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### 2010-2011 Totals:

- Deer donated: 623
- Pounds of meat: 31,147
- Servings: 124,589

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Many folks think our world is in trouble economically, socially, and spiritually. How can we as hunters and farmers make a heart shot; and turn the clock back to a better day? Let's read what the Bible, the true and eternal Word of God, has to say in the last verse of the Old Testament about the disconnect occurring between parents and their children.

*“And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”*

Malachi 4:6 (NKJV)

Throughout North America most hunting and farming organizations are making a concerted effort to engage our young people with special Youth Hunting Days and 4-H activities. You and I can begin returning the hearts of our children to their parents and families by taking them into the world that God has created for us. When a parent and child spend a few hours sitting together in a pop-up blind striving to feed venison to the hungry their hearts

## *Making a Heart Shot*

by Rick Wilson

beat as one. When a grandparent and grandchild share a seat on a UTV plowing a food plot they will share a closeness to God the Creator and Provider.

While watching a recently released movie, “The Nanny Diaries,” (don't laugh) my wife and I heard the college-age nanny tell the mother of the young boy, “You have a very narrow window of time when your child has a total trust in you.” Recently, a father said to me that his son didn't want to go hunting with him. I asked when he first invited his son to join him on a hunt. He replied, “I waited until he was 12 and able to sit still.” As you may guess by that age the electronic distractions in life claim our children and grandchildren unless we get there first with the exciting, wild side of life outdoors that God has instilled in each of us!

I was blessed with a father who GOT IT; probably because his dad, (continued on page 2)

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## Making A Heart Shot (continued)

my grandfather, was a Church of God Evangelist, who failed to spend a significant amount of time with his six boys. While not yet five years old my younger brother, Don, and I were at his side on cold,



opening mornings of trout season at Beaver Creek in Western Maryland. I detested impaling the worms with those hooks. We crossed the two-mile fields of 'Ol Kentucky' each summer to reach the Antietam Creek for our weekly adventures in bow fishing. Following many of those Saturday afternoon bow fishing trips we would take a trunk load of pretty big carp to a nearby section of town where people would flock to our car to take home a fish or two to their families for supper.

During the seemingly unending hours fletching arrows, making bowstrings, tying flies, and reloading shells dad would share our simple family values that were based on God's Word. He explained that he and his hunting buddy, Bob Spong, did not hunt or fish with those who smoked cigarettes or drank alcohol because those habits ruined the hunt -- *and that included my brother and me*. At the young age of eight or nine we were not aware that our dad was preparing us for the years ahead

when our 'friends' would try to entice us into trying those and other harmful habits.

We sat in woodlots on nearby farms under oak trees together with dad and his trusty .22 caliber Hi-Standard squirrel rifle. There we learned marksmanship and shooting straight in life. In our early teens we took to the fields with my Stevens 12 Gauge Pump and dad's Parker Double following our beagles, Chip and Beauty, as they circled the rabbits back to us. Following those hunts mom would prepare our rabbits and birds for the evening meals while dad was layed off from Fairchild Aircraft. We sat 30 yards apart from one another at the 'Saddle' in Blair's Valley with our Ben Pearson and Bear semi-recurve bows waiting for the shuffle of a doe's foot steps. Bowhunting and tournament archery became our favorite outdoor activity. As the years went by we learned to



take deer to Holsinger's Meat Market and pay for the processing so that those with less money and no deer would have meat for the winter. My dad, mom, brother and I spent a lifetime sharing God's world together as a family.

I know many of you throughout North America enjoy spending the same kind of experiences with your children and grandchildren in God's great outdoors; because I'm blessed



to talk with Tim, Doug, Allen, Caroline, Pete, Jason, Dean, Roger, Bonita, Duane, John, David, Henry, Jimmy and many others who call and share their family's hunting stories. During the past decade we've become kind of a family who share the same passion for feeding and helping those whom God has placed before us. And finally, during these thousands of wild adventures less than 50 miles from our homes the hearts of the parents and their children of our FHFH Family are joined together as we continue to make heart shots.

