

# The Society of St. Andrew salvages fresh produce that would be wasted and donates it to feed the hungry.

## Vision

We have a vision of a world in which physical and spiritual hungers are met through God's grace and abundance. We adhere to the words of First John 3:18: "... let us love not only in words, but in deed and in truth."

## Mission

The Society of St. Andrew introduces people to God's grace in Jesus Christ through meeting their hungers:

- Food for the body
- God's word for the spirit
- Community of love for the heart
- Opportunity for those who desire action

## A Grass Roots Ministry

More food is wasted in this country every year than is needed to feed the 37 million Americans who don't get enough to eat – and to feed them every day! The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) partners with farmers, volunteers, financial supporters and hunger relief agencies to bridge this hunger gap simply and effectively by salvaging fresh food that will go to waste and delivering it to those in need. More than 92¢ of every dollar donated to SoSA goes directly to providing food for the hungry at about 2¢ per serving. SoSA's partners prove that *Gleaning America's Fields ~ Feeding America's Hungry* makes a significant difference in the lives of the hungry.

## THE POTATO PROJECT

Growers and food providers donate tractor-trailer loads of commercially unmarketable yet perfectly good, fresh produce to SoSA. We pay to package and transport this nutritious produce to food banks, shelters, and distribution agencies across the country, which use the food to feed the hungry.

Started by SoSA in 1983, this nationwide produce salvage program provides direct relief to the hungry while addressing one of hunger's major causes: Food waste. 15 to 20 million pounds of fresh food are saved annually at a cost of about 5¢ per pound. This good produce, which normally would be dumped to rot, feeds our nation's poor and hungry with 45 to 60 million servings a year!



## SEED POTATO PROJECT

This self-help program provides seed potatoes purchased by SoSA to impoverished communities in rural areas where people have access to land for gardening. The seed is donated to needy families through local service agencies. The families plant, cultivate and harvest their own crops, realizing a yield of about 8 pounds of potatoes per pound of seed planted. The *Seed Potato Project* builds community, self-sufficiency, and self-esteem while teaching agricultural skills and providing needed food.

## GLEANING NETWORK

Gleaning is the Biblical practice of hand-gathering crops left after harvest. SoSA volunteers glean fields and orchards donated by growers, and then the produce is given to local food banks, pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and distribution agencies to feed the hungry. Tens of thousands of volunteers each year hand pick 15-20 million pounds of food to help relieve hunger in their own communities.



## HARVEST OF HOPE

*Harvest of Hope (HOH)* is a gleaning and study program that educates youth and adults about the realities of hunger, its causes and effects. It provides participants with a basis for an ongoing commitment to responsible living in a hungry world. Designed for youth, young adults and intergenerational groups, weekend and week-long

mission retreats are conducted Spring, Summer and Fall in various states around the country. *HOH* emphasizes the



combination of gleaning, study, and non-denominational worship to build a Christian community of service to meet the needs of the poor, homeless and hungry.



## CONGREGATIONAL PROGRAMS

To encourage spiritual growth and sharing to help those who suffer hunger, SoSA offers a variety of congregational programs:

- Advent devotional and giving program
- Lenten devotional and giving program
- Vacation Bible School program
- *Church Partner* program
- *Loaves and Fishes Club*

## INDIVIDUAL PARTNERS

SoSA offers a variety of opportunities for individuals to strike a significant blow against hunger through proven and cost-efficient SoSA programs:

- Donations and Pledges
- Workplace Giving and Matching Gifts
- Planned Giving, Wills and Bequests
- Ask your church, synagogue, service organization, company, or charitable foundation to allow SoSA staff to talk to them about how they can get involved in feeding the hungry
- Become a SoSA Interpreter to tell others about preventing food waste, feeding the hungry at just 1¢ per servings



To make a donation or learn more about how you can help fight hunger, complete this form and mail to:

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Big Island, VA 24526

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I want to help the hungry through Society of St. Andrew ministries.**

**Here is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

(Make check payable to Society of St. Andrew.  
Your donation is tax deductible as allowable by law.)

**Please send information about the following SoSA ministries and programs:**

- The Potato Project and Seed Potato Project*
- Harvest of Hope*
- Gleaning Network*
- Advent devotional & giving program
- Lenten devotional & giving program
- Vacation Bible School program
- Church Partner* program
- St. Andrew Club* pledge program
- Planned Giving, Wills and Bequests
- How to become a SoSA Interpreter (speaker)
- SoSA Resource Order Form listing brochures, publications, videos, and promotional materials
- I would like to receive the SoSA Report newsletter (published quarterly, free)

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**“In my judgment the Christian faith does not lend itself to much preaching or talking. It is best propagated by living it and speaking it. When will you Christians really crown Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace and proclaim Him through your deeds as the champion of the poor and oppressed?”**

Mahatma Gandhi

**“How much wealth we accumulate is a sign of how prosperous our lives are. How we use our wealth is a sign of how worthwhile our lives are.”**

Ken Horne

Society of St. Andrew Executive Director

## BEGIN TODAY TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH

**THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS** which strengthen the whole community.

*“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”*  
James 5:16

**WITH YOUR GIFTS** which help salvage food for the hungry at a cost of just 1¢ per serving.

*“Give and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over ...”*  
Luke 6:38

**THROUGH LEARNING** more about the spiritual and economic causes and effects of hunger, you will become a powerful advocate for the hungry and oppressed.

*“Learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed.”*  
Isaiah 1:17

**BY GETTING INVOLVED.** Bring youth to *Harvest of Hope*. Try gleaning. Collect Pennies for Potatoes. Start a SoSA fundraiser at your church. Helping to feed the hungry will greatly enrich your spirit.

*“...let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.”*  
1 John 3:18

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