

Society of St. Andrew Tennessee Gleaning Network



2018 Impact Report

Your donations do the work
of gathering food for
hungry people.

Who do you help?

You help farmers.

You help feeding agencies.

You help hungry people.

You help volunteers.

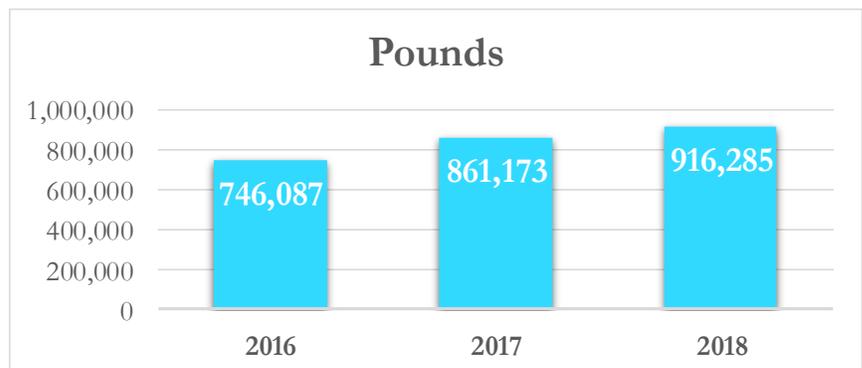
You help the planet.

Read more inside about the
ways you contribute to
people and communities in
Tennessee.

Three Years of Progress

In the years 2016-2018, the Tennessee Gleaning Network of Society of St. Andrew has seen consistent growth.

We've been able to glean more markets, harvest in more fields, and move more loads.



2018 by the Numbers

Pounds gleaned -	Servings distributed -	Volunteers-	Food Providers -	Feeding Agencies -	Donors/Grants
916,285	2,748,855	2,390	157	134	313
pounds	servings	volunteers	providers	agencies	gifts



Gleaning sweet potatoes at West Farms

We help farmers.

Farmers sometimes have to pay to throw their healthy, fresh, but not-so-beautiful fruits and vegetables into the landfill. When they donate to SoSA, they don't have to pay that fee.

There's a tax deduction for farmers who donate food, too! And there's legal protection— no liability when they give, thanks to the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act.

Farmers work hard. They put a lot of time, effort, and resources into growing their crops. It's a shame to let it go to waste-- so don't! We'll take it.

Fayetteville Sweet Potatoes

The weather in 2018 wasn't ideal for sweet potatoes in Tennessee. Irregular rain meant that West Farms in Fayetteville had about 50 acres of sweet potatoes that were too big or too small to sell to their regular buyers. Luckily, the owner allowed us to glean this field (photo above).

We brought church groups, college students, families, and even a few children (above) on a day off from school. This field yielded 15,975 pounds of sweet potatoes that went to five receiving agencies in Bedford, Giles, Davidson, and Rutherford Counties.

We help feeding agencies.

A lot of food banks, soup kitchens, shelters, and food pantries are stuck handing out canned and boxed goods because they're shelf-stable and cheap. Society of St. Andrew is able to donate nutritious, delicious, fresh fruits and veggies to these agencies. That means they can serve healthier food, and they don't have to spend that money, allowing their dollars to stretch.

This year we've donated to over 160 agencies in 30 counties across the state.

FISH Hospitality Pantries

FISH Hospitality Pantries operates four pantries around Knoxville. They provide food to 8,000 families per month. When SoSA hears about truckloads of excess yogurt, FISH is often able to receive it. Through SoSA, FISH received about 105,733 pounds of yogurt and fresh produce throughout the year. Your help makes this possible.

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services in Memphis is the agency that receives the bounty gleaned from the Agricenter, the oldest Farmer's Market in Memphis. Jewish Family Services provides emergency services, counseling, support groups, and help for seniors. You helped give them 3,742 pounds.



Bags of kale harvested from Green Door Gourmet on their way to the Nashville Rescue Mission, Nashville's largest homeless shelter.

We help hungry people.

Diet-related illnesses like heart disease and diabetes affect our financially struggling neighbors more than our wealthier ones. It's not because they eat *more*, but because they often end up eating poorer quality, less-expensive food.

Hungry people receive high-quality, nutritious food when they receive food from the Society of St. Andrew. They get food straight from the field--sometimes the same day it's picked. That's better than processed, canned, and boxed options, and much healthier than day-old pastries.

Seniors

Alameda Christian Church gleans the Nashville Farmer's Market twice a month. Their volunteers take the food to the Kelly Miller Smith Towers, Disciples Village of Nashville, and Home Mission Haven, all low-income senior living centers in North Nashville. Seniors in these facilities received 1,186 lbs. of nutritious fruits and vegetables this year.

We help the planet.

Greenhouse gasses released from food waste are a major contributor to global warming and climate change. As it decays, it releases methane, about twenty times more potent than Carbon Dioxide in its power as a greenhouse gas. The less food in landfills, the better.

Environmental Education

In addition, we participate in Food Waste Reduction networks in Tennessee, and we educate groups about food waste and its consequences, speaking and teaching in schools and congregations around the state.