## FHFH In Action

### 2010 Western MD Banquet

The 7th Annual Western MD FHFH Banquet was held on Friday, October 1st at Tri-State Fellowship near Hagerstown. More than 300 people gathered to enjoy an Outback Steakhouse meal and participate in silent and live auctions. An update on the progress of FHFH in Western MD was shared. Ticket sales, contributions, pledges, and auction proceeds generated over \$10,750 in financial support. This support will enable approximately 185 additional deer to be donated in the region which is enough to provide venison for 37,000 meals! FHFH pays for hunter donated deer to be processed and packaged by licensed and inspected butchers for distribution to the hungry through local food banks and feeding agencies.



### Park District Deer Fight Battle Against Hunger

by Sandy Klepach,  
Geauga Park District



It is only Geauga County's second hunting season with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, yet the yield has more than doubled.

"This year I'm already up to 14," said Jason Traggi, a Parkman Township resident who volunteered to head the local chapter last year. The total harvest was only four for 2008.

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, a national nonprofit based in Hagerstown, Maryland, has provided a means for hunters and landowners to donate 2.4 million pounds of deer and other big game since September 1997. In Geauga County this effort now supplies ground venison – hamburger meat – free of charge to the Geauga Hunger Task Force, a coalition of churches and social service agencies serving seven

neighborhood-based food pantries, and two local churches' soup kitchens.

"Everybody wants to know that they're helping people, but if you're helping your community it's going to come back around to you," Jason said. Each pound of venison donated to the program costs just \$1 to process, package and freeze with the help of each chapter's fundraising arm and participating butchers – in this case, Geauga Farm Country Meats on Route 422 in Hiram. But best of all, 50 lb. provides about 200 servings of the high-protein, low-fat meat.

Previously hunters who wanted to donate their meat had to travel all the way to Cuyahoga or Trumbull counties. Geauga Park District Director of Operations John Oros had been seeking a volunteer leader for some time to coincide with the Park District's Controlled Hunting Program

"We wanted to get this message out because those that hunt and eat venison, how much can you realistically

eat in a year's time?" John said. "I looked at Geauga County regulations again this year: west of State Route 44 you can harvest six antlerless deer, and that does not apply to the other four deer you can harvest in Geauga County – so a hunter could possibly harvest 10 deer altogether."

Likewise, Jason had spent some time seeking a ministry through his church, and said FHFH fit into his world naturally: "I thought it was the best of two worlds: it's a ministry that helps poor families and hungry children, and I've been hunting pretty much my whole life. I like being outdoors and it's a connection with nature, and I often find myself sitting in the woods praying or just talking with God."

To afford meat processing, the Ohio Division of Natural Resources matches every dollar raised without limit. Hunters who don't wish to donate an entire deer may pay for processing themselves and donate just part of the animal, too.

## FHFH In Action

### *Deer Management in Bountiful, Utah Benefits Those in Need*



The deer population of Bountiful, Utah is now being managed as a joint effort by the City of Bountiful and the Division of Wildlife Resources. "The goal

of the program is to effectively manage the wildlife population within the corporate limits of the city of Bountiful," says Bountiful Mayor Joe Johnson. "What we are trying to do is develop a program where we tolerate a certain number of deer within the city limits, but manage that number so that they do not become a health, public safety or nuisance threat to our residents."

The Utah Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry is accepting donations from those who would like to help pay for the processing and preparation of the meat from culled animals. This meat will be given at the Bountiful Food Pantry to those in need of food. Holly Refining stepped up to donate \$1,500.00 which will process 37 deer of the approximately 300 deer to be culled. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Kelly Bingham at 801-726-2598 or via e-mail at [kmbingham92@msn.com](mailto:kmbingham92@msn.com).

