



IPC CROP DROP

Sign up to volunteer by October 1*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON OCTOBER 17

Our annual Harvest for Hunger campaign kicks off Sunday, Oct. 17, with a family-friendly CROP DROP. All ages 5 and up are invited to help sack potatoes from 3 - 5 pm for our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity.

Childcare is available for babies - 4s. The event is brought to IPC by Society of St. Andrew - Alabama Gleaning Network.

REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER

Find volunteer and event information, sign up as a volunteer, and complete the required waiver at ipc-usa.org/connect. Childcare should be reserved on the sign-up form.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT

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*The number of IPC volunteers directly correlates to the amount of produce that Society of St. Andrews Alabama Gleaning Network plans on with area farmers and freight carriers. The sign-up deadline is to accommodate this two-week process.

HOW IPC IS SUPPORTING SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW – ALABAMA GLEANING NETWORK

IPC members are assisting in its produce rescue and distribution program, which puts fresh fruits and vegetables (at risk of going to waste) on the tables of our hungry neighbors across Alabama.

Each year, the Society of St. Andrew makes vital connections between farmers with excess or unmarketable produce, the volunteers who harvest and transport the produce, and nonprofit hunger-relief agencies who receive and distribute the food to those in need.

According to the EPA, each year in the U.S., we waste more than 206 billion pounds of perfectly good food. That's more than enough to feed all of our hungry residents. Through its Gleaning Network and the Potato & Produce Project, the Society of St. Andrew is able to save and distribute excess fresh produce throughout the country.

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW - ALABAMA GLEANING NETWORK IMPACT OF COMMUNITY GIVING IN 2020

- Nearly 2.7 million pounds of food salvaged, rescued, or gleaned and then distributed
- That's over 8 million servings of fresh produce, grains, and dairy on the tables of hungry Alabamians
- 72 Alabama farmers and providers sharing the bounty of their harvests with neighbors in need at 475 gleaning events
- Improved nutrition in the diets of low-income families, rendering them better able to face today's challenges and offering the possibility of improved long-term health outcomes
- Healthy food with excellent nutrition provided at no cost to over 220 community feeding agencies (food banks, food pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, senior and child nutrition programs, emergency food box distributions, Title I schools, etc.) already at work feeding vulnerable residents throughout Alabama