth volunteers with a number of organizations in her community. When asked why she volunteers so frequently with SoSA, Beth explains—"My husband is a chef and I'm an educator. We know exactly how important good food is for people to thrive. I also appreciate that SoSA makes it easy to see how my donations and volunteer hours are used appropriately and how they make an impact." ■



Train children
in the way they
should go, Even
when they grow
older they will
not abandon it.

- Prov. 22:6



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Take the challenge!
Encourage your class,
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or business to adopt
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vegetables to support
the gleaning and
feeding work of the
Society of St. Andrew.

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