### *FHFH Across America*

**FHFH now has 123 Local Programs and 130 Program Coordinators in the USA working together to feed the hungry in our nation!**



## FHFH In Action



### *Giving Back Through FHFH Feels Good for This Deer Hunter*

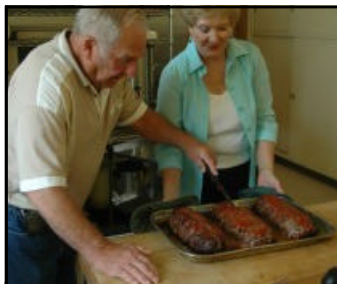
by Andrew Aughenbaugh  
Baltimore Outdoor Recreation Examiner  
October 18th, 2010 7:29 am ET

Archery season for whitetail deer began last month. Maryland's deer hunters are lucky to have one of the most liberal deer bag limits and one of the longest seasons in the country. Hunters across the state can kill more deer than any family can use in one year.

The bag limits of whitetail deer are established with the intent to control the population growth of whitetail deer in the state. The long season combined with the liberal bag limits provide the perfect storm effect in which deer hunters can help not only in controlling the state's whitetail population, but through the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) program provide food for those in need.

FHFH was founded in Maryland several years ago and currently the national organization aids in providing the much needed protein in the form of fresh venison to hungry people all across the nation.

FHFH is an outreach ministry of the people of God called upon to feed venison to the hungry among us nationwide. The system begins with the hunter who delivers the harvested deer to a participating meat processor. Monetary donations to FHFH cover the costs of the processing, packaging and freezing the meat. The meat is then available free of cost for pick-up to local food banks and feeding programs such as: church pantries, church feeding ministries, Salvation Army, community food banks, emergency assistance programs, Rescue Missions, children's homes, etc.



*We, hunters, stewards of the natural balance, have the ability to give back to our society in a way most of us cannot fully appreciate through the simple act of donating a deer through the FHFH program.*

Photo: Andy Aughenbaugh

I have been blessed through the harvesting of multiple deer over the last several seasons. Each year I have donated at least one deer to the program. Thing was however, I would donate venison to the program only after filling my own freezer first.

This year the plan changed. Before the season began, I made the pledge to donate the first deer I harvested in celebration of all God has provided my family and in celebration of the FHFH program and their efforts in changing the world one meal at a time.

During September my time in the deer woods was limited and with the unusual warm weather, I was not "feeling" the hunt. The few afternoons I ventured out were met with lots of sweat, changing wind directions, alerting the deer of my presence, and a lack of moving deer.

The first Saturday of October all that changed. I got a call from a friend with an invite to join him for an afternoon hunt. We met at 4:30 and by 5:30 I was perched high in a tree over looking several oak trees and an alfalfa field. The weather was still warm by hunting standards, but at least I was not sweating while on stand.

My spirits of the hunt rose with the feeding squirrels keeping me on alert. Countless busy bushy tails went about their work of collecting acorns for the winter ahead.

The sun went to rest in the west. Back in the woods, I caught movement. Two mature whitetail does fed on acorns behind me. They slowly worked closer, browsing on the acorns and scanning their surroundings for danger. At 6:55 on Saturday, October 2, 2010, I was able to harvest my first deer of the season. The arrow flight was true and thanks to my hunting partner we found the deer seventy yards from where the shot was taken.

From the truck, I made a call to C&L Deer Processing (410.374.6424) in Hampstead and asked if anyone would be around to receive the deer. I was informed they were leaving for the night, but that they have a location for after hour drop offs. It was after 9:00 PM when I arrived at C&L. Alone under only a small single light bulb, I filled out the FHFH donation form. I had just completed my pledge to donate my first deer of the season to FHFH.

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## FHFH In Action

### *Giving Back Through FHFH Feels Good for this Deer Hunter* (continued)

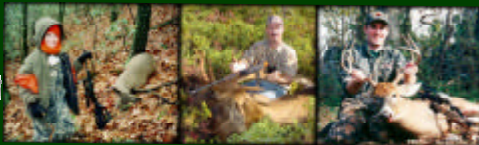
Hunting is a sport of uncertainty and there are no guarantees that I will be blessed to harvest another deer this season. But even if I am not able to add some venison to my own freezer, the feeling of providing the much needed protein to those in need greatly surpasses the feeling of the extra meat in my own freezer.

