The Society of St. Andrew’s work was recently featured in several national news outlets, including the New York Times and The Washington Post. Do you know what makes The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) so newsworthy? Your generosity.

Your generous gifts wrote those headlines. Your gifts are what make it possible to rescue and share tens of millions of pounds of good food with SoSA’s national distribution network. By working together and sharing your gifts these past few months, you multiplied your impact and wrote headlines.

Your efforts shone a national spotlight on the incredible mission you make possible—the mission to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to your neighbors.

This summer, you went above and beyond to serve others and share from your abundance. Every time you gave, served, or led someone to give to SoSA’s mission to end hunger, your actions spoke volumes.

In a dark hour, amidst a global pandemic, you shared hope and 127% more food with families in the greatest need. There’s no better reminder of how much your efforts matter. In case you haven’t heard it lately, thank you! Your generosity touched the lives of people—men, women, and children who might otherwise have gone without. And there’s no substitute for that.

You’ve likely seen the recent headline: “COVID can’t stop good”. This pandemic created a national crisis like no other. It has not been easy or kind to anyone. But by continuing to do good work in the face of this pandemic, you made that statement ring true: “COVID can’t stop good”.

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January–June 2020 Totals
Fresh food saved and
donated to feed hungry people

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From a Staff Perspective

By Andy Lemmon

It’s a Privilege to Share Your Stories

My name is Andrew Lemmon. My friends call me Andy and my last name is pronounced like the fruit! I am the Director of Communications at the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). I am honored to share your stories in hopes that it will illustrate the impact each of you makes on the mission to end hunger.

Lynette, SoSA’s executive director, allowed me to use her spot in the newsletter, where she normally shares important updates, to speak directly to you.

I regularly seek out and put together stories about real people, just like you, for SoSA’s newsletters and other communications! I’ve been blessed to speak with many farmers, staffers, volunteers, recipients, donors, leaders, drivers, and food pantry partners. Each conversation typically begins with my learning about what motivates you to participate in the mission and ends with how have you have grown as a result of your experiences.

Honestly, listening and learning from so many of you has touched me personally. As a result, I’ve been motivated to volunteer and serve my community more. Some of you have unique experiences that triggered your interest in addressing hunger. Others have simply always been committed to ending hunger in the U.S. No matter the story, each of you have a clear commitment to serving others and sharing your abundance.

Each of you have a unique experience—the farmer, the volunteer, the donor, the driver, the food pantry partner, and the recipient of the food—but you’re all connected. I see your individual stories as threads that are woven together to form a beautiful tapestry of generosity that spans time and distance. Each one of you has generously shared some abundance in your lives to serve your neighbor, who might be struggling to put food on the table. As a result, each of us is lifted up by your generosity.

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The COVID pandemic brought sickness and chaos. Families struggling before, now faced more difficult circumstances. People who had always assumed their finances were secure encountered significant setbacks. While the situation this spring was dire, it created opportunities for creativity and generosity.

For example, the USDA announced and launched the “Farmers to Families Food Box” program. This program offsets farmers’ losses and delivers more food into the hunger relief network. These USDA boxes complement the fruits and vegetables offered by the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). They provide access to additional produce, as well as a variety of dairy products and meats.

SoSA’s long-established “crop drop” model has been ideally suited to handle distribution of the Farmers to Families food boxes. Congregations and partner agencies have responded quickly, sometimes setting up crop drops in as little as 24 hours. While many hunger-relief nonprofits struggled to adapt their distribution to address large amounts of donated food safely, SoSA has been perfecting its model for decades. However, as SoSA began to increase the quantity of food it distributed, in response to the rising need, another potential obstacle emerged: funding.

As more agencies sought food from SoSA and as farmers’ calls poured in, SoSA shared more food in more places. As the impact grew, so did expenses. And that’s when we saw the loaves and fishes multiply again. A miracle of provision occurred! You came forward in dramatic ways to ensure so many more hungry people could be fed this spring.

Some of you gave more gifts, others gave larger amounts, and others even donated their entire stimulus checks! As the pandemic continues, many donors have also established monthly pledges to address the ongoing needs.

Even though it sounds like a supernatural miracle, there is a logical explanation: You gave because you wanted to make a difference in the lives of your neighbors. You saw the problem and decided to be a part of the solution.

You didn’t give out of boredom or indifference. You gave out of compassion. And what a difference you’ve made! You have touched the lives of real people and they will not forget.

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alternative Christmas cards by artist Jim Harris are available now and help feed hungry people. Order yours online or send in the order form below.

EndHunger.org/acc

Alternative Christmas Card
Minimum donation gift for each card is $15
Do not send cash through mail. Donations tax deductible as allowed by law.

