



# FOR I WAS HUNGRY

*The Venison Feeding Ministry*

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It's Saturday morning and I'm staring at an empty page on my computer screen preparing to write the next article for our FHFH eNewsletter. Looking out the window I spot Joey and his buddy arriving to cut some dead trees for firewood. So I spend the next hour with three of our grandchildren sitting by my side in the UTV waiting for the next BIG tree to fall. After the wood cutting is finished for the day, I go back into our house and my wife asks, "Would you like to stop for a sandwich before we get the groceries?"

After the sandwich I drop her off at the entrance to WalMart. Next I think to myself, "Do I have time to stop by Dicks Sporting Goods before helping her with the groceries?" Driving across the parking lot I spot him and he spots me. It's the same guy who wanders across the parking lots every day telling people he lives in the woods, he's homeless, and he needs money. I pretend not to see him and keep driving because in our past meetings he has smelled of alcohol, leading many of us to believe he's not looking for help with food. Once I even asked him to come with me to our church office for help, but he refused.

## *"For I Was In Need and You Gave Me a Gift Card"*

by Rick Wilson

He looks into my eyes; then turns away looking for someone else with whom to share his need. A double dose of guilt - my wife could use my help getting groceries, and I just turned down a homeless guy. I ask myself, "Rick, what are you doing?" After helping my wife with some of the groceries inside WalMart my second chance arrives. I'm back on the parking lot loading groceries into our van; and there he is, standing by the van with the same question on his face.

This time I answer him, "I helped you a while back, but I can't help you today." In his grimy, worn out clothes he races off again! And I just blew my second chance of the day. Now I'm feeling really despicable, but I just can't convince myself that helping him with his addiction is the right thing to do.  
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## ***“For I Was In Need and You Gave Me a Gift Card”*** (continued)

I slink back into my car seat trying to relax and wait for my wife. It's difficult to relax and enjoy a Cherry Coke and Rice Krispy Treat knowing he's still out there. Suddenly, that still small voice from deep within says, “Go back into WalMart and buy some gift cards.” Walking up to the customer service counter I look at the sales associate and she asks, “How may I help you?” I reply by asking, “Can you sell me some five dollar gift cards for the guy outside?”

As I spot the cross hanging around her neck she asks, “What picture would you like on the front of the gift cards?” I answer, “I guess it doesn't matter.” She shows me some Easter gift cards with jelly beans on them. I pay for five of them, put them into my pocket, and hit the parking lot to begin looking up and down the rows of parked cars for my wandering friend. As I search for him I begin to think a five dollar gift card will buy lunch inside WalMart or maybe several gift cards would buy him a pair of shoes or a jacket that's on sale.

Realizing that I'm not going to find him, and that he's probably found help from someone else, I climb back into our van to wait for my wife and the remainder of the groceries. It's only then that I realize my Lord, Creator of the Universe, has been faithful to my needs as well as the future needs of my friend. He has just given me the words for this article which I had been struggling to write earlier in the day.

My returning wife finds a WalMart gift card covered with jelly beans on her side of the van. She looks at me and says, “Who's that for?” From this day forward we will carry a couple of WalMart and K Mart gift cards in our wallets.

Many years ago my dad shared with me that I should try to learn something new each day. Today I learned that each of us is called to be more intentional in planning and preparing to be ready to meet the needs of others that we encounter. For I was in need and He gave me five jelly bean gift cards.



## **New FHFH Local Program Coordinators**



***Thank you for joining  
FHFH to help  
feed the hungry!***

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

### **Indiana**

#### **Donald Sartain**

West Central Indiana FHFH

County Served: Clay, Parke, Putnum,  
Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo

### **North Carolina**

#### **Mark Jasmine**

Carolina FHFH

County Served: Cabarrus

### **Ohio**

#### **Matthew Gayheart**

Central Licking County FHFH

County Served: Licking

## FHFH In Action

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### *Allen County, Ohio FHFH Holds First Fundraising Banquet!*

Allen County, Ohio FHFH held their first fundraising banquet on March 19, 2011 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lima, Ohio. The meal was provided by LuLu's Diner in Lima. More than 80 people attended the banquet.

