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*Farmers and Hunters  
Feeding the Hungry  
is an Outreach Ministry  
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Transforming a  
Renewable God-given  
Resource into  
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Among Us*

### 2009-2010 Totals:

- Deer & Livestock donated: 8,315
- Pounds of meat: 429,850
- Servings: 1.72 million

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## **WE ARE CALLED TO BE A LIGHT SHINING ON A HILL**

by Rick Wilson

That light shines forth both from what we do and from who we are. We are called to be an example of what is good in all mankind. We are called to love God and to love each other in such a way that will cause those around us to desire to have what it is that we possess.

How does that shake down in our everyday life? Is it better to give or to receive? Is it better to keep a secret about something that is good or share that secret so that others may benefit? Is it better to protect what is 'ours' or share it with those who are without? These are just a few of the questions we must ask ourselves daily as fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, paps, nannies, co-workers, leaders, and followers.

A couple of months ago two of our grandchildren, while playing at our house, were fighting over the same toy; a toy that my wife had recently bought as a birthday present for me to play with them. As their pap "filled with wisdom," I explained to them that my new toy really belonged to God, and that I was just taking care of it for Him. Immediately one of the two grandchildren said, "OK... I will take care of it for God today!" Since that experience, all of my grandchildren now attempt to remind me daily that my toys are not mine; instead, they belong to God!

I have a hunting buddy who finds the thrill of the hunt in placing friends and even strangers in his very best spot. He is filled with

joy and excitement when someone else is successful in 'his' hunting spot. I have another friend who is exactly the opposite. Can you guess which one of these two has more friends and possesses more joy? Here comes the real puzzler (if that's a word). The friend who shares his *best* hunting spots and sometimes even gives his favorite bow (one that delivers an arrow true season after season) to someone who really needs it - is blessed time after time. You ask how he is blessed. In addition to that indescribable feeling of giving, he is blessed with more and bigger deer - and even new bows and hunting equipment.

When our possessions are no longer a stumbling block, the Creator of the Universe can work miracles through each of us. In John 14:12-14, Jesus tells his followers that they will do the things that he has done; and that they will do even *greater* things. Talk about something really puzzling - how is that possible??? Over half of our FHFH Coordinators beat Jesus every year when their Local Programs feed more than 5000 hungry people. How do you think that makes Him feel?

So for now, we are called to be a light shining on a hill. How bright is your light shining?

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## Events

### *Whitetails Unlimited Banquet Maumee Valley Chapter - Hunters Night Out*



**Friday, October 1, 2010**  
at Holland Gardens  
6530 Angola Road, Holland, OH

**5:00 p.m. - social hour**  
**7:00 p.m. - buffet dinner**

**Tickets - \$30.00**

For more information contact Allen Dunlap at 419-466-4143.

Order tickets at <http://www.whitetailsunlimited.com>  
Deadline to order tickets: September 29th

*Maumee Valley Whitetails Unlimited Banquet proceeds will benefit Northwest Ohio FHFH.*

### *2010 Western Maryland FHFH Banquet & Auction*

**Friday, October 1, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
at Tri-State Fellowship  
13153 Cearfoss Pike  
Hagerstown, MD

**Dinner Provided by  
Outback Steakhouse**

**Silent & Live Auction**

(baskets, bears, jewelry, collectibles, seasonal and decorative, hobbies, hunting gear, tools, sporting goods, painting and prints, antiques and vintage, holiday items, books, gift certificates and more!)

**Tickets: \$10.00 per person**

To order tickets call 301-739-3000 or email [staff@fhfh.org](mailto:staff@fhfh.org).  
Deadline to order tickets: September 24th



## FHFH In Action



Joe Lasher submitted the above photo of the Crossfire FHFH (North Carolina) volunteers.

Billy Stewart, Coordinator, is pictured kneeling in the front row on the right. Also pictured is Nick Mundt, Michael Waddell and Travis "T-Bone" Turner of the "Bone Collector" team.

