

# Society of St. Andrew

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## Biographical Statement for

### **Steven M. Waldmann**

#### **Executive Director Society of St. Andrew**

Steven M. "Mike" Waldmann is Executive Director for the Society of St. Andrew, a national non-profit hunger organization. Mike is the 3rd oldest of 11 children born to George H. and Patricia J. Waldmann, of Cincinnati, OH. After growing up in Ohio he attended the U.S Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT where he graduated in 1974. He has a BS degree in Engineering and a Masters in International Relations. During his more than 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, Mike served in several command positions, and served as Captain of four different ships. Mike has an extensive background in management and financial responsibilities. In 1987, Mike attended a Society of St. Andrew Harvest of Hope event which began his association with the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). He served as a volunteer for the Society of St. Andrew for the next 6 years helping to create a Gleaning Network in Tidewater VA. Mike was selected as the Military Citizen of the Year for south Hampton Roads, VA in 1990. In July of 1994 he retired from the Coast Guard and accepted the position as Director of the Society of St. Andrew's first regional office, in Durham, North Carolina. His efforts in NC resulted in a program growth of more than 800% in just two years. In 1997 Mike was transferred to the national office of Society of St. Andrew and assumed new responsibilities as Chief of Operations, which included responsibilities for all of the day-to-day operations of the organization and its personnel. In recent years SoSA has demonstrated considerable program growth while reducing overhead and administration costs resulting in more food being distributed to our nation's hungry at less cost per pound. Under Mike's leadership, SoSA's overhead percentage has been reduced from 12% overall to an average of just 7% while simultaneously increasing food distribution by more than 100%. Each year SoSA saves and distributes about 30 million pounds of fresh produce to thousands of feeding programs across the country. This is accomplished at an overall program cost of about two cents per serving. In May of 2008 Mike was promoted to Executive Director of the Society of St. Andrew, succeeding its founder, Kenneth C. Horne, Jr.

Mike is married to the former Ms. Penny S. Baker. They have 3 daughters: Emily, age 30, is a graduate of the UNC Greensboro School of Nursing; Amelia, age 27, is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Biological Systems Engineering; and Virginia, age 24, graduated from Longwood University with a Masters in Education and Guidance Counseling. Mike and his family live in Forest, VA. For outside interests, Mike has enjoyed a reading and research interest in Thomas Jefferson for over 40 years, volunteers as a Docent at Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's second home, and enjoys sailing.

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