



# FOR I WAS HUNGRY

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- Deer donated: 4,027
- Pounds of meat: 201,374
- Servings: 805,496

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During the dead of winter, most North Americans are thinking about playing in the snow with their kids, finding after Christmas bargains, enjoying the late archery season, watching football, and other exciting winter activities. Another segment of North Americans are wondering what they will do to keep from freezing today, what they will eat today, and where they will sleep tonight.

Several years ago, on a cold December evening, a camera crew from The North American Hunting Club accompanied my son, Josh, and me to a soup kitchen in central Maryland. While the camera rolled I was talking to a woman named Jo about the "delicious venison stew" she was eating. I asked why she was eating at the Mission House. She told me that she had recently been evicted from the nursing home where she lived. When I said that must be horrible at this time of year, she replied, "No, I'm living in The Shelter now and I'm glad 'cause I can come and go as I please; and I've met a special friend." I asked if her new friend was a man or a woman. She quickly replied, "A man - a wonderful man!" I smiled and asked if he was with her tonight and she said yes. Of course with

**"...you did it to Me."**  
by Rick Wilson

the camera still rolling, I had to ask two more questions, "What is his name? And will you introduce me to him?" She smiled, then looked me in the eyes and said, "His name is Jesus." Then she finished it by asking me, "You mean you don't know Jesus?"

2,000 years ago the Creator of the Universe walked upon the earth and encountered people with the same joys and the same needs as Jo. Read below what He said to those around Him then; and what He is still saying to each of us today.

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me. Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master what are you talking about?' When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever (continued on page 2)

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## “...you did it to Me.” (continued)

you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.” Matthew 25:35-40 (the Message)

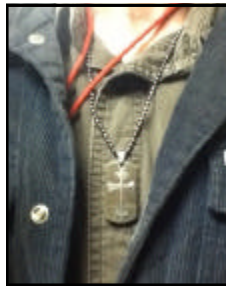
As you read through this familiar passage of the Bible, did you realize that Jesus was telling those around Him that when they did something for someone in need they were actually doing it **to Him**? How can that be?

This past Thanksgiving Day my wife, Ann, and I went to help feed several hundred people at St. John’s Lutheran, the large downtown church that my wife attended as a young girl. We joined dozens of men, women, and children who had come to prepare and serve dinner to those who would otherwise not join in on this blessed American holiday.



Noon approached and I was unexpectedly asked to offer the blessing by Becky, one of the organizers of the dinner. While the remaining tables continued to fill I sat at one along the side of the room. As I chose what I thought would be a meaningful passage of scripture and considered what God might have me pray, I noticed a man staring at me from among the now crowded tables. I tried to ignore him, but his stare continued in earnest. Finally, I stood and walked toward Becky; but this man’s stare

increased in intensity, compelling me to stop and talk with him. I asked why he was staring at me; and he responded that the Lord had told him to look at me. That got my full attention.



Next he lifted an unusual dog tag that was hanging around his neck. It appeared to be an interconnected, decorative cross. Before I could speak, the man stood up to shake my hand and introduced himself as Wilbert. Then he explained that his dog tag identified him as a member of the Lord’s army. “Wow,” I said, “What a profound claim.” Our conversation was interrupted as Becky called the hundreds of people’s attention toward me for the blessing of the meal. There I stood Bible in hand and speechless. Without hesitation I said to the invited guests and those in the kitchen, “Before we pray Wilbert has something to say.”

He began by telling everyone in the room that God loved them regardless of whom they were or where they lived. He continued on saying that it was wonderful for everyone to be together on this day of thanksgiving to share this meal provided by God. He concluded by uttering how thankful he and everyone present was for the food; and finally invited everyone there to give their hearts to Jesus as he had many years ago.



As the guests began advancing toward the serving line I knew that God had not chosen me to pray; but simply to introduce the man that He had chosen to bless that Thanksgiving Meal. A bit stunned while watching everyone begin to eat I remembered His words, “...I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.”



## From the Field

**Luke Dunlap** is pictured below with his first buck - a nice 9 point! Luke is the son of Allen Dunlap, Coordinator of Northwest Ohio FHFH.



**Justin Ross**, Coordinator for Delaware County FHFH, Ohio, and Co-coordinator for Licking County FHFH, Ohio, is shown with his 12-point (counting the sticker point). The buck was 192 pounds field dressed and will feed a lot of hungry people!



**Mike Armentrout**, Coordinator for Allen County Ohio FHFH, harvested two deer. They were the only two times he wore his FHFH hat hunting. He now calls it his "lucky hat."





