



# Society of St. Andrew

## Gleaning America's Fields – Feeding America's Hungry

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# You Shared Food and More

**B**ecause you gave, you shared millions of servings of fresh, nutritious food with families in great need in 2021. In giving, you served and quenched the needs of “the least of these...” (Matt 25:40).



Your generosity distributed more than 46 million pounds of good food through SoSA's network last year. Each pound of food provided four servings of fresh fruits and vegetables for someone who might otherwise have gone without access to fruits, vegetables, and healthy food. No matter how you measure it, you made an impact.

As SoSA donors, you equipped

volunteers to respond when farmers opened up their fields in states nationwide. You provided a solution to transportation costs and sent food where families needed it most. In addition to sharing food, you also provided a host of other benefits to communities in their hour of need.

In donating food to community service agencies through SoSA, who shared it free of charge, you also freed up millions of dollars in agency budgets that could then be used for other critical community needs instead of buying fresh food for their clients. So by sharing food with agencies, you also offered the possibility of summer camp for low-income kids; afterschool programs; drama, music, and art classes at community centers; laundry detergent and washing machines for shelters; new tires for agency vans; more beds in shelters and drug rehab centers; support for returning citizens and for veterans; community mental health services, etc.

Even though it's difficult to quantify, by providing food free of charge, you bestowed a direct economic benefit to hungry families. Receiving food at no charge freed portions of their limited family funds for critical family needs like kids' shoes and clothes, diapers, shampoo, birthday cakes, medication, gas, repairs for family cars, bus tokens, etc.

And as the new year begins, SoSA's network is bustling with activity. Opportunities pop up left and right, and the need is quickly growing. Gleaning is in high gear in warmer regions. Daily, SoSA deploys volunteers to rescue fresh food and deliver it to agencies overwhelmed with need. With each new gleaning event— SoSA supporters like you make a difference once again.

Hunger haunts more families in more places and they need your help. We'll be inviting you to give again this year to support this ministry. And when you do, know that every dollar you give provides 44 servings of good food through SoSA's network—and a host of other benefits to local communities! ■





## 2021 Year End Totals Fresh food saved and donated to feed hungry people

Nourishing Food Shared .....	46,515,865 lbs
Servings of Fresh Food Provided.....	186,063,460
Events .....	6,840
Volunteers.....	21,485
Farms/Providers.....	913
Distributing Agencies .....	1,965

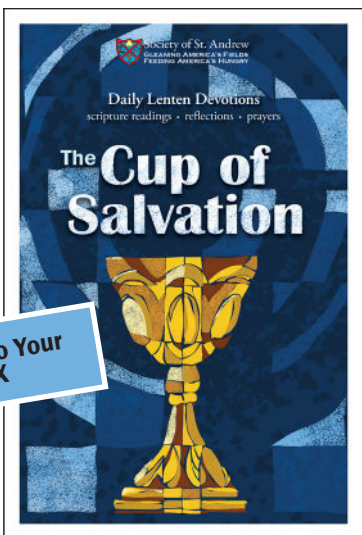
**Total Historical Pounds**  
**Total Historical Servings**

**963 Million**  
**2.88 Billion**

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**March 2 – April 17, 2022**

# Executive Director's Report

By Lynette Johnson

2021 was another banner year for the Society of St. Andrew, thanks to all who shared money, crops, time, and prayer. I am so grateful for each of you! We are beginning 2022 with great news, that you have made possible.



A combination of exciting factors came together last year, including amazing generosity from more than 8,000 donors. That generosity not only provided more food than ever but also left the Society of St. Andrew in an excellent financial position at the beginning of 2022. One of those exciting factors was an anonymous \$500,000 gift that is funding program expansion with a new SoSA regional office in 2022!

This expansion funding will provide significant initial support for a new regional office, with a five-to six-year funding ramp-down as the new office establishes itself and becomes self-sustaining.

The new regional office takes the Society of St. Andrew back to its roots – the potato fields of Virginia's Eastern Shore. The Delmarva (Delaware-Maryland-Virginia) Peninsula Regional Office will be based

in Salisbury, Maryland, and will be growing rapidly to oversee gleaning work from Cape Charles, Virginia north to Wilmington, Delaware.

Food gleaned on the Delmarva will be used first to feed hungry people along the length of the peninsula. Large loads of potatoes and other crops that may overwhelm local need may be trucked off the Delmarva and into population centers from Tidewater, Virginia to Washington, DC; Baltimore; Philadelphia; Trenton; and New York. We anticipate increasing numbers of large loads being available as SoSA's Delmarva Regional Office matures, building more relationships with farmers on the peninsula each year.

It's my hope that the new Delmarva Regional Office will be actively gleaning before the end of the second quarter of 2022. We welcome inquiries starting immediately from individuals, gleaning groups, and congregations that would like to connect on the peninsula and help feed hungry people!

