



Society of St. Andrew

Gleaning America's Fields—Feeding America's Hungry

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A Year in Review

Last year, 800+ farmers donated over 80 million servings of fresh food through SoSA, reaching an astounding 1,800+ hunger relief organizations, which helped strategically deliver that food to millions of hungry people here in the U.S.

Those numbers point to a successful year. Yet, they are incomplete. Numbers alone leave out stories of lives changed every day.

In the field of hunger relief, success is measured in a variety of ways. Some prefer to discuss impact solely with quantitative metrics, dollars raised, pounds of food rescued, and volunteers deployed. Others focus on more abstract factors that require a story, like perspectives changed, opportunities created, and problems prevented.

The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) tracks and reports as many hard numbers and soft impacts as possible. It's important to quantify the nutrition and calories shared with a hungry family. However, it's also relevant to recognize the feeling a parent had when they received food—at no cost to them—when they thought all hope was lost.

Raising awareness, educating participants, and inspiring people to change their habits are vital steps in preventing food waste and ending hunger.

SoSA uses cut-and-dry numbers to track progress and ensure goals are met. At the same time, stories from every region of SoSA's network

ensure that services are delivered in a way that aligns with our core value of compassion.

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In countless ways and countless places, across SoSA's wide network you made a difference. You affected change. Your impact was visible in the form of food shared with families in great need. It was also shown as awareness raised, new volunteers signed up, and relationships established.

In preparation for a new gleaning season, factors that matter to us include the joy that farmers feel in sharing what they have; the number of volunteers signed up and ready to be called upon both returning volunteers and new ones, eager to glean for the fresh food.

As another season begins, we humbly celebrate the past year, acutely aware millions of families struggle today with hunger and food insecurity—unsure of where to find their next meal. With your help, 2023 will also be a year of success as we work to bring people together to harvest and share healthy food. ■

These volunteers in SoSA's Ohio Network pose for a quick picture before starting to glean radishes one morning last Fall..





2022 Year End Totals

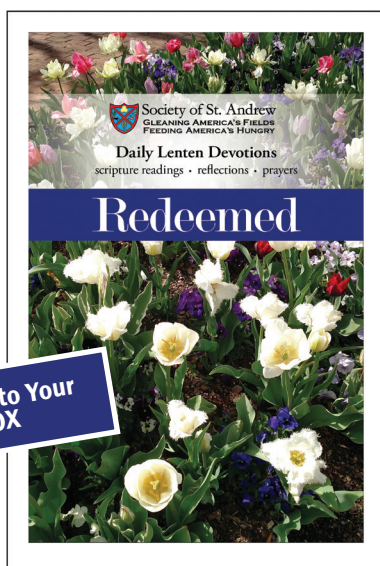
Fresh food saved and shared with hungry people

Nourishing Food Recovered.....	20,747,341 lbs
Servings of Fresh Food Provided.....	82,989,364
Events	6,651
Volunteers.....	18,062
Farms/Providers.....	854
Distributing Agencies	1,840

Total Historical Pounds **983 Million**
Total Historical Servings **3.93 Billion**

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Executive Director's Report

By Lynette Johnson

"I support your work because I know what it's like to be hungry." It's a thread that runs through so much of the correspondence I read every week from Society of St. Andrew volunteers and donors.



What I've come to realize over my years with SoSA is that "knowing" what it's like to be hungry isn't the same as "knowing" calculus or "knowing" how to play golf. It's not knowledge drawn from the brain's reserves, but rather deeply visceral, pit-of-the-stomach remembering...

Remembering how it felt to be the only kid without a brown bag lunch on the all-day field trip, or the mom who served progressively thinner soup from a single can two or even three nights in a row. It's the family breadwinner who spent months looking for jobs, but found themselves alternately under-and over-qualified. It's the couple who shared tap water and a twinkie for their

anniversary one difficult year. It's the family so grateful to find a bag of groceries on the doorstep, and then so embarrassed to realize it came from their own church.

