

The Problem

More than 40 million Americans go hungry, including women, children, the unemployed, the working poor, and homeless people.

And yet, plenty of food is available. The USDA estimates more than 25% of the food grown in the U.S. is never made available for people to eat – much of it is left in the fields after harvest, and much more is deemed excess or unmarketable, and is dumped in landfills. And after the remaining food is delivered to supermarkets, consumers, and restaurants, another 96 billion pounds of food is thrown away every year.

There is enough food for everyone. The need isn't a shortage of food. The need is for the available food to be within reach of hungry people.



The Solution

Society of St. Andrew has the commonsense solution that bridges the great gap between 40 million hungry Americans and the billions of pounds of good, nutritious food that is out of their reach.

The solution is to glean and salvage the best of that food, and instead of wasting it, make it available to those who need it most. SoSA does that by coordinating all the parties that can make it happen by working together:

Farmers and packing houses with excess food let Society of St. Andrew know when and where that food will be available to glean or to take away in tractor-trailers.

Volunteers are called when crops are available and they go into the fields and orchards, gathering up the food and packing it for delivery.

Feeding agencies pick up the food, or it is delivered to them. They deliver the food directly to those who need it most. The food is distributed by food pantries, and used for prepared meals in soup kitchens.

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Western Office

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Outside these areas, call 800-333-4597 to organize a gleaning event in your area.

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**GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY**



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Gleaning Network

Growers

Generous growers donate fields and orchards for gleaning. Gleaning is the act of collecting leftover crops from farmers' fields after they have been commercially harvested, or on fields where it is not economically profitable to harvest. We glean all kinds of fruits and vegetables – from apples to zucchini and everything in between!

Volunteers

People from all faiths, civic organizations, schools, and scouting groups alleviate hunger by volunteering to glean. Some gleaning requires bending and lifting, but groups of all ages are encouraged. Gleaning is a great family activity.

Potato & Produce Project

The *Potato & Produce Project* moves entire tractor-trailer loads of produce to food banks that provide food for our nation's food-insecure population. The food comes from farms and packing houses where growers, shippers, brokers, and food processors donate perfectly good, yet commercially unmarketable fresh produce, to the *Potato & Produce Project*. Your donations help pay for the packaging and freight of this successful program.

Society of St. Andrew also runs a *Seed Potato Project*. This is a self-help program that provides seed potatoes, purchased by SoSA, and delivered to impoverished communities in rural areas of the U.S. where people have land available for gardening. Families plant, cultivate, and harvest their own crops, yielding about 8 pounds of potatoes for every pound of seed planted.

Harvest of Hope

This mission retreat program educates about hunger, and provides a common-sense solution to the problem. *Harvest of Hope* events include several activities:

Gleaning – The foundation of the program and an opportunity to provide the hungry with much needed nutritious food.

Study – Participants experience an intensive study about hunger and its causes.

Lifestyle and Nutrition – We examine how our consumption of resources impact others, while enjoying nutritious meals and snacks.

Worship – Ecumenical worship is an integral part of the *Harvest of Hope* experience. Each day begins and ends with worship.

For details, cost, and a schedule, visit EndHunger.org/harvest.htm or contact our National Headquarters.



Churches

Society of St. Andrew partners with hundreds of churches as they engage in hunger ministry through our programs.

Vacation Bible School

Each year, SoSA provides a unique, mission-focused VBS program that can be used along with your church's program, or can be used as a stand-alone program.

Advent & Lent Devotional Booklets

A daily meditation guide for personal use in the weeks leading to Easter and Christmas.

Alternative Gift Christmas Card

Every year, a card featuring original art is sent to those you choose to honor.

Hunger Bible Study

Our 12-part Bible Study on hunger is available for free on our website.

Details on all these programs are available at:

EndHunger.org

Get involved

Contact the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) office in your area to get involved (see the back of this brochure). If you are not in one of those areas, please contact the national office. A gleaning director schedules dates for gleaning, contacts volunteers, and supervises the gleaning. Distribution of the food is also arranged by the gleaning director, and groups are encouraged to deliver food to agencies in their own area.



**People in your community need
fresh nutritious fruits and vegetables**

Partner with Society of St. Andrew TODAY!