

## Society of St. Andrew -

Gleaning America's Fields - Feeding America's Hungry

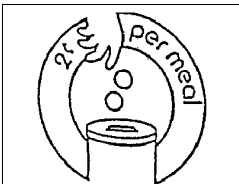
The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) is a non-profit, ecumenical hunger relief organization. SoSA seeks to:

1. Salvage nutritious food that would otherwise go to waste.
2. Distribute this food to the hungry through food banks, relief agencies and direct distribution.
3. Accomplish this food salvage and distribution at a very low cost of normally just a few cents per pound or a penny per serving.
4. Educate people about the existence of hunger so they can become a part of solving this problem in our state. There are 33 million hungry Americans, one in five of them are children. There is more than enough wasted food to feed every person in need in the US.
5. Promote the practice of Christian lifestyles and spirituality through community volunteerism and personal involvement by people of all ages, races, cultural and economic backgrounds.

Toward this end, SoSA operates 3 innovative and successful domestic programs: **The Potato Project**, **The Gleaning Network** and **The Harvest of Hope**. The Potato Project organizes the salvage of bulk potatoes or other produce which cannot be sold at markets for cosmetic reasons. SoSA arranges to bag and ship these potatoes to hunger relief agencies throughout the country. The Gleaning Network accomplishes this same objective with a wide variety of produce. Through this program, SoSA volunteers enter fields after the farmer is done harvesting and simply pick up the good produce left behind. The produce is donated to local hunger relief agencies, public housing communities and others in need. Harvest of Hope is a series of specific events geared primarily for senior high and college age youth which run for a week or weekend in a work/study retreat format. In addition to actual gleaning, Harvest of Hope

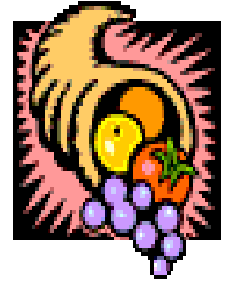
participants learn about hunger and poverty issues through a dynamic and engaging curriculum.

For more information or to volunteer for a gleaning event please contact Barbara Sayles at 407-650-1956 or go to [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org)



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## Hunger Facts



### How many people are hungry in the developing world?

862 million people across the world are hungry, up from 852 million a year ago.

### How many people are hungry in America?

35.5 million people—including 12.6 million children—live in households that experience hunger or the risk of hunger. This represents more than one in ten households in the United States (10.9 percent).

4.0 percent of U.S. households experience hunger. Some people in these households frequently skip meals or eat too little, sometimes going without food for a whole day. 11.1 million people, including 430 thousand children, live in these homes.

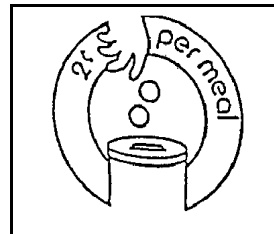
6.9 percent of U.S. households are at risk of hunger. Members of these households have lower quality diets or must resort to seeking emergency food because they cannot always afford the food they need. 24.4 million people, including 12.2 million children, live in these homes.

### How many children die each year from hunger-related causes?

Every day, almost 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes--one child every five seconds.

### How much do we spend to fight hunger and poverty in America?

About 2.5 percent of the federal budget is spent on food assistance. The Temporary Aid to Needy Families (welfare) program amounts to about one percent of the budget.



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