In the name of my father who took the time to take me out in the woods and expose me to the wonderful natural world that surrounds us, and his wisdom of being a giver and not a taker, I donated this deer in his name. Illness will keep him from the woods this season, but he will be in my thoughts each trip into the fields and woods.

We, hunters, stewards of the natural balance, have the ability to give back to our society in a way most of us cannot fully appreciate the depth of its meaning through the simple act of donating a deer through the FHFH program.

I personally challenge each Maryland deer hunter to donate at least one deer; the feeling of giving is a hard one to beat.

## WANTED: Photos and 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 [denise@fhfh.org](mailto:denise@fhfh.org).

If you have any questions, please call the FHFH office at 301-739-3000.

## Stories from FHFH Volunteers

### *"Waiting for the Day"*

by Mike Armentrout  
Coordinator Allen County FHFH

About a year and a half ago my father called and said that my grandmother was in the hospital. She had had a stroke. We were told that we should go up and see her because they did not think she was going to be around much longer. While visiting her at the hospital she became worse and for a brief moment she passed. She had died. For one reason or another she came back. Only one person knows why. About four months later my entire family was at my younger brother's wedding in North Carolina. My grandmother was there and was miraculously doing much better. I sat with her during the reception and talked. I told her I didn't think she was going to be at the wedding after what had happened in the hospital four months previous. She responded that she knew she would. She said "Can I tell you something. I know that I died. I saw a light and I saw Jesus. He told me it was time to go." She said that she told him that she wasn't going to be able to go with him because she was supposed to go her grandsons wedding. She said that she told Him that she would be more than willing to go after the wedding. This was the last thing she had to do before she went and just had to be there to see her last grandson marry. So, He told her o.k. and that He would be back after the wedding. My grandmother told me that I must think she was crazy. I said "No, I think you've just been blessed." My grandmother is in a nursing home waiting for Him to come and take her home. I am waiting for that day. It will not be a day of remorse or sadness, but a day of celebration. I will not be sad for she is gone, but blessed to have known her. I will not be saddened by her death, but celebrate all that she has left behind.

## FHFH Blessed by Donations

Isaac Feeny, Coordinator for Hancock County and Putnam County FHFH, recently received donations for the local program in Ohio from the following groups and organizations:

- \$500 from First Evangelical Lutheran Church - Findlay, OH
- \$500 from Whitetails Unlimited - Northwest Ohio Chapter, Findlay, OH
- \$1,000 from Walmart - Findlay, OH
- \$550 from Marathon Petroleum - Findlay, OH

## FHFH In Action



*News from Mike Armentrout, local program Coordinator for Allen County Ohio FHFH*

October 22 was the first distribution of venison to two food pantries, one church and one soup kitchen:

- Churches United Pantry
- Christian Corner Community Center
- St. Luke's Lutheran Church
- Our Daily Bread

We distributed 360 lbs of venison to the four organizations.

The response was overwhelming! The local newspaper was there to write an article. The local news crew interviewed me about the program. We are excited about the deer donated and feel it will only get better. In the photo to the right is Allen County Ohio FHFH Coordinator Mike Armentrout (on the right).



In the photo to the left is one of the deer that was harvested and donated to FHFH this year.

### *The Hunt of a Lifetime!* by Brady Miller

Several of us from our local Outdoor Ministries group got together yesterday to rough score it and we couldn't have been happier. G2's & 3's were all 11+ inches and mass measurements were all about 5" throughout, inside spread is 19" for the mainframe 10 pt with 4 sticker points off the back to give a rough idea. Gross score is 199", Net typical is 176". Thanks to all those who've been there to celebrate and enhance this once in a lifetime experience with me. God has truly blessed me with good friends and hunting and I give thanks to Him for the opportunity to enjoy his wonderful outdoors.

Pictured in the photo to the right is Brady Miller



## FHFH Blessed by Donations

### *Dawsonville Walmart Donates to North Georgia Foothills FHFH*

Dawsonville--The Dawsonville Walmart is working together again with the local food ministry, Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry to help supply venison to the local food needy.

