



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Preventing Waste, Feeding the Hungry

With the help of hundreds of generous donors, the Society of St. Andrew Mississippi (SoSAMS) addresses this crucial issue in two ways. In each, SoSAMS gathers up food that would otherwise be wasted. This fresh and nutritious food is then provided, at no cost, to food banks, pantries, faith-based groups and programs that feed or provide food to our hungry neighbors across Mississippi:

- **In the fields** SoSAMS mobilizes over 3,000 volunteers each year to glean fields and farmers markets for remaining fruits and vegetables after the harvest or the market has concluded. Last year, the Mississippi Gleaning Network collected more than 3.5 million pounds.
- **At the packing houses** food that is surplus, inconvenient size, or considered cosmetically imperfect, is transported by SoSAMS to agencies that feed the hungry. Otherwise, this food would have been shipped to a landfill as waste. The Potato & Produce Project rescued 6.8 million pounds of this food in 2018.



Mississippi Program Coordinator, Leigh Ann Blalock, attending her first Sweet Potato Drop in Wiggins.



Volunteers in the field harvesting beautiful turnip greens. In two days, approximately six hours, 2,000 pounds were gleaned and then distributed.

Bringing Healthy Food to Those Who Need it

Nationally, SoSA works in a collaborative effort with thousands of farmers, tens of thousands of volunteers, and thousands of feeding programs in all 48 contiguous states, and through our gleaning network, SoSA provides healthy food to those who have little or no access to it.

This nutritious, but excess, bounty is sent directly from the point of surplus (field or packing facility) to where it will be used, and is not stored in a warehouse.

The Society of St. Andrew is nationally recognized for both 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.

EndHunger.org/Mississippi

2020 End-of-Year Statistics

Produce Providers

38

Pounds of Food Saved

3.5 Million

Events Held

249

Volunteers Mobilized

3,300

Agencies Receiving Food

133

Servings Shared

10,500

Hungry People Fed

119,048

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