### *News from Crossfire FHFH Coordinator Billy Stewart*

On August 14, 2010, GameDinner.com and Crossfire FHFH sponsored a Wild Game Dinner at The Crest Center in Asheville, NC. This event was held in conjunction with the first annual "Antler Insanity Jamboree," a three-day expo that showcased many vendors and outfitters from around North America, including Michael Waddell and his "Bone Collector" team. We invited the show organizers and the Bone Collectors to attend, along with other local supporters of FHFH and GameDinner.com. About 100 guests enjoyed a menu prepared by GameDinner.com Chef, Allen Dye, that included venison, turkey, catfish, frog legs and more. We were able to raise significant funds for our local FHFH Chapter over the weekend, and made friends with and won the support of many great industry partners. We especially would like to thank Michael, Nick, Kenneth, Edwin and T-Bone for taking time to show their support for our efforts and for posing for this group photo. We hope that it will be the first of many times we are together.

## FHFH In Action



Pictured above are Jason and Katie Wonch

### *News from Southeast Louisiana Coordinator Jason Wonch*

We were blessed to be invited to participate in Spencer's Feed and Seed pre-hunting season celebration in Folsom, Louisiana today. We're all hoarse from telling as many people about our local FHFH program as we could get to stop and listen. I was interviewed live on the radio, made connections with local officials, and spent time speaking with Louisiana Sportsman's Magazine about an upcoming article about our chapter. Our goal of getting the word out and planting some seeds about this ministry was certainly achieved!

## Serving

### *"Giving Everything"*

by Mike Armentrout

Coordinator for Allen County Ohio FHFH



I have a younger brother who spent over 8 years in the United States Marine Corps. Through his service he became a Captain, and spent 4 terms in the Iraqi War. I spent most of my time reflecting on my life, my family, and how blessed I was. I cried almost every day for about two months on the way to and from work. My brother was sacrificing so much for our country and I, as an older brother, was not there to take care of him.

We did not hear much from him, which we thought was never a good thing. After his third term he was to come home on leave on a Wednesday. He called and said he would not be home for a while; he had some things he had to take care of. We were in for news we did not want to hear. During his third term, my brother was to go out on a mission. He was to be in the first vehicle, called the first seat. Somehow he and another Captain got switched up and he ended up in the third seat, the third vehicle. At some point the convoy was hit with a mortar, and the first seat was hit. It was thought that my brother was hit. He knew it was not him, but his fellow Captain. My brother rushed to pull the man from his vehicle. After taking him to safety, he spent his last few minutes with the

man before he passed. My brother would lead the Memorial for this gentleman while overseas. It was very traumatizing for us to hear of this story.

After returning home to the states a funeral was given for the fallen soldier. My brother met with the wife, parents and son of the soldier. This was on the Wednesday that my brother was to return home. During the funeral, my brother was told by a family member that the fallen soldier's son's birthday was on that Saturday. My brother was then informed that this 6 year old man who was turning 7 on Saturday, did not want any toy for his birthday. He did not want a ball, a bat, or any sort of thing like that. All he wanted was to hear about his daddy before he died. My brother would spend the next 3 days with the boy telling him about his father.

I cry every time I tell this story. I think of my children, my wife, and my family. I think of how blessed I am to be able to go to work. To take a day off and go fishing. To go to my son's baseball game and watch him play. To see my daughter play dress up. I think of how we take the small things for granted. Taking a shower and brushing our teeth. When my brother came home from his fourth term it was over 100 degrees out. My brother had just left a place that was over 130 degrees. What reason do I have to complain? I thought of how I could give as my brother gave everything. For many reasons I felt that FHFH was a family of people I wanted to join to help those less fortunate than I.

