



**Society of St. Andrew**  
GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS  
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

# 2025 **Alabama Gleaning Network** IMPACT REPORT

The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.

## Counting Our Blessings...



**101**

Donor Farmers



**1,096**

Service Hours Given



**104**

Agency Partners



**110,356**

Neighbors Served



**659**

Volunteer Shifts



**275,892**

Pounds of Food Shared



**886**

Gleaning Events



**1,103,568**

Servings Distributed



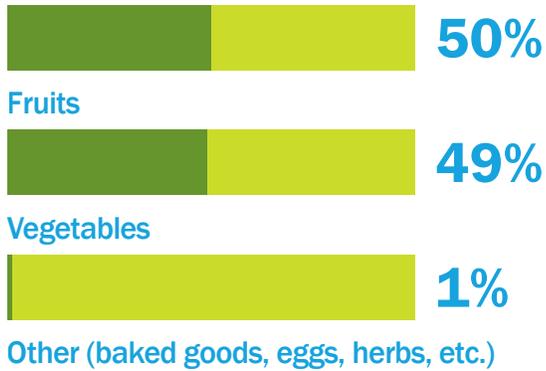
**13** Community Distributions



**33** Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided



### Food Types by Weight



### Produce Types



**57** Types of Vegetables

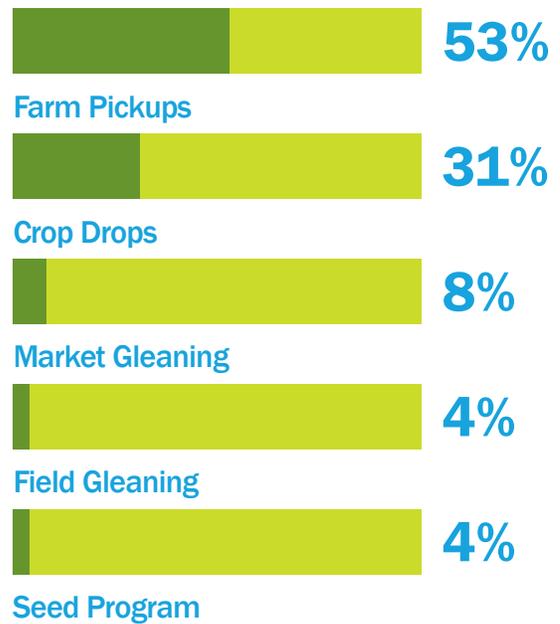


**19** Types of Fruit



**8** Types of Herbs

### Food Sources



### Financial Supporters

**123** Individuals



**29** Congregations



**18** Foundations & Corporations

## Love, Learning, and Lasting Partnerships

Sonya is one of our longtime volunteers in Cullman County. She is full of personality, always has a smile on her face, and if anyone she meets has a need, you can guarantee she will find a way to meet it! Sonya dedicates so much of her time to the residents of Cullman, especially in the public housing community where she started and maintains two community gardens with a total of 42 raised beds. When given the opportunity to volunteer at field gleans, help at a crop drops, or pick up donations from farms, Sonya never skips a beat and shows up smiling. She has packed and transported many thousands of pounds in her SUV and distributed food to feeding agencies, ministries, and families in need throughout her community. Sonya has an incredible passion to make a difference in others' lives, and her favorite way is through community gardening. When asked what fuels her, she said,

***“There are so many people out there who need help but don’t know where to go or what is even out there available for them. So many people don’t know that you can plant a seed and it will produce food, because nobody has taken the time to teach them.”***

Sonya uses the gardens to teach families about seed starting, growing and harvesting produce, cultivating flowers, and so much more. She even provides and teaches folks how to prepare healthy recipes with veggies from the gardens. Sonya has made the garden not just a place for learning about growing food, but also a place of fellowship for the neighborhood kids, their families, and fellow residents—a place where ALL feel included.

By listening, learning, and working side by side, we honor the expertise and generosity of farmers, the dedication of volunteers, and the vital role of feeding partners. Together, we move beyond just “moving food” to true partnerships built on trust, dignity, and love for our neighbors. It is these relationships that help to transform scarcity into abundance, surplus into nourishment, and compassion into lasting impact, strengthening both our communities and our collective response to ending hunger.





## Growing for Good

In May 2023, Area Gleaning Coordinator Lesley was introduced to retired Circuit Judge Dale Segrest and his wife, Betty. For his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, he decided to throw a BBQ fundraiser for SoSA with the help of his grandson, Fischer, raising over \$1,300. But they didn't stop there. Each year, the Segrests grow a huge garden to share with their friends, family, and the local Tallassee community. They lovingly tend and harvest the garden despite setbacks, surgeries, and illnesses over the years, and encourage garden patrons to make a donation to SOSA as they are able to, but otherwise, the

food is donated freely with no strings attached. So far, the garden project has raised over \$6,000 to feed neighbors in need across the state. The Segrests are a true example of what generosity looks like, fully representing the spirit that makes SOSA what it is—creating community by sharing the bounty of good, fresh, locally grown food!



## Caring about Community

Building caring communities is the heart of all that the Society of St. Andrew does, and West End Community Church in Birmingham embodies what it means to be a caring community. Church leaders and neighbors have cultivated a network of ministries that meet people where they are: offering meals through the WE Café (a pay-what-you-can lunchroom), after-school and summer programs for children, workforce development, and more!

