



Annual Report

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger (SDSAH) continued to promote donation of wild game animals to the hungry in 2014. Last year donations totaled 37,643 pound of meat that provided 150,572 meals to those in need. In the last few years, additional sources of meat are coming from new sources. The cities of Rapid City and Sioux Falls have become a source for venison through their city deer management programs and these donations have helped fill the gap of reduced donations of hunter-killed deer the past few years. Another fairly new source has been Canada geese. Goose meat is ground with beef fat and has become very popular in the food banks. Pheasants, elk, buffalo and grouse are other items that may be obtained and are highly valuable to those in need. We continue to run a number of clean-out-your-freezer food drives throughout the state to get surplus game to those families who need support.

In a recent study conducted by Feeding South Dakota, It was found that one of every 8 South Dakotans live at or below poverty level and 11.2% of them, or 92,200 individuals is food insecure. Meat protein is the hardest food item to obtain due to its high cost and thus the importance of our program for the food banks. Sportsmen and women and others who support our program play a very valuable role in helping families that are struggling with hunger.



Despite the efforts of SDSAHA and our partners, we are not meeting the needs of the hungry here in South Dakota. SDSAHA is always striving to increase support to those in need and we continue to have a great partnership with Feeding South Dakota. They serve hundreds of food banks and pantries across the state and ensure our game is getting to the right families. We are also deeply appreciative of those hunters who donate animals each year and donors who contribute funds through the check-off system when applying for big game tags.

Our partnership with the SD Game, Fish and Parks continues to work very well. We are very appreciative of GFP's financial support and man-hours they provide to put programs in place and monitor their progress. A big thanks to the GFP Commission, too, for their continued support of this important program for the state of South Dakota.

Many people and organizations contribute to the continuing success of SDSAHA. Our heartfelt thanks to sportsmen and women who harvest and donate game animals, to private donors and organizations who help with funding, to participating meat processors who reduce their fees for processing, to SDSAHA volunteers, and to pantries who accept and distribute donated game meat.

Jeff Olson
President, SD Sportsmen Against Hunger

ABOUT SDSAH - FEED THE NEED!

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

TESTIMONIALS

Sportsmen Against Hunger

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the assistance of the Sportsmen Against Hunger, and the donation of several hundred pounds of venison.

Tree of Life Ministry is a Relief Agency and has one of the largest Food Pantries that serves two Lakota Reservations. Todd County, which is the Rosebud Reservation, is the 4th poorest county in the entire USA, with a population of over 10,000 people, while Buffalo County, the Crow Creek Reservation with a population of 2,150 is the poorest. Our "Warm Welcome" is open 4 days a week and averages 162 families a day that come for food and clothing. Thus, being open 200 days each year, at an average of 162 families per day. We deliver 32,400 packages of food per year to impoverished families.

In addition, we also used some of your venison for our hot meal program that feeds an average of 175 people per day. That is approximately 35,000 meals per year. Your donation of game meat is greatly appreciated and used to help control the costs of these programs.

On behalf of the staff of Tree of Life, and all those who are recipients of the donated game, I extend my thanks. I look forward to participating in your program again this year.

*A. Russell Masartis, Executive Director
Tree of Life Ministry
Mission, SD*

Sportsmen Against Hunger

I am writing to let you know how much I appreciate the deer meat that we get through your organization. Not only am I the Social Service Worker but I also

cook a noon meal here at the Salvation Army. I find that I can use the deer meat anywhere I would use hamburger.

Again I thank you for the donated deer meat.

*Wenda J. Barber
The Salvation Army
Huron, SD*

Sportsmen Against Hunger

*WOW!! Thank you for the goose meat. We had a lady come in today. She really loved it. We greatly appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness in remembering the Tri-County Good Samaritan Food Pantry. So far we heard of people using it for slopping joes and chili. Hopefully we will hear more ideas on how to fix it.
May the Lord bless you.*

*Penny Ihnen & Sherry Wurtz, Co-Directors
Tri-County Good Samaritan Food Pantry,
Redfield, SD*

MAJOR DONORS

Special thanks are extended to the following major donors to the SDSAH program this year. Without their support, this program would not be possible.

- **SD Department of Game, Fish and Parks**
- **Walmarts**
- **Greater Dakota Chapter, Safari Club International**
- **RRR Elmen Foundation**
- **Scheels of Sioux Falls**
- **First Premier Bank**
- **Cabela's Outdoor Fund**
- **First Intersate Bank**
- **Sam's Club-Rapid City**

Also, many thanks to sportsmen and women for donating game animals and for their contributions through the Check-off Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors of SDSAH is a volunteer board and directors receive no compensation for their service.

Jeff Olson

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LIST OF PROCESSORS

SDSAH cooperating 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
Grandview Locker Plant	Belle Fourche
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
Rob's Locker & Catering	Gary
Gosch Meat Market	Glenham
Frohling Meats	Hecla
Black Hills Meat Company	Hot Springs
Got Deer Country Meats	Hurley
Huron Custom Meats	Huron
Family Pride Meats	Ipswich
Peterson Meats	Mellette
OI' Mill Meats	Milbank
Waldner Specialty Meats	Milbank
Central Processing	Miller
Mitchell Lockers	Mitchell
Shorty's Locker	Mitchell
West Side Meats	Mobridge
Brock's Butcher Block	Onida
Philip Custom Meats	Philip
Piedmont Cutting Edge Meats	Piedmont
Steamboat Game & Fish	Pierre
Platte Locker Plant	Platte
KC's Wild Game Processing	Rapid City
Western Buffalo	Rapid City
Renner Corner Locker	Renner
Eich's Meat Market	Salem
Western Meats & Locker	Sioux Falls
Horton's Processing	Sisseton
The Butcher Shop	Spearfish
Lee's Meats & Sausage	Tea
Jorgenson Meat Processing	Waubay
Mid-Dakota Meats	Winner
Steiner's Locker Service	Yankton

FINANCIALS

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger relies on donations of deer, antelope and other game to feed the needy. SDSAH also relies on donations of funds from hunters through the Check-off Program on state big game license applications, grants from corporations, donations from businesses and individuals, and financial support from the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

Donations received are spent on processing costs, with minor amounts on other categories as noted in our statement of Revenue and Expense below. Additional funds are needed to keep this valuable program running and to cover costs for our programs.

For more information on how to donate, see our website at <http://www.feedtheneedsd.com/>.

SOUTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

Annual Income/Expense Statement

For Period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

INCOME

GAME, FISH AND PARKS	\$	15,000.00
HUNTERS CHECKOFF FUNDS	\$	22,328.00
DONATIONS	\$	11,738.54
INTEREST	\$	31.83
RECEIVABLES	\$	10,181.00

TOTAL INCOME		\$ 59,279.37
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EXPENSE

PROCESSING COSTS FOR ANIMALS	\$	(33,306.85)
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$	(73.01)
POSTAGE	\$	(216.35)
PAYABLES	\$	(1,600.00)
LICENSES/FEES/PERMITS	\$	(10.00)
PRINTING	\$	(175.00)
INSURANCE	\$	(1,000.00)

TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ (36,381.21)
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YEAR TO DATE PROFIT/LOSS		\$ 22,898.16
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Unaudited-accrual basis

SD Sportsmen Against Hunger Donation Form

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

Donor Name: _____

Address (street, city, state, zip code):

Contact information (phone or email):

Complete this form, include payment and mail to:
SD Sportsmen Against Hunger, PO Box 1172, Pierre, SD 57501