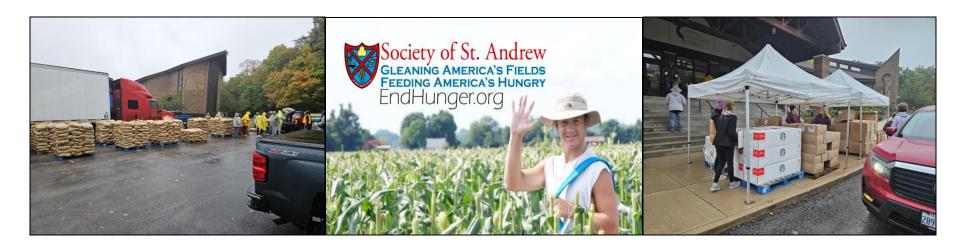
3rd. ANNUAL POTATO DROP - HELP END HUNGER



Potato Project is a program run by the **Society of St**. **Andrew (SoSA)** that diverts potatoes rejected by food processors to the poor. The SoSA brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The **Potato Project** has salvaged over 525 million pounds of produce since 1979, reducing landfill waste while supplementing the diets of the poor. Since that first load the Society of St. Andrew Potato and Produce Project has distributed well over 800 million pounds of food to America's hungry.

The Measuring Impact in 2024 through June:

SoSA has gleaned, gathered, and distributed over 6.6 million pounds of fresh produce across 1,889 events, with 7,176 volunteers. Food donated by 400 farmers has been distributed to the less fortunate through 1,005 feeding agencies. That's a total of over 26 million servings of fresh food shared.

The United Methodist Men of UMCNL will be hosting a special drive-thru event on **Saturday**, **October 19** to distribute 45,000 lbs. of potatoes. The potatoes will be in 10 lb. bags, ready for pick up by local food pantries and government agencies from our sorrounding communities.

We are asking our church family to help in the organization and distribution of these potatoes. That morning, we will be loading approximately 30 vehicles, starting at 9 a.m. This would be a great opportunity for our youth to get service points.

If you are interested in participating in this event please sign the attached sign-up sheet. If you have any questions contact Bob Bruozas at 708-429-9151.