For more information, contact Allyson Ey, Operations Director, [ops@endhunger.org](mailto:ops@endhunger.org) or register as a volunteer at [EndHunger.org/volunteer](https://EndHunger.org/volunteer) ■

Joining with you to share even more good food,



# New Things Are Growing

As a partner of The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), you likely already know there is more than enough good food already grown in the U.S. to feed its hungriest citizens. One lesser known factor contributing to hunger is that food is not always grown where it's needed most.

By giving and strengthening SoSA's network, you build connections that bring good food where it is needed most. You're also helping grow good food in areas where farming is limited, through a new connection with NC-based nonprofit, Seed Programs International (SPI).

Over the past 20 years, SPI has developed a line of hardy vegetable seeds for use in developing countries. With much success abroad, they've expanded their work domestically, forging partnerships that will share seeds in under-resourced areas. SPI now makes seed packets available for distribution through SoSA's Seed Project.

For more than 30 years, SoSA has been providing seed potatoes to Appalachian farmers each spring through the Seed Potato Project. Now, working with SPI, SoSA will be sharing garden vegetable seeds as well, increasing the variety of healthy foods available to people in need, through more months of the year.

With the addition of vegetable seeds, the reach of the Seed Project has extended as well, both geographically and in partner types. Recipients now include Appalachian farmers and agency partners as in years past,

and also congregations, schools, community gardens, inner-city pocket gardens, and edible churchyards.

In 2021 some of the first seed packets from SPI went to SoSA's new Ohio Gleaning Network to distribute

hundreds of seed packets (and several thousand pounds of seed potatoes) to 20 different organizations across Central Ohio. Some agencies provided cooking demonstrations and shared storage tips. Others distributed the seeds directly to community residents.

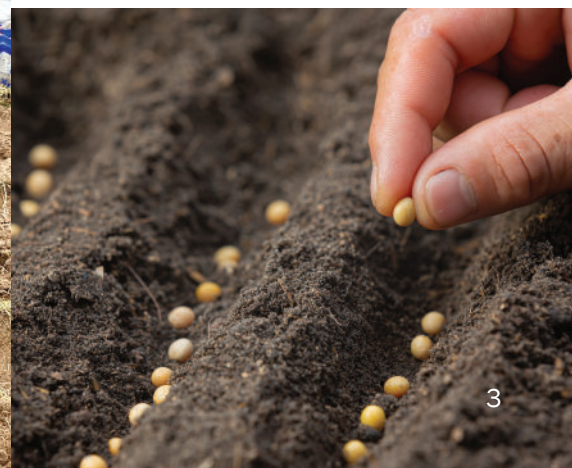
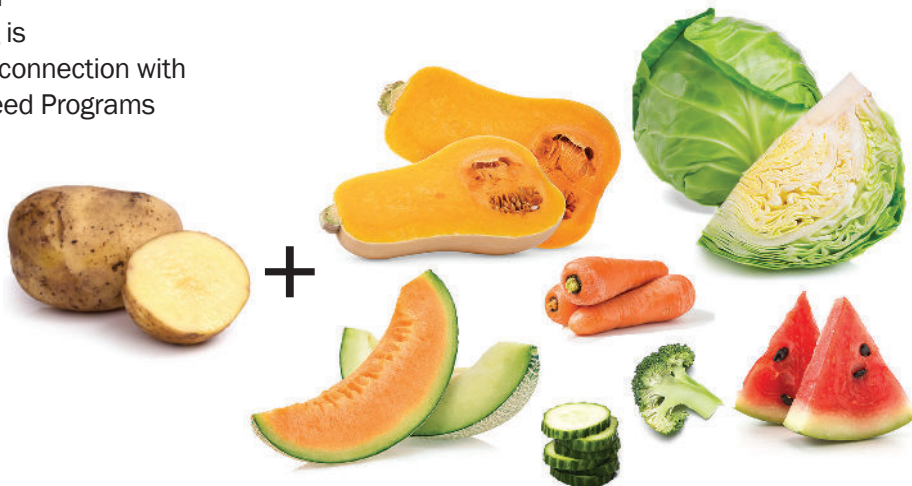
One agency offered a hands-on learning experience for elementary-age students by planting seeds, tending plants, and harvesting the food they would then take home to their families.

The Seed Project offers a "hand up" to families and communities, as children, young people, adults and seniors grow food to feed themselves and share with their neighbors and extended families.

It's a return to work SoSA did in its earliest years, and an opportunity for greater self-sufficiency for people in need.

