

# HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST

## PENNSYLVANIA'S VENISON DONATION PROGRAM

***Do you know*** there are now more than 1.5 million families in Pennsylvania in need of food assistance? Many of these families access the resources of local food banks to help put food on the table for themselves and their children. When you donate an average-size deer you help us provide up to 200 servings of lean, high-protein venison. Your generous monetary donation will go directly to the costs of processing and storing the meat. Every \$25 donated helps us provide 100 servings. To date, HSH has coordinated the donation of approximately 2 million pounds of venison from generous hunters to the food insecure in Pennsylvania. This volume was reached because people got involved and helped.

Since 1991, the Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) venison donation program has coordinated the processing and distribution of donated deer from hunters to hungry people throughout Pennsylvania. This sportsmen-inspired outreach program effectively channels wholesome venison via a network of approved deer processors and food banks to local charitable organizations in our urban and rural communities. HSH has evolved as a respected partner with deer management practices throughout the Commonwealth, and together with the PA food banks, food pantries and charitable hunger-relief organizations that play a critical role in filling the gaps for families and individuals at risk of hunger, we are able to put food on their tables. The HSH program is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit charity, with funding and support primarily derived from a mix of public and private sources. It has developed into a nationally-recognized model many other states have emulated. HSH was founded as the signature mechanism for Pennsylvania hunters to demonstrate their personal and compassionate decision to help low-income individuals and families with extra venison. Many wildlife management units in Pennsylvania offer multiple deer tags, longer seasons and special hunting

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### GET INVOLVED

...and help HSH feed the hungry in Pennsylvania!

#### Monetary Donations

**GIVE A BUCK FOR THE POT!** You can directly support HSH by participating with our Buck for the Pot campaign.

Monetary donations go directly to the costs of processing and storing the meat. For every \$25 donated, 100 servings can be provided to the hungry. Memorial contributions are also an appropriate gift as a way to express personal sentiments while helping to fight hunger.

#### Deer Donations

Donate a whole deer to one of our participating processors in your county at no cost to you. There is no fee for dropping off a deer and donating the meat. HSH may occasionally accept elk, moose and caribou meat if handled by a licensed meat processor. Please call HSH toll-free at 1-866-474-2141 to verify eligibility and for more details.

#### Volunteer

County coordinators may be needed in your county. Visit our online list to see if you might be able to assist in your area.

#### Sponsor

HSH offers three levels of Corporate/Foundation Sponsorships and four levels of Individual, Club and Business Sponsorships to show your support for our mission.

\*Monetary donations are tax deductible.

opportunities that result in an opportunity for extra deer to be donated to our program.

The program's success is due to the cooperation of our processors, our volunteer county coordinators, our board of directors, state legislators, state and local agencies, donors and sponsors in concert with our colleagues from a dedicated outdoor news media. All these components work together with a common mission to maximize the utilization of a valuable wildlife resource to help those needing food assistance.

HSH remains the most effective social service program for hunters and wildlife managers to directly make a difference for those in need. More than 1.5 million Pennsylvanians are classified as living beneath the lowest-income poverty level, and the need and requests for food assistance continue to grow.

The HSH program's annual goal is to channel more than 100,000 pounds of processed venison through the state's 21 regional food banks who then redistribute to more than 5,000 local provider charities such as food pantries, missions, homeless shelters, churches and individual families.

Thank you for your understanding and generous support as we work toward achieving our mission of delivering wholesome, high protein meat to those in need.



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