Make check payable to “Society of St. Andrew” or Charge my: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx
Account # ___________________________ Exp. Date ________________
Signature ____________________________________________ CVV _____________

PLEASE PRINT Total enclosed or charged: $ ____________________
Your Name ________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _____ Zip ___________
Day Phone ________________________________
Email ________________________________________________
☐ Send ________ cards TO ME for personalizing and mailing.
☐ SoSA to send out cards on my behalf. (ACC-16)

Note: Use a separate sheet to list additional names, addresses and what name you would like signed at the bottom of the card (who the card is from).
In honor of ______________________________________________________
Address _____________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State _____ Zip ___________

Orders must be received by Dec. 4 to ensure delivery before Christmas. We will make every attempt to expedite late orders.

Mail to: Society of St. Andrew, 3383 Sweet Hollow Road, Big Island, Virginia 24526

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Every invitation to glean your fields, every donation of dollars, and every hour served to pull food out of the ground, put good food on the tables of good people across this country.

When people ask, “What is the Society of St. Andrew about?”, the easiest response is to share your stories! You are the network and your stories perfectly illustrate the mission at work. Thank you for sharing with others in their time of greatest need. Thank you for continuing to serve and for growing in the mission to end hunger. It’s a privilege to serve with you.
Even when it didn’t make national news, your generosity still wrote daily headlines in the lives of people who received good food because of you. Every time you gave, you shared healthy food, and hungry families were blessed.

**THOUGH WE ALL WISH THE PANDEMIC WAS OVER, WE KNOW THAT HUNGER NEEDS ARE CONTINUING TO RISE**

Though we all wish the pandemic were over, we know that hunger needs are continue to rise. Thanks to you, SoSA is poised to continue expanding its work to meet those rising needs, sharing healthy food with our hungry neighbors.

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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**

- Timothy John William Adriany
- Ryan Allen
- Kate Andrews
- Elizabeth “Tootie” Arthur
- Grace Avis
- Peggy P. Bowen
- Geneva Carson
- Joe Cromwell
- Bud the Spud Curtis
- William Franz
- Carroll & Helen Freeman
- Esther Glick Hawks
- Cliff Hudgins
- Pat Inge
- Kathy Johnson
- Ernest B. Jordan
- Peggy Key
- Evine King
- Thomas Henry Lowe
- Jean Makouy
- Edward & Barbara McDaniel
- Arnold McPeters
- Douglas “Rocky” MacArthur
- Milirons
- Barbara Mohrbacher
- Ruth Moore-Ray and Marjorie Spayd
- Barbara Perrone
- Julia Grace Pfau
- Mrs. Grace Bradley Reid
- Harold Reid
- Ruby Ringley
- Larry Rood
- Ruth Schwaller
- Dale Sherrin
- Ryan Shoaf
- Vicky Smedley
- Anne Stephen
- Catherine Foradori Steppe
- Ray Vaughn
- Mrs. Alice Walker

**In Honor Of**

- Rev. Dawn Barnes
- Charlotte Bennett
- Wes Boots
- Jennifer Borg & Andy Kretzger
- Wallace Bruce
- Bryan, Mercedes, Riley, Angie, Shane & Katie
- Hudson Chiners
- Matthew Creech
- Louise Deacon
- Firestone Park Christian Church
- Earl Frasure
- Sue Freeman
- Bob and Virginia Gunn
- Regina Hathaway
- Susan Hathon
- Elinor Hornberger
- Jane Hudson
- Lesley Huffaker
- Virginia Killmon
- Betty King
- Liz King

- Carol Lightner
- Barbara & Lee McCauley
- David McNew
- Kyle C Miller
- The Ngs
- Rick & Karen Noll
- Lisa Ousley
- Brenda Patterson
- Stella Pool
- Steven Pratt
- Pat Rankin
- Carole Reynolds
- Lee Anne Ryan
- Pat Savage
- Barbara and Jerry Sayles
- Jean Bliss Siers
- Louise Spivey
- Rick & Jane Sutermeister
- Those Who Hunger For Justice
- Warren Chapel UMC

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*Ryan, an Area Coordinator in Eastern North Carolina, shows off his new gleaning attire for the summer.*
Your gifts made food available to real people across the country. While they may not know your name or face, they are grateful and will never forget what you’ve done! People of all ages and backgrounds continue to receive good food at a time when they need it most.

In the **first six months** of the year you helped share **almost 14 million pounds** of good food in areas of great need.

Top left: This farm-stand in North Carolina is just another way that SoSA gets good food directly from farmers to families in great need. Top right: This woman in North Carolina is overjoyed receiving fresh-picked peaches on her front porch since she can’t drive to a food distribution event. Middle: These tomatoes were hand-picked by passionate volunteers from a farm in Mississippi to share with their neighbors struggling with hunger. Bottom: This partner at a Salvation Army Center in Florida excitedly receives pallets of good produce from SoSA farmers.

