



# Annual Report

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger

# 2019

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July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Fall is such a wonderful time of year for those who love the outdoors. Crisp mornings, beautiful sunrises, and warm sunsets in wooded draws of changing color. I recently had the privilege of hunting elk with my son in Montana. It was a reminder that this time of year affords us the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and family while enjoying the outdoors.

I truly feel blessed that I have the ability to enjoy such privileges. As sportsmen, we know the cost of such things as purchasing tags, mobilizing to our hunting site, and procuring new hunting gear each year. Not all are as lucky and can afford such luxuries. Many of our less fortunate here in South Dakota are more appreciative of simpler things, such as a hot meal with nutritious protein.

I recently pulled a Google search on the benefits of nutrition. As the first article lit up my computer screen, what really caught my eye was the result from my search. As the first article of over 251,000,000 lit up my computer screen, what really caught my eye was the enormous amount of information available on the benefits to a healthy and balanced diet, but for some this isn't quite as simple as running to the store. This is why our Mission at **Sportsmen Against Hunger** has been so important. We make sure good, nutritious protein finds its way to local food banks and pantries so that it can get distributed to those who can benefit from it the most!!

We could not accomplish this without the help of our network of processors (39) and the 279 sportsmen that took advantage of our Processor Certificate Program. A big thank you to all the **13,385 sportsmen** that donated to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks licensing check-off system. Last year, over \$40,000 was donated through this system. Most importantly the aforementioned sportsmen who donated their wild game back to our program---we are so appreciative. Last year, 636 deer/antelope, 5 elk, 1,129 pheasants, 141 walleye, and 1,059 Canada Geese were donated to Sportsmen Against Hunger. This amounted to 31,400lbs of meat!!!

Thank you Feeding South Dakota for helping us make sure these meat donations reach those who needed it most through their network of agency partners. Thank you Ron Fowler, our Executive Director, who works tirelessly to make sure coordination between sportsman, processors, and all stakeholders go smoothly. Another huge shout out to all the dedicated and professional staff at South Dakota Game Fish & Parks---thank you!!

For all of you who individually contributed to this worthwhile cause---thank you! We could not have done it without you and collectively this made a huge difference to other South Dakotans. Specifically, I can give you 251 million reasons why YOU made a difference!

Tom Weaver,  
SDSAH Board Member- Rapid City, SD



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## About SDSAH

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger (SDSAH) helps to fund and promote the donation of wild game and fish to families in need throughout South Dakota. It is a successful partnership between hunters and anglers, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Game, Fish and Parks Commission, SDSAH, Feeding South Dakota and participating meat processors and food pantries.

SDSAH game donations by sportsmen and women include not only deer, as a primary program, but also include donation of antelope, elk, Canada geese, fish, and pheasant. The variety of donated game meat and fish is very much appreciated by families in need who receive it, as indicated by testimonials from food pantries which distribute the meat. The total amount of game meat donated this past year from all sources was 31,400 pounds which translates into 125,600 meals of meat.

## Testimonials



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so very much for your program. We manage a Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and cannot express how much we appreciate your donations which allow us to provide ground goose and venison to our clients. It is such a valuable addition to our distributions.

We have a large client base and at every one of our pantry distributions we hear how much they enjoy and appreciate this meat.

Thank You!

Marty Axlund, Chairman, G.S. Mission Board  
Aberdeen, SD



Thank you for your generous donation to the individuals served by Oahe Inc. Your donation will provide a wonderful meal for all of our residents during this holiday season. It will also serve as an opportunity for some to further their cooking skills!

Thank you again.

Oahe Inc. Staff and Board  
Pierre, SD

# Check-off Program

Hunters are to be recognized for donating funds to SDSAH through the Department of Game, Fish and Parks hunting license application check-off Program. In recent years these funds have helped SDSAH cover the cost of the Processing Certificate Program in which hunters may use processing certificates available from SDSAH game processors to pay most or all of the cost of processing donated antlerless deer, doe/fawn antelope and Canada geese.

Credit goes to hunters who paid the full or reduced cost of processing other donated game such as buck deer, buck antelope, and pheasants. The donated funds have also been used towards the costs of salvage processing of confiscated game, deer taken in city, deer reduction programs, etc.