40 million neighbors of ours here in the US are hungry today, and that number is about to rise, as SNAP (food stamp) benefit amounts drop from their enhanced pandemic levels.

When you come out and glean in fields, gathering food that would have been left behind, you ensure that hungry people in your own community have food on the table that same night. When you make a financial contribution to SoSA, you keep this ministry working throughout the cold winter days and frigid nights. When you share food from your fields, you are sharing hope, dignity, and heartfelt caring with people in greatest need.

Years from now, those who are hungry today will be writing those notes: "I support your work because I know what it's like to be hungry." I think what those notes really mean is, "I remember how it felt when someone cared enough to ask if I'd like something to eat." ■

Lynette Johnson

~~We~~ How To Build Trust And Keep It

AS A PARTNER AND SUPPORTER, you are likely familiar with SoSA's unspoken values of prudence, frugality, and efficiency. It's no secret that your dollars go further and do more through SoSA, than with other organizations. One less-emphasized value is SoSA's commitment to accountability and transparency.

It takes honesty and transparency to build trust. These are crucial components in all relationships—especially those between nonprofits, donors, and volunteers. Nonprofits like SoSA must be held to high standards. You ought to expect accountability from us. After all, SoSA asks you to share your hard-earned dollars and valuable time volunteering in service to your community.

You deserve to know your contributions have been used wisely and truly helped your neighbors. To do this, SoSA relies on constant communication and periodic reviews to make it easy to show how you're helping, what you're accomplishing, and where you're needed most.

To do this, SoSA obtains several approvals and certificates of recognition. In 2022, these included the following:

1.

BBB Accreditation

The Society of St. Andrew has met and continues to exceed the twenty Standards for Charity Accountability set forth by the Better Business Bureau.



2.

Platinum Seal of Transparency

Based on critical analysis of dozens of factors that included financial insights, people/leadership, impact mission, Guidestar gave SoSA their highest award—the platinum seal



3.

Charity Navigator 4 Star Rating

This is the highest rating given by Charity Navigator as they rate charities, issue advisories, and help you find effective charities that align with your passions and values.



4.

GreatNonprofits Top-Rated Nonprofit

This rating is based on positive feedback from donors, partners, recipients, and volunteers. Each year, SoSA invites you to share your honest feedback and it helps ensure this rating.



Additionally, an annual financial audit of the entire organization's finances by an external accounting firm to ensure funds are handled safely and spent wisely according to our mission, and in the ways we've told you we'll spend them.

These audits and reviews are supplemented by a variety of policies around privacy and security that ensure that every person within the organization—as well as external partners and affiliates—operates with the highest levels of integrity at all times.

Lastly, while it does not generate plaques or public recognition, SoSA holds itself to high internal standards of operation. Stewardship is an organizational value and it is evident at every level of the network.

We value your feedback. Your input ensures that all stakeholders have a voice. If you would like to share your feedback, visit EndHunger.org/feedback ■



What Makes It All POSSIBLE?

The Society of St. Andrew's (SoSA's) mission is to bring people together to harvest and share healthy food, prevent food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. Did you know that

you are what makes it all possible? You, SoSA's incredible volunteers and donors are the agents of change in communities across the country. By giving, serving, learning, and leading—right in your local community—you

are actively making a difference in so many ways.

Each person, partner, and organization brings a unique set of experiences and skills to further the mission, serving others and sharing abundance. SoSA makes it safe and easy for people to choose which path and method of participation makes the most sense for their current season of life.

Giving is a way to make an immediate impact. Whether it's dollars, stocks, crops, expertise, or in-kind items—your gifts go to work immediately through SoSA's network that spans across the nation. This is a great way to be actively involved if you live far from the nearest gleaning event or farm. [Read more online at EndHunger.org/ways-to-give](https://EndHunger.org/ways-to-give)

Serving provides a hands-on opportunity to roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty. Field gleaning is one of the most well-known ways to share good food through SoSA's network. However, there are now a variety of ways you can be physically involved in sharing good food with



With 40+ years of experience, SoSA's network comes with a host of lessons learned and knowledge that can only be achieved through time. That means by partnering with SoSA, you can do more good, in more places—while avoiding common obstacles.

