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Big Island, VA – The Rotary Club of Bedford has named the Rev. Kenneth C. Horne as this year’s recipient of their annual “Vocational Award.”

In making the presentation, Rotarian Ken Bradford explained that the award is presented to a non-Rotarian member of the Bedford community who through his or her vocation has had a positive impact on the local or global community. “In Ken Horne’s case,” said Bradford, “his impact has been both local *and* global.”

“Nearly 30 years ago Ken Horne co-founded the Society of St. Andrew right here in Bedford County, where it still maintains its national headquarters,” said Bradford. “This faith-based, non-denominational nonprofit organization saves food that would otherwise go to waste and uses it to feed people who would otherwise go hungry. Under Ken Horne’s leadership, the Society of St. Andrew has grown to become the nation’s premier gleaning organization with 44 offices in 22 states and saving 20-30 million pounds of fresh produce each year, which is donated to feeding agencies across the nation.”

Bradford also reported that under the direction of Ken Horne the Society of St. Andrew has, over the years, spawned a number of other nonprofit organizations that help the poor and hungry: Hunters for the Hungry, TOP (Teens Opposed to Poverty), and WAGN (Washington Area Gleaning Network, also known as Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network or MAGNET). Still others, such as Glean for the World, have adopted the Society of St. Andrew’s model of saving what would otherwise go to waste and using it to help the poor.

Ken Horne expressed his thanks saying, “I am honored and humbled. It’s true that you never accomplish anything by yourself, and so I accept this award on behalf of the many people at the Society of St. Andrew who work hard to see that food is not wasted but is used instead to feed hungry Americans.”

Horne is the fourth recipient of the Rotary Club of Bedford’s annual Vocational Award. The presentation was made during the Rotary Club’s annual dinner, held on January 19th at the Elks National Home in Bedford.

More information about the Society of St. Andrew and its hunger-relief work is available on its website - www.endhunger.org, by email to sosausa@endhunger.org, or by calling 800-333-4597.

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Color photo available. Photo Caption: Ken Horne (left) accepts the Vocational Award presented by Ken Bradford (right) on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bedford. Horne is co-founder and executive director of the Society of St. Andrew, a national nonprofit hunger relief organization located in Bedford County.