With ticket sales and auction items the banquet raised \$2,827.00! A Lake Erie Fishing Charter Trip for five was donated by Steven Rumer of Fish Hound Fishing Charters and a five-day archery hunt in Hocking Hills was donated by Dave Flora of Wild Ohio Whitetails.



Mike  
Armentrout

There were three speakers at the banquet: Stephen Jenkins from Our Daily Bread, Phil Harpest from Christian Corner Community Center, and Craig Barr from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Allen County Ohio FHFH Coordinator Mike Armentrout said, "We all thought the banquet was a huge success!"

A farmer is giving Allen County, Ohio FHFH two cattle at an extremely low price to process and help the pantries and food banks through the off hunting season. Steven Rumer has already donated two more fishing trips for next year's banquet.

### *Allen County, Ohio FHFH Receives Some Amazing Donations*

There were some amazing things donated to Allen County, Ohio FHFH. One lady gave them 11 processed chickens. They had the food bank pick them up from her. The Freemont Company in Rockford, OH delivered a pallet of ketchup to them to distribute to local food banks and pantries (that is equal to 40 cases). Along with this, Candelight Missions heard of their program and said they would pick up the ketchup for them and deliver it throughout the community. Mike Armentrout said, "I get phone calls everyday with people asking how they can help us out and what they can donate to us. This has turned into something bigger than meat processing. Quite amazing!"

### *Southwestern Ohio FHFH Participates in the Buckeye Big Buck Club's 52nd Annual Banquet*

Southwestern Ohio FHFH Co-coordinators Don Boling and Don Distler participated in the Buckeye Big Buck Club's 52nd Annual Banquet on April 2. They attended both the banquet and the show where they distributed FHFH brochures, and sold cookbooks, hats and t-shirts. Events and seminars were held all day and 640 people attended the banquet. They also raffled off a Thompson Center Impact muzzleloader. A total of \$583.00 was raised for the day!

In the photo are (left to right): Co-coordinator Don Distler, Rex Malson (raffle winner), and Co-coordinator Don Boling.



## FHFH In Action

### *Twelve Year Old Is A Winner!*

Mark Thomas, 12 years old, was the winner of a muzzleloader in the Defiance County FHFH contest this year. Everybody who donated a deer was put in the drawing. Mark won a crossbow at the Defiance County Turkey Banquet last year. He shot his first deer with the crossbow, donated the deer and won our drawing this year.

Congratulations on winning the muzzleloader Mark! And thank you for donating your deer to FHFH to help feed the hungry!



Pictured left to right: Ken Baird, Coordinator for Defiance County FHFH; Mark Thomas; and Chris Ledford of C&C Archery.

## From the Field

### *Raffle Comes Full Circle!*

Justin Ross, Coordinator for Delaware County FHFH in Ohio, received this photo at a youth event. In the photo is Jason Stebelton and a buck he shot in Fairfield County, Ohio, in November 2010. Jason said, "The catch to the picture is in the background. If you look, you can see a blind over Jason's right shoulder back in the timber. He won that blind in a raffle from FHFH at the 2010 Deer and Turkey Expo. It's kind of neat to see a raffle come full circle, from donation to harvest!"

### *Southeast Ohio FHFH Receives Donations*

The Athens Foundation of Ohio awarded a \$1,500.00 grant to Southeast Ohio FHFH to be used in Athens County for the processing of deer donated to FHFH.

For more information about the Athens Foundation, please visit [www.athensfoundation.org](http://www.athensfoundation.org).

In the photo is Southeast Ohio FHFH Coordinator Barbara Roundtree receiving the check from the Athens Foundation.



The Show Stopper 4-H raised \$100.00 during their second year of raising money for FHFH. Lutheran Social Services donated \$2,000.00 to FHFH.



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