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Gleaning America's Fields—Feeding America's Hungry



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Six Inches of Snow and Food on Every Table

For more than 15 years, Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin, IN, has marked the Christmas season with a potato drop. Each year, the church schedules a truckload of potatoes from SoSA to be delivered a few weeks before the holiday, so they can share food with a local agency that distributes Christmas meal kits and give plenty more away directly to neighbors.

Over the years, the drop has become something the entire community looks forward to, a sign that Christmas is near and that help is here. But in December 2025, the tradition faced a sudden test.



The night before the drop, the forklift company canceled. Without a forklift, there was no way to unload the tractor-trailer filled with pallets of potatoes. Hundreds of families were counting on that food. Christmas meal kits

depended on them. AND a winter storm was fast approaching.

Pastor Joe Sanford did what strong community leaders do: He asked for help. He put out a call to the community on Facebook and by phone, and enlisted the entire church's help. SoSA staff in Indiana put their Friday night plans on hold to reach out to anyone they could, trying to find a forklift and a backup plan in case the snow ruined distribution plans.

By the next morning, eight local businesses, farms, and stores had offered to help. One local farmer not only brought a forklift, but he brought one even better than the original and volunteered to help again next year.

Amid logistical chaos and gathering snow clouds, volunteers sprang into action on Saturday morning, racing against time. Together, they unloaded, organized, and gave away the potatoes before the storm hit.

By Saturday evening, more than six inches of snow blanketed Franklin, but by then, the potatoes were already in the hands of neighbors.

Because of your generosity, Grace UMC shared 40,000 pounds of potatoes with neighbors in greatest need just before Christmas. The food didn't stay in a warehouse or sit on a truck. It

wasn't delayed. The event didn't get canceled. The food was shared.

These moments show what makes the Society of St. Andrew's work so powerful. It isn't just trucks and pallets. It's partnership. It's long-standing relationships. It's a church community and SoSA staff willing to make one more phone call. It's farmers stepping up before sunrise. It's volunteers who don't turn back when snow is on the way. It's your financial support that funds the trucks, staff, and backup plans.

Your generosity strengthens local connections long before a crisis hits. Because you give, neighbors' needs are met, even when the weather and circumstances try to stand in the way. ■

A canceled forklift and 6 inches of snow didn't stop Grace United Methodist Church from sharing 40,000 lbs of potatoes. When "logistical chaos" hit, a local farmer and volunteers stepped up to ensure the food reached those who needed it most. Potatoes arrived in 50-pound bags on pallets, and the community stepped in to unload the truck and share spuds with any neighbor in need.





2025 Year End Totals Fresh food saved and shared with hungry people

Nourishing Food Recovered.....	21,516,536 lbs
Servings of Fresh Food Provided.....	96,144,716
Events	6,778
Volunteers.....	20,369
Farms/Providers.....	816
Distributing Agencies	2,095

Harvest of Hope

Hands-On Service/Study Events

It's not too late to register for Harvest of Hope retreat where you'll glean fresh produce, serve neighbors in need, and grow through hands-on learning and reflection. If you're passionate about hunger relief and open to new experiences, visit EndHunger.org/hoh to sign up today!

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HARVEST OF HOPE
MISSION EXPERIENCE**



SCAN the QR CODE: Point your cell phone camera on the QR code and click on the link to learn more about Harvest of Hope.

Fifteen Years of Miraculous Generosity

By: Lynette Johnson

When I began working for the Society of St. Andrew in 2010, my assignment was to expand the gleaning network throughout Tennessee. The generosity I experienced in my first months, I've seen play out thousands of times over the last fifteen years.



Lynette Johnson,
Executive Director

MLK Day gleaning oranges and funded the wash process required for citrus to leave the state. Another company in Nashville sent a tractor-trailer to pick up the oranges and bring them to a school where more than 90% of the children were from very low-income families. Fruit that grew on trees in Florida on Monday was eaten by Nashville families on Friday, with each child at the school (and 11 Head Start programs in the community) receiving a full bag of oranges to share with family. The school, the corporations, and SoSA staff partnered to build a community of care that stretched across multiple states because they saw a need and wanted to help.

The very first farmer we worked with in Tennessee had little himself, but couldn't say yes fast enough when he heard about SoSA rescuing unmarketable crops to feed people in need. A year later, when his entire farm on the Cumberland Plateau suffered from a windstorm, this same farmer was so apologetic that he didn't think he'd have any food to share. Even in his loss, he was thinking of others.

A couple of years later (when there was still a lot of citrus grown in Florida), an amazing partnership was formed for just one event: a company in Florida spent

I wish you could meet the farmers who share so willingly, and the folks who head out into hot, dusty fields and spend hours picking good food that they will never eat. I'd love to introduce you to the tireless workers at food pantries who feel their neighbors' needs so acutely that they will not stop until everyone is fed. I wish you could see all the miracles, big and small, that happen every day through your generosity and care as a donor or volunteer with the Society of St. Andrew. Thank you for your part in this amazing work. ■

BECAUSE Hunger CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE



Hunger is closer to home than many of us realize.

According to Bread for the World, more than half of all Americans—51.4 percent—will experience poverty at some point before the age of 65. Food insecurity can stem from a single event: a job loss, an illness, a natural disaster, rising costs, or an unexpected bill. It can happen to anyone, and it often happens quietly.

That is why your support matters so deeply. When you support the Society of St. Andrew, you make sure that



whenever hunger shows up in a community, nourishing food shows up too.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said, “When people were hungry, Jesus didn’t say, ‘Now is that political, or social?’ He said, ‘I feed you.’ Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.” Hunger is not an abstract idea or a distant problem. Hunger is immediate. It asks

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a simple question: Will there be food today? And because of you, the answer is yes.

