



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

2022 Tennessee Impact Summary

Our Mission

The Society of St. Andrew brings people together

to harvest and share healthy food,
reduce food waste, and build caring
communities by offering
nourishing food to hungry
neighbors.

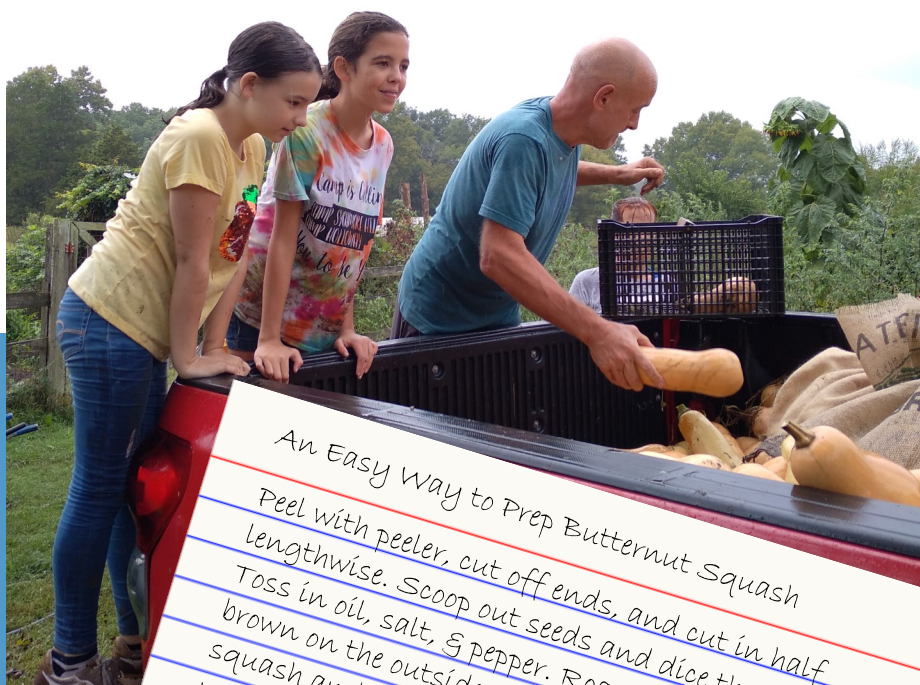
Harvesting & Sharing Healthy Food

Healthy food matters. When people experience food insecurity, they're susceptible to health conditions like obesity, diabetes, mental health disorders, infant mortality, and heart disease. That's why SoSA helps share fresh produce—so hungry neighbors can get nutritious foods instead of just convenience foods.

Grower Paul Campanis of Antioch, TN works with volunteers to load up a truck with butternut squash. Butternut squash, besides being a sweet treat, is rich in Vitamins A & C.

Thank you!

You've gleaned more markets, harvested more fields, and moved more loads, all to feed more people in need and keep more good food from going to waste.



An Easy Way to Prep Butternut Squash
Peel with peeler, cut off ends, and cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out seeds and dice the squash. Toss in oil, salt, & pepper. Roast at 400° F till brown on the outside. (This works with all hard squash and most root veggies— I like to make a roasted roots pan in winter!)
Enjoy!
-Jeannie

2022 By the Numbers

Pounds gleaned:
833,467
pounds

Servings distributed:
3,333,868
servings

Volunteers:
1,359
volunteers

Food providers:
133
providers

Feeding agencies:
106
agencies

Bringing People Together



Each year volunteers from schools, churches, civic groups, and colleges come together in service to their neighbors.

And each year, the volunteers grow as much as the plants do! The volunteers learn more about the need that exists in their own backyards. They also experience renewal through hands-on service.

(Left) In the early spring of 2022, Christ Cathedral partnered with Belle Meade United Methodist Church to do a sweet

potato drop. 8,000 pounds of sweet potatoes were distributed to 12 different community agencies. These two congregations continue to partner together in service.



Building Caring Communities

Alameda Christian Church, a long time SoSA partner, has been serving hungry neighbors in Nashville for a long time. In the last few years, they developed a community garden in order to grow some of that food as well! SoSA kicked off Hunger Action Month with an opportunity to volunteer in the garden, then share dinner and learn about SoSA's mission. We connected several groups of caring neighbors in a fun, rewarding, and informative evening.