Meg Spears-Newsome ([seeds@endhunger.org](mailto:seeds@endhunger.org)) coordinates the Seed Project. Contact Meg to discuss opportunities to share vegetable seeds in your community. ■

In addition to potatoes, the Seed Project now offers seeds to grow broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, cabbage, melons, and squash



# Your Impact Can Be Measured in Many Ways

**46 million pounds** of good food and disaster/COVID relief supplies were distributed last year.

As always, the majority of this was farm-fresh fruits and vegetables. SoSA's participation with the USDA Farm to Families program in the early months of 2021 provided proteins, dairy, and produce to hungry families in every one of the 650,000 boxes we distributed.

SoSA also shared crucial cleaning products with many agencies. Truckloads of bleach, cleaning products, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, and paper products sent to areas hard-hit by COVID and natural disasters, provided security for their many recipients—who were often some of the people most vulnerable to sicknesses (seniors, young children, people with pre-existing medical conditions, etc.)

**Nearly 2,000 agencies** and organizations received food through SoSA's network.

- Social service agencies providing multiple services for families in need
- Food Pantries
- Food Banks
- Congregations
- Daycare Centers
- Title I/Community Eligibility Schools
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- Homeless shelters & ministries serving unhoused individuals and families
- Recovery residences & group homes (serving returning citizens, newly sober individuals, and persons with developmental disabilities)
- Skilled nursing facilities (including nursing homes, convalescent homes, and senior living facilities)
- Community tables & prepared meal programs
- Disaster and emergency relief programs
- And more...

**Over 150 types** of fruits and vegetables...

**By rescuing food and disaster relief supplies,** you literally prevented tons of good food from ending up as landfill waste.

**You made an impact** through food rescued, nutrition consumed, families fed, and compassion shared with people in need across the United States, in communities large and small.

In 2021, more than 9,000 gifts from people like you, from congregations like yours, from foundations and corporations, from local businesses,

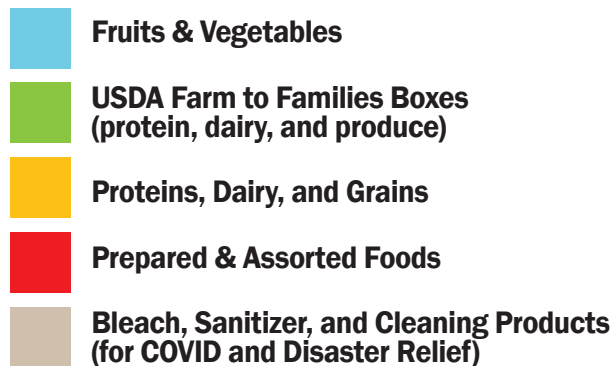
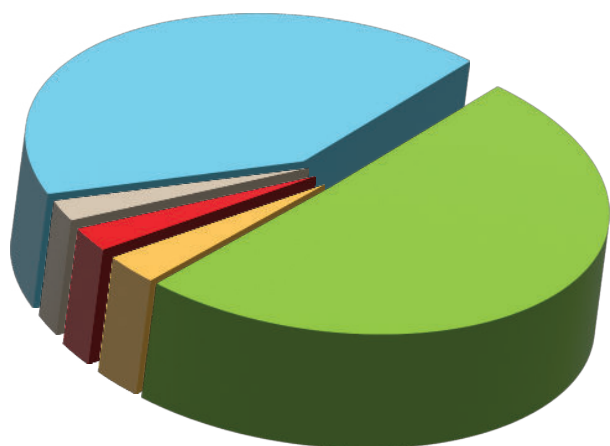
made this critical work possible. Together with food shared by 900+ providers and the labor of more than 21,000 volunteers, you've served others and shared God's abundance. Thank you.

Every year, we rejoice in hearing the stories of people who have overcome or are overcoming the challenges that caused them to struggle with hunger—people who are now passionate about helping others. It's an honor and a blessing to work with them.

Growing up, Maria's family struggled with hunger. Now, her needs are met and she spends her days serving others in that same struggle. Maria has







worked for a nonprofit in North Carolina for the past 12 years and has been a SoSA volunteer for the last 12 months.

**“There were many families needing assistance but it was shocking so many seniors needed help too. The pandemic cut them off from their families and their primary support.”**

In 2020, due to COVID, the organization Maria works with saw a surge in the number of people seeking food and assistance to purchase food.

Maria met Jean— a SoSA staff member at a SoSA crop drop (food distribution event). Maria remembers how one statement from Jean opened the door to abundance: “...if you need food, just let us know...”

Maria was overjoyed! She would do whatever necessary to increase her clients’ access to fresh produce, to complement the shelf-stable foods from food pantries. Maria began gleaning with SoSA whenever she could.

As a result, she’s shared more than 100,000 servings of fresh food from SoSA’s Gleaning Network with her clients. When asked about her passion for hunger relief, Maria shared her experiences growing up in a single-parent household where finances and food were scarce.