**Jason Traggiai**, Coordinator for Geauga County Ohio FHFH, sat in a shed in the blowing snow with two good friends overlooking what was left of a pile of corn and was blessed with another deer for the hungry in Geauga/Ashtabula County. He said he thinks the last deer makes ten deer shot through the same window in a single season. Jason says, "God has blessed me the past year with a successful program, good friends, and of course, a great family."



**WANTED: Photos & Stories!**

If you have photos or stories of people benefiting, deer that were donated, donation check presentations, etc. that you would like to submit for publication in FHFH's "For I Was Hungry" Newsletter, please email them to [josh@fhfh.org](mailto:josh@fhfh.org).

## FHFH In Action

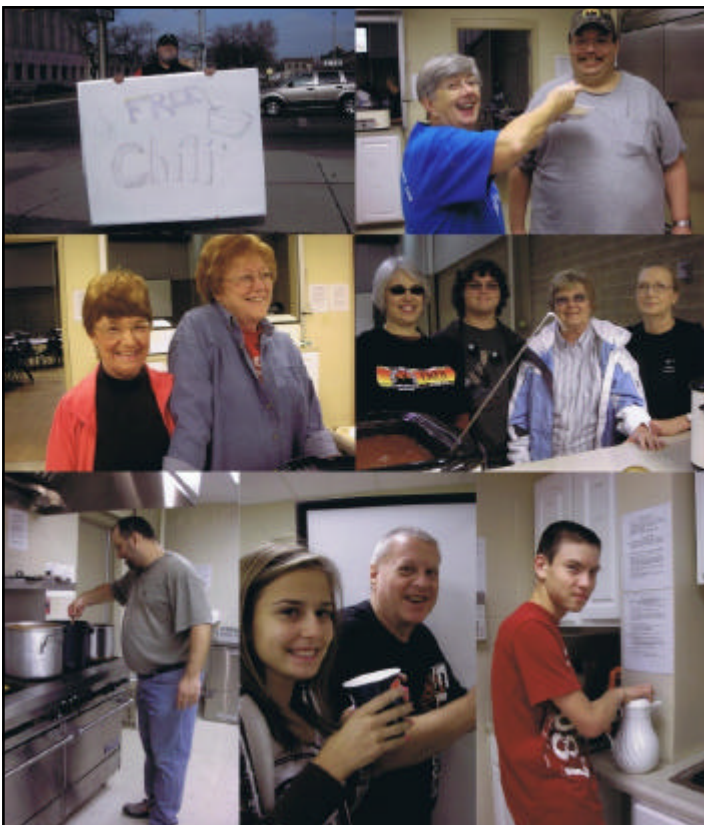
### *"911 Gives Hope" Benefits FHFH*

by Scott Hurt, Coordinator for Evansville FHFH, Indiana



I'm a Sergeant for the Evansville City Police Department, with 23 plus years. Our local law enforcement and fire department partnered to create an organization called "911 Gives Hope" and hold several fundraisers each year. Our biggest fundraiser is "Guns and Hoses" where the police officers and firemen box or fight in a three round exhibition match. There are 18 fights in one night of action. In hope of receiving a donation for FHFH, I volunteered to fight in front of 10,000 rowdy fans. I was fortunate to win my fight and receive \$500 from "911 Gives Hope." It is my goal to increase the "911 Gives Hope" donation next year.

Scott is pictured in the blue trunks.



### *Lima, Ohio Church Provides Free Chili for the Downtown Community!*

St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lima, Ohio provided a free venison chili dinner to the downtown community. Allen Auglaize Counties FHFH donated 50 pounds of venison to make the chili. They fed approximately 80 people and had about 400 bowls of chili. There were about 30 volunteers from the church. A news crew was present and covered the chili dinner on the local TV station. St. Luke's Lutheran Church will be having a spaghetti dinner on January 29 that will be supported by FHFH.

Mike Armentrout, Coordinator of Allen Auglaize Counties FHFH, is pictured stirring the chili in the photo at the bottom left.

## FHFH In Action

### *Hoosier Harvesters FHFH Participates in the WAOR Sports Show*

Pictured in the left photo (on the table to the left) is the display for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana. In the photo to the right are Mike Jaworski, Coordinator for Hoosier Harvesters FHFH (on the left) and Bruce Mann diligently manning the fort. Not pictured, but deserving of superior recognition are: Marijo Martinec, Events and Marketing Coordinator for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, and Brad May and Bob Pellegrino, two of the chapter's corner stones who set up and tore down the display. A big thanks to everyone who helped.



