“Taking Children Afield”
by Allen Dunlap

This season I was blessed enough to be able to take Luke's sister (Allyson) out for her first successful deer hunt! I guess it's a family tradition as she was fortunate enough to harvest her first deer and donate it to FHFH! I am truly blessed to have such great children. They both understand the compassion and stewardship that is involved in our feeding ministry, and how it correlates with hunting and harvesting; then the subsequent donation of an animal for those less fortunate or simply in need.

While this was not Allyson's first hunt, she was persistent and over the course of about 5 hunts, accomplished her goal of harvesting a deer for those less fortunate. The other hunts, "non productive"? I say NO! Although we spent many hours afield this season, until this harvest, the score was deer- three, Ally- zero. I don't consider it a "waste of time." These other hunts were a great time to mentor, educate and reconnect with my daughter.

You see, in this day and age of cell phones, work, busy schedules, school events and the fact that our kids are growing up too fast, I appreciate a weekend alone in a blind, just her and I sharing stories and reconnecting! All too often I see peoples’ schedules get so busy that they don't have or take the time to give one on one attention to their children. This is what they want and need; regardless of how they act or pretend to understand a parents busy schedule. And let me say one thing, while as a grown up who feels they need a weekend away, or a guy’s weekend to recharge, many kids are left alone (continued on page 2)
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to find their own way or things to do to keep busy. Some of these choices are not healthy ones. They aren't young forever, and sharing any experience outdoors only fosters a healthier ideal of how to spend a weekend and what one can do with their time. A friend commented, “That he could think of a dozen other things to do” rather than spend an unsuccessful weekend hunting. I would challenge that comment. While we strive for success, I feel hunting with a son, daughter or any youth interested in the outdoors, is more about the experience than the success.

FHFH Kids

A New Generation of Hunters Feeding the Hungry!

Young people nationwide are surprising their parents by deciding to donate their first deer to help feed the hungry!

Feeding others - part of the heritage of hunting - is now being passed on to a new generation of hunters. Together let's encourage this next generation of hunters feeding the hungry!

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6 (NLT)

Check out FHFH Kids’ website at www.fhfkids.org.

Partnering with FHFH to Help Feed the Hungry

Sam’s Club Teams Up With FHFH

For the 5th consecutive year, Sam's Club 6544 in Loveland, Ohio, has teamed with the Southwest Ohio Chapter of Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry to supply venison to local food banks and feeding ministries in Cincinnati. The Loveland Sam's Club donated $1,000 through the Hunger Relief Grant program. Thank you Sam's Club!

Pictured from left to right are Sam's Club associates Matt Wilkes, Sara Briggs, Southwest Ohio FHFH Coordinator Don Distler, associates Theresa Sutherland and Vickie Dosier, Sam's Club Manager Mitch Rath and Southwest Ohio FHFH Coordinator Donald Boling.
Salvation Army Benefits from Venison Donated by FHFH

The Salvation Army Shelter for Women and Children gave a “shout out” on their Facebook page to Indiana FHFH for donating 400 pounds of venison to their shelter! “Thank you to FHFH for this wonderful and unexpected blessing!” The venison donation was a cost savings of around $3,700 for their food budget.

Food Pantry in Indiana Blessed with Venison from FHFH

Ken Worman, Coordinator for Cass County FHFH in Indiana, received the letter of appreciation below. Ken says, “This is what makes being a part of FHFH so rewarding. The feeling you get helping God to feed His people is so unbelievable. I am so blessed just being a part of FHFH.”

Dear FHFH,

On behalf of the staff, the volunteers, and especially the clients, we would like to thank Mr. Worman and his crew for their generous donation of venison. The smile on the clients face when they were able to receive "good meat" was contagious to the volunteers and staff. The joy spread amongst everyone.

One lady, on a very high protein diet, was almost in tears to see such a generous donation made. She even said it's good people willing to help others that makes this world go round.

Personally, this new fight against hunger has been a major success and blessing in the Cass County Community.

Thanks again!
Kayla Escobar
Food Pantry Manager

New FHFH Coordinator Harvests Deer and Elk

Tyrel Lester, Coordinator for Treasure Valley FHFH in Idaho, sent these photos of deer harvested. Both animals were shot in Central Idaho, though on opposite sides of the state.

The elk was killed almost 2,000 vertical feet above the pickup and took the rest of the day to pack out. Ty said, “Good thing I've got good buddies!”

The deer was shot while hunting with his dad, and they even got him a deer that day too!
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