One Christmas her mother gave a fruit basket to Maria and her six siblings. Each child was allowed to pick one piece, as a gift. There was enough for each child to have one piece.

**“We never went to bed hungry but we were never full either...”**

Maria is only one example of the many people across the country you serve, equip, and encourage when you give to SoSA. There are countless more stories of individuals who eagerly partnered with SoSA and have also grown into champions in the mission to end hunger. Your gifts and service feed people in need AND create opportunities for people like Maria to engage in hands-on service to their communities. ■



## Recent Individual 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

Dorothy and Robert Andrews  
Virginia Bealer  
Victoria Belcher  
Andrew Benjamin  
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Carl A. Bretinger  
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Ashley Osburne  
Michael Pedone  
Linda Perry  
Perry & Richardson Families

**When you give, you make a direct impact.**

**Your gifts also empower volunteers, equip  
leaders, and encourage farmers— so even  
more good food is rescued and put on the  
tables of families in great need.**

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Rev. Nancy B White  
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Norma Kay Wilson  
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Steve & Ellen Goad  
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Greta's Birthday

## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS

### that donated \$1,000+ in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021

These foundations and corporations recently made contributions to the Society of St. Andrew as a part of their organizational alignment with SoSA's mission. Their funds were invested in local communities with high levels of hunger and food insecurity which provided fresh food to local families, at no cost to them.

ACS.....	Lynchburg, VA	Johnson Family Foundation.....	Miami, FL
Alabama Civil Justice Foundation.....	Montgomery, AL	Kohl Foundation.....	Grapevine, TX
Alfa Foundation.....	Montgomery, AL	L.B. Lane Family Foundation .....	Hickory, NC
Alpha Foundation Inc.....	Huntsville, AL	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory .....	Livermore, CA
American Cancer Society.....	Charlotte, NC	Madison Drugs RX.....	Huntsville, AL
ArborBrook Consultants.....	Miramar Beach, FL	MartinConnects.....	Huntsville, AL
Barnes Paper Company .....	Gainesville, GA	Meera and Ashok Vasudevan Foundation.....	Stamford, CT
Beazley Foundation, Inc. ....	Portsmouth, VA	National Christian Foundation Georgia .....	Alpharetta, GA
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City of Indianapolis .....	Indianapolis, IN	Publix Super Markets Charities .....	Lakeland, FL
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Community Foundation of Greater Huntsville .....	Huntsville, AL	Southeastern Grocers Gives Foundation .....	Jacksonville, FL
Community Foundation of South Georgia .....	Thomasville, GA	State Farm.....	Bloomington, IL
Congregation at Duke's Chapel .....	Durham, NC	Stewardship Foundation .....	Tacoma, WA
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Daniel Foundation of Alabama .....	Birmingham, AL	The Atticus Trust .....	Nashville, TN
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# Volunteer Spotlight

## Giving Creates a Ripple Effect

**G**iving creates a ripple effect as it creates new opportunities, empowers others, and extends SoSA's reach.

While there are still millions of hungry families in the U.S. today, hope grows as the new year begins. By working together with SoSA volunteers across the nation, you can get more good food into more places this year.

Thousands of volunteers serve through SoSA's Gleaning Network every year. Each volunteer comes to SoSA for their own reasons and each is equipped to serve and share abundance — right in their own backyards. They know the areas of greatest need in their community and the key leaders to call on for support in their region.

Emma has volunteered for years in Alabama. As a result, she has rescued thousands of pounds of food and fed numerous people. She also invites and encourages her friends and family to serve as well because she knows that together they can accomplish even more.



Emma started volunteering with SoSA as an individual and now recruits new volunteers to join in serving.



Pictured Above: Jerry taking a brief rest while gleaning a summer crop of curly kale.

Jerry “the always-there volunteer” initially signed up as a SoSA volunteer in Indiana three years ago. Since then, his passion has grown and he has volunteered more than 100 times. Kind-hearted, thoughtful, and helpful, Jerry’s charisma makes him memorable to volunteers, farmers, and partners— even to some who only meet him once.

Young Mae already has a heart for service and makes it a priority to volunteer. This legacy of serving through

SoSA she inherited from her mother, Beth— who received it from her father.

Beth frequently volunteered for SoSA with her father, more than 20 years ago. She remembers loading his trailer with freshly-gleaned food and riding along, taking it to food pantries in the area. She even remembers where those pantries were!

While some people may volunteer with SoSA once a year, or once in a lifetime, volunteers like Emma, Jerry, Mae, and Beth find joy and meaning in every opportunity to serve, knowing that they are making a difference in the lives of people in their own communities.

As new opportunities to feed even more people this year arise, we invite you to give, serve, and lead again. ■

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