Together, we can make 2023 another successful year in the mission to end hunger in your community. ■

families in great need. [Learn more at EndHunger.org/volunteer-roles](https://EndHunger.org/volunteer-roles)

Learning goes back to SoSA's historical roots of teaching others the facts and benefits of living a “simple life” not rooted in consumerism. The founding families of SoSA began this project to educate people about the abundance that exists all around them, how they could better steward their gifts through respecting earth's resources, and how that lifestyle could ultimately benefit those who don't have enough. You'll find dozens of resources about hunger in America and food waste on SoSA's website. [Start here: EndHunger.org/hunger-in-america](https://EndHunger.org/hunger-in-america)

Leading is the ultimate time-tested method for growing and expanding SoSA's ministry. As a partner in this work, we want to equip, prepare, and support you in growing as a leader in your local community. Whether that is in connecting with others, speaking, advocacy, raising awareness, or coordinating events—there's a way you can help expand the mission to end hunger. [Email info@endhunger.org](mailto:info@endhunger.org) if you want to learn more about leading others.

Take a look back at any SoSA story from the previous year. It's plain to see how each path provided opportunities for people just like you to impact entire communities. Also to see how together, we can accomplish far more than on our own.

For those who gave, served, learned, and led in 2022, we thank you! If you have been considering getting involved with SoSA, we welcome you! And if you're looking to do even more in 2023, consider growing and stepping into a new role as the new year begins. We're training new volunteer field supervisors and hiring part time coordinators—put your faith into action!

SoSA staff are standing by to guide, prepare, and support you. Take advantage of the decades of information, tools, and partnerships at SoSA.

Agents of change since 1979



Recent Individual 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

Dorothy and Robert Andrews
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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS

that donated \$1,000+ in the 4th quarter of 2022

These foundations and corporations recently made contributions to the Society of St. Andrew as a part of their organizational alignment with SoSA's mission. Their funds were invested in local communities with high levels of hunger and food insecurity which provided fresh food to local families, at no cost to them.

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Volunteer Spotlight

How Do You Grow Family Values?

Melody's backyard garden began many years ago as a way to feed her family and grew into something greater that now blesses hungry families sharing thousands of pounds of food through her local SoSA Network.

Growing up in a family of second-generation Greek immigrants and living in a rural area more than 30 minutes from a big-box store, Melody learned to make ends meet by rolling up her sleeves and taking action.

Using what she had on hand—a few humble turnip seeds—Melody grew far more than she could eat, store, and freeze.

“I’m no farmer. I just try to make the most of what I have... It’s unbelievable how much food came from a handful of turnip seeds.”

She invited her extended family to share in her abundance. Still, she was left with rows of nutritious, green plants and would not let them go to waste.

Melody found a local food pantry that wanted the food. Melody, her husband, and her son harvested the turnips and greens, washed them, wrapped them in small bunches, and delivered them to the pantry.

The following year she planted less and still grew far more than she could use. Except now, due to her job, she was unable to harvest it all herself for the food pantry. Thankfully, Melody discovered her local SoSA office.



On many occasions, volunteers have run out of time, boxes, and space in their vehicles to carry the fruits of their labors, after gleaning the abundance found in Melody's backyard.

Once called, SoSA sent volunteers to glean the garden plots to share that healthy food with multiple agencies.

Every year since, Melody continues the tradition. She plants food for her immediate family, her extended family, and invites SoSA to glean what the family cannot use.

“The best part is I see how this cultivated a set of values in our son.”

Anytime SoSA volunteers visited the fields, Melody's son DJ joined them in gleaning the garden plots. A decade later, DJ still gleans with SoSA, regularly volunteers with the local food pantry, and participates in other community-service projects. And Melody couldn't be prouder.

If you have a garden and find yourself with a surplus of good food, plan a Share Our Surplus project this season. Learn more at EndHunger.org/sos

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