Recipient Agencies

Alameda Christian Church
Alcoa Church of God
Appalachian Outreach
Battlefield Farms
Bearden UMC
Beardsley Community Farm
Beauty for Ashes
Beaver Ridge UMC
Bellevue Food Bank
Camden First UMC
Cedar Ridge Ministries
Centro Hispano De East TN
Cerebral Palsy Center
Chickasaw Senior Community
Chilhowie Baptist
Church of the Holy Communion
Clean Memphis
Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry
Community Food Connection of Blount County
Concord UMC
Cornerstone Church of God
Daily Living Center
Dandridge Ministerial Association
East TN Gleaners Co-Op
Faith Lutheran Church
Feed America First
First Responders Knoxville
First UMC Gatlinburg
FISH Hospitality Pantries
For the Kingdom
Fountain City Ministry Center
Good Samaritan Center
Good Shepherd Center
Gordon Memorial UMC
GraceWorks Ministries
Grainger County Baptist Association
Grassy Valley Baptist
Hardeman County Residents
Harvesters Food Bank
Help and Hope Ministries
Helping Hands Ministry
Hermitage Church of the Nazarene
Hines Creek Missionary Baptist Church
Isaiah 58 Ministry
Jewish Family Services
Journey Home
KNOX Community Gardens
Knox County Schools
Knoxville Agencies
Knoxville Area Rescue Mission
Knoxville CAC
Ladies of Charity
Lennon-Seney UMC
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Reducing Food Waste

Gleaning farmers' markets is a practice that not only feeds our neighbors, but also prevents good food from being wasted. When food is wasted, it is lost. Not only does a family in need miss out on farm-fresh fruits and vegetables but all of the inputs— seeds, fertilizers, water, hours of labor, and fuel costs— that go into growing that food are lost as well.

In 2022, seven groups gleaned markets weekly, keeping tons of delicious produce from going to landfills. In landfills, it would have contributed to greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere, besides adding bulk to the rapidly-filling facilities in Tennessee.

(Below) At the 12 South Farmers Market in Nashville, Trevecca Nazarene Church gleaned weekly and donated the fresh produce to Trevecca Towers, a senior living facility next to the church.



Recipient Agencies (continued)

Love Kitchen
Maryville Community Food Pantry
Maryville Ministries
Mattie Coleman CME Church
Midtown Valley UMC
Milan Vineyard Christian Fellowship
Morgan-Scott Project
Mountain T.O.P.
Nashville Rescue Mission
New Life UMC Food Pantry
Norwood UMC Knoxville
Nourish Food Bank
Oak Ridge Agencies
Oak Ridge Housing Authority
One Generation Away
Operation Hope Jackson
Operation Sharing Tennessee
Paris First UMC
Pellissippi Pantry
Plough Towers
Pond Gap Community Garden
Radical Mission
Red Bird Mission School
Restoration House of East Tennessee
RIFA Jackson
Rocky Top Food Pantry
Sacks Thrift Avenue
Salvation Army Murfreesboro
Samaritan Place
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee
Second Harvest Food Bank of NW TN
Second UMC
SEED Plant One
Share Our Supper Lipscomb
St. Paul's AME Zion
Susannah's House
Teen Challenge
Tennessee Tech Campus Food Pantry
Terry Owen
The Good Shepherd Center
The Lord's Child
The Nashville Food Project
Thrive Lonsdale
Trevecca Towers
Trinity UMC
Tullahoma Family Food Ministry
United Ministries of Robertson County
Vance Ave. Youth Development Center
Wesley House
Western Heights Baptist Center
Windmill Way

Offering Nourishment to Hungry Neighbors



(photo by Cindy McMillion)

In Memphis, a broad network of volunteers works together to feed hungry neighbors. Volunteers from Beth Shalom Synagogue and Temple Israel glean the farmers market at Agricenter International twice a week. The food they glean goes to Jewish Family Service's Senior Living center, The Towers. Food they deem "prep ready" (in other words, it needs to be used and cooked soon) is taken to the Church of the Holy Communion, where a team prepares and freezes nutritious and delicious meals. Then, Emmanuel Center, an after-school tutoring and mentorship program, sends those meals home with families in need.

Church of the Holy Communion gathered these folks together for a panel discussion in September of 2022 for Hunger Action Month.

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