Plan for Advent with SoSA

**Advent 2020**

**Peace be with You**

Advent materials are shipping now

Order or download yours at EndHunger.org/advent

In the **first six months** of the year you helped share **almost 14 million pounds** of good food in areas of great need.
Thank you to the following foundations & corporations that donated $1,000+ in the 2nd quarter of 2020

Anonymous Foundation ......................................................... Fayetteville, AR
A Friends’ Foundation .............................................................. Boca Raton, FL
Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation ........................................... Indianapolis, IN
The Boston Foundation ....................................................... Boston, MA
Carter Bank & Trust ............................................................... Martinsville, VA
Central Alabama Community Foundation ......................... Montgomery, AL
The Chicago Community Trust .............................................. Chicago, IL
Christ Episcopal Church Foundation .................................... Charlotte, NC
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham ................ Birmingham, AL
Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville ................... Huntsville, AL
Community Foundation of Northeast AL ......................... Anniston, AL
Dunkin’ Joy Foundation ....................................................... Canton, MA
Family Agriculture Resource Management Services .............. Charlotte, NC
Fidelity Charitable Gifts ......................................................... Cincinnati, OH
Foundation For The Carolinas ............................................ Charlotte, NC
Foundation Serving Richmond & Central Virginia ............... Richmond, VA
Frank E. Duckwall Foundation .............................................. Tampa, FL
Gleaning For The World ....................................................... Concord, VA
Independent Presbyterian Foundation ............................... Birmingham, AL
The J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation ................ Bethesda, MD
James M. Frye Endowment III of The Community Foundation Richmond, VA
John K. Bastien Foundation .................................................. Delray Beach, FL
John & Mary Franklin Foundation ...................................... Atlanta, GA
Joseph S. Bruno Foundation ............................................... Birmingham, AL
Lilly Endowment, Inc. ......................................................... Indianapolis, IN
The Martin Andersen-Gracia Anderson Foundation .............. Orlando, FL
McIntosh Foundation ............................................................ Coral Gables, FL
The Meera & Ashok Vasudevan Foundation ........................ Stamford, CT
Morgan Stanley ...................................................................... Baltimore, MD
National Christian Foundation of Georgia ......................... Alpharetta, GA
Network For Good ............................................................... Bethesda, MD
Robert & Dee Leggett Foundation ....................................... Great Falls, VA
Rotary Club of Forest ............................................................. Forest, VA
Schwab Charitable ............................................................... San Francisco, CA
Titmus Foundation ................................................................. Sutherland, VA
Vanguard Charitable ............................................................. Warwick, RI
Walker Area Community Foundation .................................... Jasper, AL
Wonderful Giving ................................................................. Los Angeles, CA
Your Cause ................................................................. Plano, TX

Join the mission to end hunger. You’re more than welcome, you’re invited!

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 by volunteers as well as rejected food from the grocery stores that SoSA rescues. Those materials and transportation bring food safely from the fields and stores to the tables of families who need it most.

It’s easy 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 brings more than 800 servings of food, every single month, to the tables of families in need.

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

Planting Seeds for the Future

Khaya is 17 years old and is in the SoSA volunteer spotlight! Recently, Khaya volunteered with The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) team in Indiana during the pandemic.

Early in the summer, Khaya volunteered with SoSA planting tomato seeds with a community garden. This wasn’t a sensational event—it didn’t end with a record amount of pounds of giant piles of food. It’s also likely to be at least 40 days before those seeds bear any tomatoes. But it was an occasion to remember!

Khaya was given careful instructions about aerating the soil, planting the seeds, and doing it in a specific order. He followed the instructions and planted many tomato seeds. As a result, the seeds will grow and share good food with many people in the near future.

He enjoyed that experience and returned to glean a cornfield in July! In fact, when most volunteers canceled due to the predicted weather, Khaya remained steadfast. He was the only volunteer, along with SoSA staff, gleaning corn that day. In one morning alone, Khaya rescued and shared over 800 pounds of corn with local agencies in his region!

Khaya’s service with SoSA fed families with corn today and planted seeds that will feed families with tomatoes, another day.

Khaya is not a “frequent flyer” volunteer. In fact, when he volunteered the first time this summer, he only volunteered because his mom gave him no other choice. However, what had a slow start has grown into something exciting as his enthusiasm for the mission has grown!

Khaya has clearly grown to love serving his community in the mission to end hunger. His mom hopes that seeds of compassion were planted in his heart this summer. She hopes he grows in serving others because she believes it’s critical that young people be provided opportunities to grow in service to their neighbors.

(Your gifts to SoSA share food with families in need as well as make opportunities like this possible.)