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## Hunters for the Hungry

Thank you' to all the Sportsmen and women across our great Volunteer State who donated venison during the 2007-2008 hunting season! Even though the state-wide deer harvest was down about 10% from 2006-2007, participation in the program increased over 8%.

That's over 30 tons of meat that went forth to feed hungry citizens of our great state!

[HFTH Processor List \(Click Here\)](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Memphis Conference of The United Methodist Church for being awarded The Tennessee Wildlife Federation's President Award at the 2006 Conservation Achievement Awards held in Nashville on March 21 2006, for outstanding volunteerism. Their success in raising over \$56,000 this year for the program went directly back into the local communities of West Tennessee. Make Sure your Checking off to Donate when you Purchase Your New Hunting Licences!

Make Hunger Your Next Target!

More than 11% of Tennessee's children and 19% of the elderly go to bed hungry.

Hunters for the Hungry is a program of the Tennessee Wildlife Federation in cooperation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Through this program, hunters and meat processors fight hunger by providing properly prepared venison to food banks and soup kitchens across the state.

Donated venison provides hungry families a high-protein, low-fat supplement vital to a healthy diet. Also, venison donated to soup kitchens lowers food costs and puts more meat on the table at a critical time of year. As an example, donated venison allows the Nashville Union Mission to put meat on the table -- one meal in four -- at a time when many of their clients need the extra protein to keep warm while sleeping on the street.

Accomplishments

Since the rebirth of the program in 1998, sportsmen have donated over 360,000 pounds of venison to help feed the hungry. This has helped hunger relief efforts feed nearly 1 MILLION meals to the hungry.

Join Us in Taking Aim Against Hunger!

Hunters can take advantage of this year's extra doe harvest, help to manage the state's deer herd, and feed needy families by donating extra venison to Hunters for the Hungry.

Everyone Gives A Little to Accomplish a Lot!

Processors - Processors discount their fees for preparing animals donated to Hunters for the Hungry. Second Harvest Food Bank, Nashville Egg Company, and more than 30 soup kitchens or food banks cooperate in transporting meat from the processor to the distribution site.

People - Individuals, foundations, sportsmen and civic clubs as well as church groups donate money for processing to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation for Hunters for the Hungry.

Public and Private Agencies - The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is an invaluable partner and promoter of Hunters for the Hungry. Headquarters staff and wildlife offers volunteer their time to promote the program. Thanks to the Wildlife Commission, the next time a hunter buys a license, they can make a voluntary contribution to Hunters for the Hungry.

A Buck Or A Doe Is Really Nice, But A Pound Or Two Will Do!

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In (2003) TWF and the Hunters for the Hungry Working Group made the decision to institute the Pound or Pack method until donations reach a point to where we can provide every processor assistance.

We encourage every hunter to donate a pound or package of venison when picking up processed meat for your use. The

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number of participating processors, cooperating food banks and soup kitchens has been doubled this year to provide hunters more places to donate. If every hunter donated a pound, we would have 200,000 pounds of meat to feed the hungry in Tennessee and we can use every ounce.

#### How You Can Help

Hunters - Donate extra venison - from a whole animal to a package of meat - and pay the discounted processing cost if possible.

\$\$Bucks\$\$ - Help target hunger, send a cash donation today!

Meat Processors - Call the Tennessee Wildlife Federation to register, if you are willing to process a deer at a discounted rate and hold that meat for regular pickup by a local food bank.

Volunteers - Call the Tennessee Wildlife Federation to host or sponsor a fundraising event. The need is tremendous and there is plenty of venison available - the limiting factor is money.

#### What You Get In Return?

In addition to the good feeling you will have from helping families in need, all donors will receive a one-year complimentary membership to the Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

For more information call Hunters for the Hungry Program Coordinator at Tennessee Wildlife Federation: 615-353-1133

Please make checks payable to: Tennessee Wildlife Federation

Be sure to indicate on your check "Hunters for the Hungry Donation." The Tennessee Wildlife Federation is designated a 501c(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Therefore, donations for this and other Federation programs are tax deductible.

#### Mail to:

Tennessee Wildlife Federation  
300 Orlando Avenue, Suite 200  
Nashville, TN 37209

Please be sure to write "Hunters for the Hungry" in the memo line of your check. If you would like the money directed to a certain processor please note name in memo line.