### *Centralia Moose Riders Lodge 1219 Donates to FHFH*

Centralia Moose Riders Lodge 1219 held their Christmas party on December 18 and presented a \$500 check to the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, while also announcing Harold Halls as the winner of the gun raffle.

In the photo below Centralia Moose Riders president Mike Claar (center left), presents the donation check to Southern Illinois FHFH Co-coordinator, Earl Vaughn (center right). Vaughn is seen with Harold Halls (front left) and several Moose Riders members.



### *Clarksville Rotary Club Donates to FHFH*

North Tennessee FHFH (TN-01) was presented with a \$500 donation by the Clarksville Rotary Club during November.

Shown in the photo below is Martin Bruner of the Rotary Club presenting a check to FHFH volunteer Jason Daugherty.



## FHFH In Action

### *Loveland Ohio Sam's Club Donates to FHFH*

The Loveland, Ohio Sam's Club provided a \$1,000 check partnering with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry to supply venison to local food banks and feeding ministries in the Southwest Ohio area.

Pablo Cantu, the club manager, is pictured accepting a Certificate of Appreciation from Southwest Ohio FHFH Co-coordinator, Don Distler. Thank you WalMart and Sam's Club!



### *Update from Missy Plum, Co-coordinator for Manatee County FHFH, Florida*

Gary was able to make a donation that was matched by his employer at 50% - great opportunity! I joined a local skeet club and it's turned out to be an excellent source for networking. I've gotten one man who has access to 20 doe tags to offer part of that for FHFH.

### *Young Boy Donates Deer to FHFH and Receives Donor Pin*

Linda Oiler of Oiler Meat Processing in Licking County, Ohio, relayed a story to Justin Ross, Coordinator for Licking County FHFH, about a young boy who donated his deer to FHFH so he could get a lapel pin. He had a friend who donated and got a pin and wanted one for himself.



## New FHFH Local Program Coordinators



*We welcome the following individuals who have joined FHFH as Local Program Coordinators:*

### Georgia

**Ben Bryant**  
Metro Atlanta FHFH  
County Served: Dekalb

### Indiana

**Dirk & Shannon Botkin**  
Jackson County Indiana FHFH  
County Served: Jackson

### Indiana

**Thad Smith**  
Northwest Central Indiana FHFH  
County Served: Boone

### North Carolina

**Mike Marsh**  
Surry County FHFH  
County Served: Surry

### Ohio

**Tim Kern, Jr.**  
Southwestern Ohio FHFH  
Counties Served: Auglaize, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Darke, Greene, Hamilton, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Warren

# Canada FHFH



**FHFH Canada** had a very successful Ministry in 2010. God blessed many Canadians who were hungry and in need of a hot meal to fill their body and soul. As we traveled to many different Hunting Organizations this year, we met a great deal of hunters interested in helping their own community and their fellow man.

The province of New Brunswick is up and running full swing this year and we were able to donate venison to many soup kitchens in many cities. Mobile one in Moncton, New Brunswick is an outreach program that delivers hot meals to the street at night. They were able to use the meat for Hot Hamburger Soup that enabled one deer to feed over 400+ people on the streets with a hot meal. This was a true blessing to many that were very cold this winter and in need of a hot meal. In New Brunswick this season the deer population was down and we had many hunters call and say next year they will get their deer and donate it. This year we were able to provide 1,600 + meals. Next year will be even greater. The Province of Ontario will be on board for 2011 and possibly a couple more Provinces.

God Blessed many Canadians this year, and 2011 looks even stronger. We need to thank many Americans who believe in this ministry and wanted to help Canadians this year; and blessed us with a donation and many prayers. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and kind words.

**Caroline Trueman,  
Director of Canada FHFH**



FHFH Canada is a non-profit ministry that formed in 2009 as an outgrowth of FHFH in the United States. FHFH Canada and the original FHFH in the United States are independent "sister" organizations. Learn more about FHFH Canada at [www.fhfhcanada.org](http://www.fhfhcanada.org)



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### State & Local

Special thanks to these corporations, organizations and foundations who provide a significant amount of financial support for our work. Some provide support to feed the hungry of a particular state while others focus their support on specific communities. Together these sponsors are helping to feed nutritious venison to many thousands of our hungry neighbors!

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Resources

Lagrange County REMC (IN)

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(NC)

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Merrill Lynch Trust Company,  
(MI, CO)

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