## Stories from the Field

### *“Tree Stand Safety”*

by Dave Riordan  
FHFH Volunteer



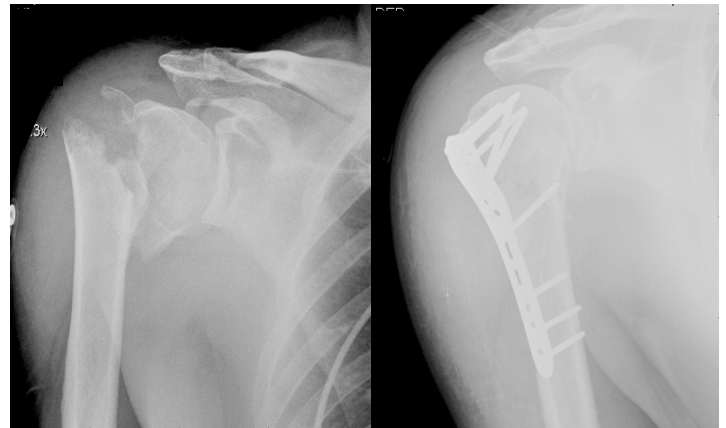
Here are some quick facts for those who hunt from a tree stand. You should know that over a lifetime of hunting, one in three hunters will have a fall. Tree stands from the most dangerous to the safest are: wooden stands, hang-on stands, climbers, and finally, ladder stands. Better yet, perhaps your best and safest choice, would be to hunt off the ground and give the whitetails a fair chance.

I have always been an avid reader of any article about tree stand safety, so I figured, “Hey, I’m safe.” Not so, September 25, 2009, after a sudden fall of 18 feet, I lay on the ground. Thank God for guardian angels and cell phones because death and paralysis often accompany such falls. My hunting buddy answered on the second call. He thought, “I’ll drive up there and drive him home.” The calmness of my voice had him convinced that it was not too serious. How wrong he was. When he saw me, he called 911 and then had to bring the EMTs into the woods to where I lay on the ground. A 20 minute helicopter ride to Shock Trauma in Baltimore, two operations later, a week and a half in the hospital, I went home with a plate and 9 screws in my right shoulder and two more pins in the pelvis.

It was 5 weeks before I could start to walk again. The shoulder, thanks to a gifted surgeon, was not cut out and replaced with an artificial one. However, because the shoulder joint is so complex, it was three months before all restrictions were lifted on using it. Both the hip and shoulder injuries required a lot of physical therapy, but I am upright and mobile again.

Be safe if you hunt from trees - always wear a harness, not only when in the stand, but also as you go up and down. As anyone who has ever experienced a climber slip can tell you, wearing the harness is critical to your safety. A safety belt will help if there is a slip, but a harness is a better and safer choice when used according to directions.

The most important part of any hunting experience is to come home just as you left - healthy and safe and ready to return to the woods for another adventure in pursuit of the quarry.



The x-ray to the left shows the fractured shoulder. The x-ray to the right shows the plate and pins that were surgically inserted.

## FHFH Blessed by Generous Grants

### Community Foundation Grants \$15,000 to Feed the Hungry of Greater Fort Wayne

(Fort Wayne, IN) The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Northeast Indiana Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (Team FHFH). This is the second of a three-year grant initiated in 2009. The funds will be used to process donated meat for distribution to Allen County's various food pantries, soup kitchens and other non-profit charities dedicated to feeding the hungry. The grant will help provide as many as 60,000 nutritious meals where they are most needed in Allen County.

### United Way Grants \$10,000 to Feed the Hungry of Noble County

(Albion, IN) The United Way of Noble County recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Northeast Indiana Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (Team FHFH). The funds will be used to process donated meat for distribution to Noble County's various food pantries, soup kitchens and other non-profit charities dedicated to feeding the hungry. The \$10,000 grant will help provide as many as 40,000 nutritious meals for the hungry in Noble County.

### Ohio DNR Provides \$100,000 Matching Grant to FHFH

The Ohio DNR has agreed to provide a \$100,000 matching grant to FHFH for the 2010 hunting season to expand venison donation opportunities for hunters in Ohio. The grant will be provided in two \$50,000 installments and FHFH must work to secure funding from other sources in the state to match the funding provided by the ODNR. This marks the third year that ODNR has provided FHFH with matching funds. Over the past two years, the number of FHFH Coordinators in Ohio has more than tripled. The amount of meat provided to food banks and feeding programs last year alone increased to over 122,000 pounds - enough to feed nearly half a million meals to the hungry of Ohio.