The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is pleased to welcome

The Society of St. Andrew

into the

Get Food Smart TN Recognition Program

We recognize **The Society of St. Andrew** for their commitment to reduce food waste and increase food recovery in Tennessee.

Robert J. Martineau, Jr., Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Environment
and Conservation



Kendra Abkowitz, Assistant Commissioner
Office of Policy and Sustainable Practices

The Tennessee Regional Office was welcomed into the inaugural group of organizations honored by the new state-wide program, Get Food Smart Tennessee.

Volunteers

COLLEGES

Colleges all over Tennessee participated with SoSA in 2018.

- **Vanderbilt University** (Nashville) students hosted a sweet potato drop for a group of colleges and universities to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service.
- **Lipscomb University** (Nashville) students, in the days immediately following Halloween, baked gleaned pumpkins into treats for their housekeeping staff.
- **Austin Peay State University** (Clarksville) students gleaned the Downtown Market twice a month, taking the food they gathered to the Austin Peay Student Food Pantry.
- **A Nossi College of Art** (Madison) student created a video for us. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQHW LmP02S8>
- The **UT** (Knoxville) Agriculture department and student farms donated over 12,000 lbs. of the crops they grow as part of their Grow More Give More program.
- **Martin Methodist College** (Pulaski) hosted a potato drop. They gleaned sweet potatoes twice at West Farms in Fayetteville (see previous page).

We help volunteers.

When people think of hunger, it's often an abstract concept. They want to help, but don't know how. We give volunteers a hands-on way to help alleviate hunger.

When church groups volunteer with us, they get a fun, multi-generational event that allows them to serve their neighbor and get to know each other at the same time. Service and fellowship go hand in hand.

Volunteers of all ages get their hands dirty, get some fresh air, and see where food really comes from. It's uplifting and educational.

Last year we worked with 48 volunteer groups. Volunteers from workplaces, schools, colleges, faith groups, scout troops, and families all joined us in gathering surplus food.

Vine Street &

Alameda Christian Churches



Vine Street Christian and Alameda Christian are two Disciples of Christ congregations just a few blocks away from each other. One is historically African American, and the other is historically white in attendance. The congregations co-hosted a sweet potato drop to give members of different races a chance to get to know each other while feeding their hungry neighbors.

About 11,000 pounds of sweet potatoes went to the Nashville Rescue Mission, Nashville Food Project, Doyle UMC's food pantry, One Gen Away, and Alameda's food pantry.



Harbert Hills Academy

Harbert Hills Academy, a school in Savannah, TN, partnered with Society of St. Andrew for the second year in a row to host a sweet potato drop (above).

On December 4, 2018, the students and faculty of Harbert Hills gathered in the chilly winter weather to sort and bag sweet potatoes for needy neighbors in their community.

Steele Plant Company in Gleason, TN donated 20,000 lbs. of sweet potatoes that could not be sold because of their size and shape. The farm's generosity and the student's hard work allowed for many families in Savannah, TN to have delicious, nutritious food on their table in the holiday season.

How will you volunteer?

Use your pick-up truck

Help us transport some of the fresh veggies from farm to feeding agency!

Farmers' Markets

Glean once a month (or more!) at your local market. Get a few families to sign up with you to fill out the monthly calendar.

Host a Crop Drop

We'll bring sweet potatoes or green beans to your school, church, or workplace. You'll bag them for local agencies to distribute.

Glean

Keep an eye on your email for when we're gleaning in your area. Or, better yet, help us find a farmer near you who would allow us to glean!

Tie Bags

The mesh bags come on a giant spool. Your group cuts and ties the mesh, turning into the bags we use at Crop Drops or in the field.

Host a Learning Event

We're glad to teach about food waste and its impact, hunger in Tennessee, and/or the Biblical and theological imperative around them. We can also show *Just Eat It*, a documentary on food waste.

Join the Advisory Committee

All our volunteers go above and beyond, but a few help us out in a different way. They serve on our Advisory Committee, offering their skills to expand our reach so we can glean more food and feed more people.

(See last page for contact information to volunteer.)



Share nourishing food with people in the greatest need year-round by joining the 12 Baskets Monthly Giving Program. Your gifts will make a tremendous impact by faithfully sharing healthy food with our hungry neighbors throughout the year.

Yes! Please sign me up for 12 Baskets

- \$12 per month will share 4,800 servings of healthy food each year, touching the lives of 680 hungry children, women, and men.
- \$24 per month will share 9,600 servings of healthy food each year, touching the lives of 1,360 hungry children, women, and men.
- _____ Other monthly donation amount

Name _____ Phone _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

I'd like to set up my monthly donation at: www.EndHunger.org/12

I'd like to automatically withdraw funds from my checking account. Please send the form to me.

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Account # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____

Signature _____

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Other Ways to Support Society of St. Andrew

Give Securely Online by Credit Card, PayPal, or eCheck
EndHunger.org/Donate

Give by Check—Mail to:
3383 Sweet Hollow Road | Big Island, VA 24526

Give through your Congregation
Note "Society of St. Andrew" in the Memo line of your check

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