Cecil Bennett, Community Services Director for the store, was on hand last week to present FHFH local chapter coordinator Joe Schuster with this year's monetary donation. "We like the fact that the money raised by this chapter goes directly to support our local folks that need assistance," said Bennett.

For more information on making a food or monetary donation, contact Joe Schuster at 678-347-6608.



In the photo above (left to right): Cecil Bennett Community Services Coordinator, Dawsonville Walmart and Joe Schuster, Coordinator of North Georgia Foothills Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

### *Local Businesses Give Back to Community*

ATHENS, OH – For the second consecutive year, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce has made a \$1,000 donation to the Athens area chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH). The donation will receive a one hundred percent match in funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife to provide \$2,000 of aid to local food banks.

"We know that hunters are committed not only to their sport, but to the concept of giving back to those less fortunate" stated Wendy Jakmas, President of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. "On behalf of our members, we are pleased to donate to Farmers and Hunters Feed the Hungry and to show our support for the sportsmen and women who live in and travel to Athens County. It is our hope that in turn these hunters will look for the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce logo and support the businesses that so generously support the well being of Athens County families in need and this commendable initiative."

Monies donated to the FHFH program assist with the processing costs associated with donating venison to a food bank. Local FHFH coordinator Barbara Rountree has seen a definite difference that monetary and deer donations have made in the local community. Last year, 209 deer were donated to the Southeast Ohio chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry. Athens County food pantries and soup kitchens received 87 of those deer, totaling 4,350 pounds of ground venison.

Rountree stated, "This program is only successful because of the support and the partnerships in our community. Without any one of the hunters, food banks, food pantry volunteers, local deer processors and financial donors such as the Athens Chamber of Commerce and their members, none of this important work would be possible."



Pictured in the photo above (left to right): Betsy Baringer Ohio University Inn and Conference Center), Gloria Hooper The Hampton Inn and Suites), Barbara Six Wood Spirit Cabins), Guy Philips AthensNEWS), Barbara Rountree Chapter Coordinator for SE OH FHFH), Thomas Donnelly Law Enforcement Supervisor OH Division of Wildlife), Wendy Jakmas President Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, and Susie Vance Wildlife Communications Specialist OH Division of Wildlife).

Photo: [www.danielleanthony.com](http://www.danielleanthony.com)

## FHFH Blessed by Donations

### *Muskingum Valley Outdoor Show Raffle Benefits Muskingum County FHFH*



Don Boling and Don Distler, Co-coordinators for Southwestern Ohio FHFH traveled to Frazeysburg to work at the Muskingum Valley Outdoor show which was held September 18th and 19th. There was a banquet on Saturday evening with all proceeds for FHFH. In the photo above Ed Fell is shown giving Don Distler \$675.00 as the proceeds from the blind raffle which benefited Muskingum County FHFH.

### *Beavercreek Walmart Donates to Southwestern Ohio FHFH*



Southwestern Ohio FHFH Co-coordinators Don Boling and Don Distler attended the Walmart morning meeting on October 12th. Don Distler addressed approximately 25 Walmart employees and talked about what FHFH does, the relationship that FHFH has with ODNR, matching funds with the division of wildlife and how the \$500.00 check would be used. In the photo above Don Boling is shown receiving a \$500.00 check from Jen Anson at the Beavercreek Ohio Walmart.

## New FHFH Local Program Coordinators



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

### Maryland

**Lowell (Chip) Todd, Jr.**  
Wicomico County FHFH  
County Served: Wicomico

### Mississippi

**John Barry**  
North Central Mississippi FHFH  
County Served: Madison

### Ohio

**Barbara Eitle**  
Huron County Ohio FHFH  
County Served: Huron

### **David Euton**

Scioto County FHFH  
County Served: Scioto

### **Matthew Gayheart**

Licking County FHFH  
County Served: Licking

### **Thomas Karn**

Shelby County Ohio FHFH  
County Served: Shelby

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Maryland Department of Natural  
Resources

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Ohio County Community  
Foundation (IN)

Ohio Department of Natural  
Resources

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