



2025 IMPACT REPORT

Growing Community. Reducing Waste. Feeding Hope.



Senior Gleaners of San Diego County continued its 30+ year mission of rescuing fresh food, reducing waste, and feeding thousands of families throughout San Diego County.

A Year of Community Impact

In 2025, Senior Gleaners volunteers harvested and distributed more than **419,000 pounds of fresh produce** across San Diego County, providing over 1.1 million nutritious servings to individuals and families facing food insecurity. Volunteers rescued oranges, grapefruit, lemons, avocados, persimmons, vegetables, and surplus groceries that otherwise may have gone to waste.

The organization achieved a 15% increase in pounds rescued over 2024, while also expanding volunteer engagement, strengthening partnerships, and supporting more than 75 hunger-relief partners across the region.

2025 Highlights	Impact
419,056	Pounds of food rescued and distributed
1.1 Million+	Estimated servings provided
753	Gleaning and food rescue events
184	Unique volunteers engaged
7,669	Volunteer hours donated
75+	Partner hunger-relief agencies served



Senior Gleaners volunteers after a successful community glean.

Mission and Purpose

Senior Gleaners exists to provide quality food otherwise wasted to those needing it most while giving meaningful activity to seniors. Through volunteer-led harvesting, grocery rescue, and community partnerships, the organization connects surplus food with local hunger-relief agencies.

Food insecurity remains a significant challenge in San Diego County. According to regional hunger-relief organizations, many households continue to struggle to access consistent, nutritious meals. Senior Gleaners helps address this challenge by recovering edible food and delivering it quickly into the community.

Volunteers at the Heart of Everything

Senior Gleaners is powered almost entirely by volunteers. In orchards, backyards, grocery pickups, and distribution sites, volunteers donate thousands of hours annually to ensure healthy food reaches people who need it most.

Beyond the physical work, volunteers consistently describe the organization as a source of friendship, purpose, exercise, and community connection. Some volunteers serve as crew leaders, drivers, trainers, board members, outreach ambassadors, and event coordinators.



Daryush Bastani, Volunteer and Vice President, was recognized as 2025 Volunteer of the Year by San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

Community Partnerships and Outreach

Senior Gleaners strengthened partnerships in 2025 with hunger-relief agencies, faith organizations, businesses, schools, and civic groups throughout San Diego County.

The “Pick for a Purpose” initiative continued creating opportunities for corporations and community groups to participate directly in meaningful volunteer experiences while supporting local food recovery efforts.



Corporate and community volunteers participating in Senior Gleaners' Pick for a Purpose program.

Environmental and Community Benefits

Every pound of produce rescued represents both food recovered and waste avoided. By diverting edible produce from landfills, Senior Gleaners helps reduce methane-producing food waste while promoting healthier communities and sustainable local food systems.

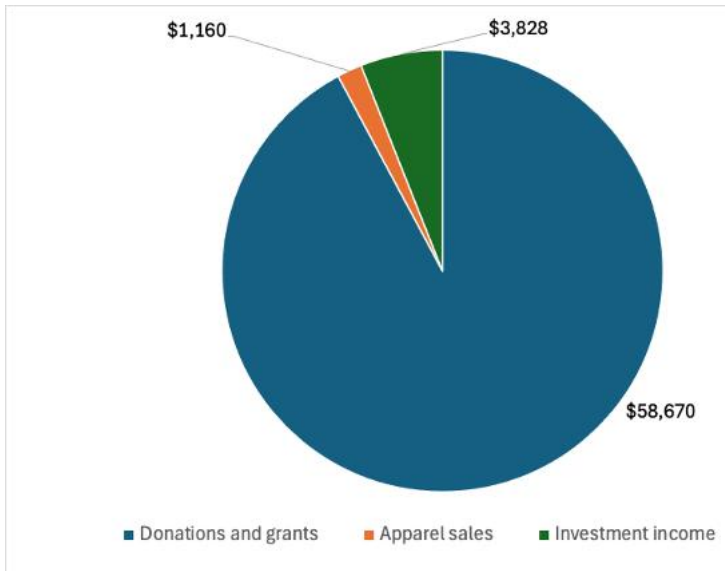


Fresh produce sorted and prepared for delivery to local hunger-relief partners.

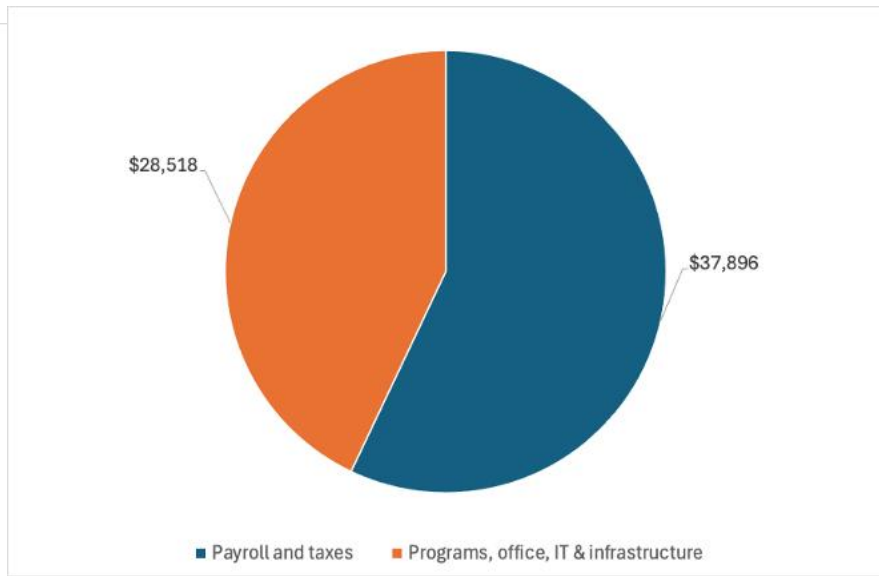
Financial Overview

Senior Gleaners of San Diego County remains committed to responsible stewardship of donor contributions and operational transparency.

2025 Revenue: \$63,653



2025 Expenses: \$66,414



Operational investments supported volunteer coordination, safety, transportation, communications, technology infrastructure, outreach, and fuel and vehicle maintenance needed to support countywide food rescue operations.

Looking Ahead to 2026

In 2026, Senior Gleaners plans to continue expanding volunteer engagement, strengthening regional partnerships, improving operational efficiency, and rescuing even more nutritious food throughout San Diego County.

The organization also continues supporting broader awareness around food waste reduction, sustainable local food systems, and community-based solutions to hunger.



Thank you!

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To every volunteer, donor, homeowner, corporate partner, hunger-relief organization, and community member who helped make this work possible: thank you for helping the Senior Gleaners community feed the hungry and reduce waste.