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Every day, you rescue fruits and vegetables from fields, farms, and packing sheds to food pantries, shelters, senior centers, community kitchens, and faith-based agencies. These community partners are trusted neighbors, places of welcome where people can receive food with dignity. Because of you, they can offer more than just calories. They offer abundance, health, and hope.

By supporting the Society of St. Andrew, you prove that hunger is not inevitable. When faced with a need, you don’t ask whether it’s political or social. You respond with compassion to feed those in need.

Thank you for feeding hungry neighbors and for believing that fresh food belongs on every table. Thank you for being the reason the good news looks like bread for so many. ■



All Are Welcome

For most of us, fresh produce is readily available. Grocery store aisles overflow with fruits and vegetables harvested from farms across the country. But the people who plant, pick, and pack that food don't always know where their next meal will come from.

That's why your support of the Society of St. Andrew matters so deeply to partners like Dos Santos Food Pantry.

Dos Santos primarily serves immigrant communities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, including Haitian and Hispanic families, as well as many senior citizens and other under-served neighbors. These are families who often live and work quietly in their community, sustaining the agricultural economy while facing rising food costs, unstable employment, and fear about where they are truly welcome.

At Dos Santos, they are welcome.

"Whatever I can do to help people feel comfortable and accepted, I'm happy to do that," says Betty Mariner, who leads the pantry. A former ESL teacher, Betty brings both compassion and cultural awareness to her work, helping families who have moved from other countries feel safe and seen.

That sense of trust is everything for Dos Santos. Dos Santos doesn't advertise its services through billboards or mailers, just word of mouth in the community. Neighbors tell neighbors about a place where they can find what they need. Betty and Jean Siers (SoSA's Regional Director in Delmarva) cannot even remember how they found each other; they both say they just heard about each other.

Since opening a thrift store in 2022, Dos Santos has gained greater visibility

and expanded its food pantry reach, now distributing around 800 food boxes each month, serving 3,500 people. That's 200 packages every week for families in need. Recently, they transitioned from pre-packed bags to a "shop-style" pantry, allowing families to choose the foods that best meet their needs. The change followed community feedback: some Haitian families didn't need masa, while many Hispanic families did.

And for a long time, the only fresh produce available at Dos Santos came from the Society of St. Andrew. Since 2023, SoSA has shared 56,000 servings of produce with Dos Santos!

Thanks to you, SoSA's rescued fruits and vegetables fill boxes and shelves, bringing nourishment to people who spend their lives harvesting food for others. While Dos Santos now also receives produce from a local food bank, SoSA's partnership laid the foundation for distributing produce. Fresh food belongs in every household, regardless of income or ethnicity!

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—Betty Mariner**

Your impact reaches Dos Santos in another powerful way each summer through SoSA's Harvest of Hope mission work-camp program. Teen campers who attend Harvest of Hope on the Eastern Shore spend their

mornings gleaning produce from fields, then arrive in the afternoons to deliver that food directly to Dos Santos. Their help is invaluable as they assist Betty with tasks around Dos Santos.



Betty Mariner of Dos Santos Food Pantry (pictured talking to Harvest of Hope campers in the photo above) works to ensure that the very families sustaining Virginia's agricultural economy have fresh produce on their own tables. Through Harvest of Hope and gleaning on the Delmarva peninsula, Dos Santos has received over 56,000 servings of fresh produce to share with neighbors in need.

Your gifts do more than just rescue produce. They extend to trusted community partners who serve their communities in culturally-specific ways. Every neighbor deserves dignity and care; Dos Santos ensures that residents of the Eastern Shore have exactly what they need to thrive. ■





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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.

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Volunteer Spotlight Connections Grow Here

JESSIE MAURER first volunteered with SoSA in Florida in 2024 when a friend invited her to a corn field. What started as curiosity quickly became a meaningful connection to the earth and to a community of volunteers united by one purpose: feeding hungry neighbors.

As Jessie worked alongside other volunteers, she listened to their stories and learned why they gleaned. Some came to glean for veterans. Others volunteered to support local food pantries or to ensure their immigrant neighbors had access to fresh produce. Together, they

turned surplus produce into nourishment for neighbors who needed it most.

Since then, Jessie has made gleaning a regular part of her life, volunteering at least once a month. She often brings friends from her community of homeschool families, but most often, she brings one of her sons. For Jessie, gleaning is about connection and community.

“I want my kids to feel connected,” she says. She wants to teach them to connect with where their food comes from. She wants them to understand the hard work farmers put into growing food and the reality

that weather or disaster can take a harvest away at any moment.

One of Jessie’s favorite gleaning memories is of a large harvest that included eggplant, jalapeños, peppers, and sweet corn. She brought more friends to glean with her than she initially expected, but there was plenty of work to go around. That day, her sons even became leaders, helping teach other volunteers how to properly glean different types of produce. It was a joyful reminder that everyone, regardless of age, can help feed their neighbors in need.

fulfilling and peaceful. In the field, volunteers disconnect from technology and daily distractions to reconnect with nature. They develop empathy for farmers who labor tirelessly and for neighbors who rely on shared food to make ends meet.



Jessie (pictured in the bottom right photo) describes gleaning as both fulfilling and peaceful, a chance to disconnect from daily distractions and connect with the earth and her community.

I want my kids to feel connected.

-Jessie Maurer

Jessie’s children have also formed meaningful relationships with SoSA staff members Rose and Megan, who take time to teach them about food systems and farming. Those lessons, Jessie believes, are just as important as the produce itself.

When Jessie talks with others about gleaning, she often describes it as

Every month, volunteers like Jessie build a more connected community by stepping into the fields, learning alongside their children, and helping ensure fresh produce reaches neighbors who need it the most. ■



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