### Maryland DNR Provides \$98,000 Grant to FHFH

The Maryland DNR has renewed an agreement to provide a \$98,000 grant to FHFH in Maryland for the 2010 hunting season. FHFH has received this grant annually in Maryland for the past nine years. Legislation authorizing the grant was enacted in 2002, thanks to efforts from the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Foundation and the Maryland Sportsmen's Association. Prior to that time, hunters were able to make contributions of a dollar or more to FHFH when purchasing their state hunting licenses. Currently, FHFH raises over \$100,000 in additional funds each year in Maryland; last year over 577,000 servings of nutritious venison was distributed to the hungry of the state.

## New FHFH Local Program Coordinators



We welcome the following individuals who have joined FHFH as a Local Program Coordinator:

### Indiana

#### **Matthew Hines**

East Central Indiana FHFH

Counties Served: Delaware, Henry, Jay, Randolph

### Louisiana

#### **Jason Wonch**

Southeast Louisiana FHFH

County Served: St. Tammany Parish

### Ohio

#### **Mike Armentrout**

Allen County FHFH

County Served: Allen

*Thank you for joining FHFH in the battle against hunger!*

## State Employee Charity Campaigns

Many states conduct a charity campaign for their employees each fall. FHFH is a participant in a number of these campaigns already. Look for FHFH in the following state campaign guides (often listed under the group *Independent Charities of America*):



Arizona State Employees Charitable Campaign  
#ST334

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YOUR HANDS.



California State Employees Charitable Campaign  
#18179



Connecticut State Employees Campaign  
#7711



Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign



Georgia State Charitable Contributions Program  
#197031



Illinois State & University Employees Combined Appeal  
#911-0650



Indiana State Employees Community Campaign  
#605400



Maryland Charity Campaign  
#1360



Michigan State Employees Charitable Campaign  
#9634



Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign  
#9439



Montana State Employees Charitable Giving Campaign  
#7083



North Carolina State Employees Combined Campaign  
#2931



Ohio Combined Charitable Campaign  
#2671



Utah State Employees Charitable Fund  
#4069



Washington State Combined Fund Drive  
#1479120

## FHFH Sponsors (\$2,500 or more)

### National

Special thanks to these Corporate Sponsors who have chosen to support the work of FHFH nationally through cash, material, and promotional support.

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www.huntingclub.com

Outside Hub  
www.outsidehubmedia.com

Quality Deer Management  
Association  
www.qdma.com

Star Electric Vehicles  
www.starelectricvehicles.com  
www.starstalker4x4.com

### 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!

Ball Brothers Foundation (IN)

Churches United of the Quad  
City Area (IL)

Clear Spring Lions Club (MD)

Community Foundation of  
Greater Fort Wayne (IN)

Community Foundation of  
Washington County (MD)

Department of Finance for  
Montgomery County (MD)

Elkart County Community  
Foundation (IN)

Hocking-Athens-Perry  
Community Action (OH)

Holly R&M Company -  
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Indiana Department of Natural  
Resources

M7 Event Solutions & Catering  
(NC)

Maryland Farm Bureau

Maryland Department of Natural  
Resources

Merrill Lynch Trust Company,  
(MI, CO)

Mid-Shore Community Foundation  
(MD)

Montgomery County Agricultural  
Services Division (MD)

National Bank & Trust Company  
(OH)

National Rifle Association  
(IN, OH)

Noble County Community  
Foundation (IN)

Northern Arizona Food Bank

Northwest Ohio Chapter of Safari  
Club International

Ohio Association of Second  
Harvest Food Banks

Ohio County Community  
Foundation (IN)

Ohio Department of Natural  
Resources

Saint Alban's Transformation  
Partnership (MD, DC)

Scott Avenue Christian Church (IL)

Servant Christian Community  
Foundation/ Hodgdon Family Fund  
(KS)

Southern Maryland RC&D, Inc.

Steuben County Community  
Foundation, Inc. (IN)

The Community Foundation of  
Muncie & Delaware County, Inc.  
(IN)

The Wells County Foundation, Inc.  
(IN)

United Way of CE MCC  
(MD)

United Way of Dekalb County, Inc.  
(IN)

United Way - Noble United Way  
(IN)

Wal-Mart Foundation  
(AZ, GA, IA, IL, IN, MD, NC,  
OH, PA, SC, TN)

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