



2020 Georgia Impact Report

Preventing waste and feeding the hungry were accomplished here in Georgia during one of the most challenging years our state has faced. Your support made it possible to address this crucial issue in two ways. In each, food that would otherwise have been wasted was provided, at no cost, to food banks, pantries, and programs that provided food to those most in need:

- **In the Georgia fields**, SoSA mobilized hundreds of volunteers to glean fields and orchards for remaining fruits and vegetables. Volunteers from many faith groups, civic organizations, schools, and universities gathered food remaining after the harvest. In 2020, more than 1 million pounds of good food were distributed across the state of Georgia.
- **At the Georgia packing houses**, food that was surplus, inconvenient size, or considered cosmetically imperfect, was transported by SoSA to agencies that feed the hungry. Otherwise, this food would have been shipped to a landfill as waste.

There is still more work to be done in 2021 and your community needs you!



Members of the Southeast Produce Council harvested sweet GA pears. Volunteers picked them up and they were distributed that afternoon.



Volunteers pulled, trimmed and bagged these gleaned cabbages in South GA. The cabbages were distributed in the local area as well as neighboring counties.

Healthy Food to Those Who Need it Most

Working in a collaborative effort with farmers, volunteers, communities, and feeding programs throughout the state, SoSA provided healthy food to those who have little or no access to it.

This nutritious, but excess bounty was sent directly from the point of surplus (field or packing facility) to where it was needed most and was not stored in a warehouse. We helped build systems, train leaders, and establish communities that will be able to sustain this effort.

The Society of St. Andrew is nationally recognized for efficiency and effectiveness, with a total overhead of just 4%. SoSA's remarkable programs have proven extremely successful at providing nutritious food to those who need it most while reducing food waste in our nation's landfills.

2020 End-of-Year Statistics

Produce Providers
51

**Pounds of Food
Saved**
1,934,642

Events Held
27

**Volunteers
Mobilized**
370

**Agencies
Receiving Food**
71

Servings Shared
21,500,000

Financial Gifts
289

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