When West End Community Church began hosting a joyful community harvest party for the sweet potatoes grown in their WE Garden, they quickly learned that demand for potatoes far outpaced what they could grow. For the last two years, SoSA staff supplemented the harvest with several pallets of potatoes- all thanks to YOU! Volunteers bagged them up, and the entire neighborhood joined in for a "Potato-Palooza" filled with laughter, food, and fellowship.

When you give to SoSA, you're doing far more than rescuing produce. You are fueling events like Potato-Palooza, empowering neighbors, and helping churches and volunteers everywhere come together around good food. That's what building caring communities looks like.





**We are so grateful for all of the farmers, agencies, churches, and volunteers who make this mission possible! Thank you!**

Farmers Market Partners



National Program Partners



## Food Program Partners

3PM Ministries Birmingham  
Alabama Farm to Early Care & Education  
Alabama Sustainable Agriculture Network  
Asbury Food Pantry  
Auburn United Methodist Church Pantry  
Bethel Independent Methodist Church Pantry  
Boys & Girls Club, Brookside  
Broken Arrow Ministries  
Brother Bryan Mission  
Bryan Clay House  
Cane Creek Missionary Baptist Church Pantry  
Caring Heart Outreach  
Carpenters Cabinet  
CASA of Madison County  
Centro Cristiano Jesus es la Respuesta  
Chambers County Community Health & Wellness  
Changed Lives Christian Center  
Christian Service Center, Lanett  
Christian Service Center, Valley  
Circle of Care Center for Families  
COC Food Pantry  
Colony Community Education Center  
Community Action Agency of Northeast Alabama  
Community Market of East Alabama  
Community of Hope  
Cullman Caring for Kids  
Cullman Re-Entry Addiction Assistance  
Dependable Hands  
Emmanuel Episcopal Little Food Pantry  
Empire Angel Wings  
Epworth United Methodist Church Pantry  
Eye of the Storm Inc.  
Faith Baptist Church  
Feed My Sheep  
Firehouse Shelter  
First Baptist Church Cullman Pantry  
First Baptist Corona Avenue Pantry  
Food for Our Journey  
For Life Ministries  
Forever & Always Patriots  
Friendship Mission  
First United Methodist Church, Montgomery  
God's Love Covenant Church Pantry  
Good Shepard United Methodist Pantry  
Greater Birmingham Ministries  
Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Pantry  
Growth Academy  
Helpline Christian Outreach  
Hooper City Recreation Center  
Hope for Women Center  
Hosana Home  
i3 Academy  
Iglesia Evangelica Manantial de Vida  
Jimmie Hale Mission  
Lanett Senior Center  
Limestone County Churches Involved  
Lincoln Food Pantry  
Lions Kitchen at Wallace State  
Little Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Pantry  
Love a Million Ways, Jefferson County  
Lovelady Center  
Macon County Food Pantry  
Manna House  
Mary Ellen's Hearth  
Mercy Ministries  
Miracle Deliverance Temple Pantry  
Mission of Hope Dora  
Montgomery Area Council on Aging  
New Life Church Pantry, Arab  
New Life Pantry, Birmingham  
North Alabama Agriplex  
Northwest Huntsville Feeding Program  
Nourish Alabama  
Oneonta One Life Ministries

### Program Partners (cont.)

Parkside Outreach  
Redeemed Ministries  
Restoring Women Outreach  
Royal Divinity Ministries  
Shelby Emergency Assistance  
Shepherd's Supply Mission  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Solomon's Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church  
Sloutions, Inc.  
Son Light Ministries, Selma  
Southside Baptist Church Food Bank  
St. Andrew Church of Grace Pantry  
St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church  
St. James United Methodist Church, Warrior  
Sumiton Church of God  
Table of Grace Tuscaloosa  
The Caring Center  
The Caring Place  
The Church at Wills Creek Food Pantry  
The Church of God Union Assembly  
The Crossing  
The Link of Cullman County  
The Ministry Center at Greensprings  
United Community  
Victim Services  
West Point Food Patch & Community Garden  
West Point Senior Center  
Winner's Chapel International, Montgomery  
Woodlawn Community Table  
Zion Star Missionary Baptist Church Pantry

### Churches & Faith-Based Donors

Acmar United Methodist Church  
Arlington United Methodist Church  
Asbury Christian Fellowship  
Barrett Road United Methodist Church  
Carrollton United Methodist Church  
Eclectic United Methodist Church  
Elmore Center United Methodist Church  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Fayette First Methodist Church  
First United Methodist Church in Attalla  
First United Methodist Church in Montgomery  
Forest Lake United Methodist Church  
Greens Chapel Church  
Gulf Shores United Methodist Church  
His Word Global Methodist Church  
Homewood Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
Independent Presbyterian Church  
Lillian Methodist Men  
Marion Methodist Church  
North Alabama Conference of UMC  
Northport Methodist Church  
Oldfield Methodist Church  
Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church  
Secular Franciscan Order  
St. Joseph Cupertino Secular Franciscan Order  
St. Paul United Methodist Church  
Union Grove United Methodist Church  
West End Methodist Church  
Wilsonville United Methodist Church

### Farm Partners

**Farmers are the backbone of our mission. We could not do this work without the generous growers who donate the literal fruits of their labor. We have omitted farm names to protect their privacy.**

Foundations & Corporate Donors