Success of SDSAH can be attributed not only to hunters who donated but game processors who have participated in SDSAH and provided incentive to hunters to donate by reducing the cost of processing donated game. When coupled with the SDSAH Processing Certificate Program there was often no cost to the hunter.

This past year the 39 game meat processors who cooperated with SDSAH were also instrumental in delivering processed meat to Feeding South Dakota food banks and to local food pantries which then provided the meat to families in need.

## Major Donors

We extend our gratitude to the following major donors who supported SDSAH this past fiscal year. Without their support, this program would not be possible.

We would also extend our thanks to sportsmen for donating game animals and for their contributions through the Check-off Program.

- SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks
- RRR Elmen Foundation
- Scheels of Sioux Falls
- First Premier Bank
- First Interstate Bank
- Greater Dakotah Chapter of SCI

SDSAH corporate processors play a vital role in the success of the Certificate Program. We would like to recognize them for their support and generosity.

Economy Meat Market	Bath
Integrity Meats	Belle Fourche
Bruce Market	Bruce
Tom's Wild Game Processing	Burke
Chamberlain Locker	Chamberlain
DeHaai Game Processing	Chamberlain
Dakota Butcher	Clark
Dan's Last Shot	Colome
Top Pin Archery	Custer
Elkton Locker	Elkton
Gosch Meat Market	Glenham
Frohling Quality Meats	Hecla
Headhunters Meats	Highmore
Got Deer Country Meats	Hurley
Huron Custom Meats	Huron
Ol' Mill Meats	Milbank
Waldner Specialty Meats	Milbank
Central Processing	Miller
Mitchell Lockers	Mitchell
Shorty's Locker	Mitchell
West Side Meats	Mobridge
Tri-County Locker	Newell
The Meat Shop	Nisland
Brock's Butcher Block	Onida
Philip Custom Meats	Philip
Cutting Edge Meats	Piedmont
Steamboat Game & Fish	Pierre
Platte Locker Plant	Platte
Western Buffalo	Rapid City
Renner Corner Locker	Renner
Feterl's Meats	Salem
Horton's Processing	Sisseton
The Butcher Shop	Spearfish
Lee's Meats & Sausages	Tea
Wall Meat	Wall
Dakota Butcher	Watertown
Jorgenson Meat Processing	Waubay
Mid-Dakota Meats	Winner
Steiner's Locker Service	Yankton

# Financials

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger relies on donations and grants from corporations, businesses and individuals to help fund its programs. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks provides over \$32,000 of in-kind contractual services support for operating SDSAH. The Department also provides and administers a voluntary checkoff option on its hunting and fishing license applications whereby hunters and anglers can make voluntary contributions to SDSAH when they purchase those licenses.

Donations and checkoff funds received are spent on processing costs, with minor amounts on other categories as noted in the statement below. For more information on how to donate, see our website at [feedtheneedsd.com](http://feedtheneedsd.com), or you can complete the donation form below and mail it directly to us with your donation.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER**

Annual Income/Expense Statement

For Period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

### INCOME

GAME, FISH AND PARKS GRANTS	\$	32,648.52
HUNTERS CHECKOFF FUNDS	\$	40,194.50
DONATIONS	\$	6,000.00
INTEREST	\$	-
RECEIVABLES	\$	18,456.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>97,299.85</b>

### EXPENSE

PROCESSING COSTS FOR ANIMALS	\$	(28,350.31)
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$	(32,407.52)
POSTAGE	\$	(105.00)
OTHER EXPENSE	\$	(347.00)
LICENSES/FEES/PERMITS	\$	-
PRINTING	\$	(50.00)
INSURANCE	\$	(1,000.00)
PAYABLES	\$	(308.70)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(62,568.53)</b>

**YEAR TO DATE PROFIT/LOSS** **\$ 34,731.32**

*(Unaudited - Accrual Basis)*

## **SD Sportsmen Against Hunger Donation Form**

Yes! I want to support Sportsmen in South Dakota in combating hunger by making a monetary donation of funds to help pay processing costs for donated game animals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contact Information:**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form, include payment and mail to:  
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