



## Annual Report

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

### MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2009, we saw South Dakota's Sportsmen Against Hunger program reach a milestone in their efforts to assist in the fight against hunger. With the 88,830 pounds of ground venison along with the nearly 6,000 pheasants, hunters and processors provided over 97,750 pounds of valuable protein to Feeding South Dakota and many area emergency feeding programs.

As the effects of the economic downturn continued to impact South Dakota families we saw an increase in the numbers of families being forced to ask for assistance. This demand placed an enormous strain on our food inventory and at times made it very difficult for us to meet all the hunger needs. We were especially challenged in our ability to ensure families were provided some kind of good protein products. As you well know, protein is such an important part in the daily dietary needs of an individual and yet it is one of the most difficult food items for us to get donated. However, the contributions made by supporters of Sportsmen Against Hunger helped provide enough meat to help in the making of over 391,000 meals for so many of those families in need.



The partnership between Feeding South Dakota and Sportsmen Against Hunger has truly made a difference in so many lives. From the children to the seniors, the unemployed to the under-employed, there are so many of our fellow South Dakotans who struggle to get a good meal each and every day. But through the generosity of sportsmen and women, tens of thousands of people have been blessed with not only the gift of food, but have also been provided a bit of hope. It is on behalf of all these individuals and families whose lives have benefited from this wonderful program that I say thank you to those who have contributed to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program. Know that your efforts have made a real difference, and that all those who have supported this program are truly "heroes to the hungry".

Sincerely

Matt Gassen.  
Executive Director, Feeding South Dakota, and  
Board Member, South Dakota 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, participating meat processors and food banks.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

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### *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 in 2009.*

*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*

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### *Sportsmen Against Hunger*

*It has been our privilege to receive wild game as the result of the Sportsmen Against Hunger program. Having run the Perkins Co. Food pantries (in Lemmon & Bison) over 25 years, I have discovered donations are essential to our success. Meat has always been a very difficult commodity to acquire. Your program of donated deer and antelope has been a God-send. Our clients are always pleased to receive wild game and its availability has helped us supply a need. Just last night, a family commented about how delicious the antelope had been. Did I have any more? This program has been a big help to our Food Pantries and I would encourage you to continue it. It blesses many people.*

*Florence Hoff  
Perkins County Food Pantries  
Lemmon, SD*

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### *Sportsmen Against Hunger*

*I am the director of the Custer Food Pantry in Custer, South Dakota. Our Pantry began benefiting from the SDSAH program three years ago when Jeff Prior of Guys With Knives (local processor and really great guy) enthusiastically promoted the program. The Pantry has been receiving over 3,000 pounds of game meat each year. We have come to depend on this greatly. We have seen a 40% increase of Pantry use over the last two years. When you consider that ground beef will cost us about \$3 a pounds this is a donation of over \$9,000. Incredible!*

*I have read literature about eating locally. In the Black Hills we are limited in what we are able to grow in our gardens. But, the local venison supply has been substantial.*

*I have also been able to personally thank hunters for donating their deer to us. This includes young hunters not only establishing a hunting tradition with their families but a giving tradition in the community as well.*

*This has been a win-win program. Thank you so much for conceiving of and implementing such a great program.*

*Kim Canete, Director  
Custer Food Pantry  
Custer, 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**
- **Walmart**
- **Dakota Chapter, Safari Club International**
- **RRR Elmen Foundation**
- **Scheels of Sioux Falls**

Also, many thanks to Sportsmen and Meat Processors. Without their support this program would not be possible.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

### **Jeff Olson**

President  
Rapid City

### **Randy Kemink**

Vice President  
Gettysburg

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Pierre

### **Kim Jorgenson**

Waubay

### **Tom Krafka**

Rapid City

### **Mass Gassen**

Sioux Falls

## **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
Tom's Wild Game Processing	Burke
Chamberlain Locker	Chamberlain
Dakota Butcher	Clark
Dan's Last Shot	Colome
Guys With Knives	Custer
Elkton Locker	Elkton
New Elm Spring Colony Butcher Shop	Ethan
Wildlife Unlimited	Fort Pierre
Rob's Locker & Catering	Gary
Gosch Meat Market	Glenham
Country Meats & Specialties	Harrisburg
Frohling Meats, Inc.	Hecla
Black Hills Meat Company	Hot Springs
Howard Cold Storage	Howard
Huron Custom Meats	Huron
Family Pride Meats	Ipswich
Diamond S Meats, Inc.	Lemmon
Jack's Cold Storage	Madison
Peterson Meats	Mellette
Ol' Mill Meats	Milbank
Waldner Specialty Meats	Milbank
Central Processing	Miller
Mitchell Lockers	Mitchell
Shorty's Locker	Mitchell
Westside Meats	Mobridge
Tri County Locker, Inc.	Newell
Brock's Butcher Block	Onida
Philip Custom Meats	Philip
J & K Meat Processing, Inc.	Piedmont
Piedmont Cutting Edge Meats	Piedmont
Steamboat Game & Fish	Pierre
Platte Locker Plant	Platte
KC Wildgame 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 Meat & Sausage	Tea
Tulare Locker	Tulare
Wagner Locker	Wagner
Jorgenson Meat Processing	Waubay
J&L Custom Meats	Wentworth
Mid-Dakota Meats	Winner
Steiner's Locker Service	Yankton

## ***FINANCIALS***

South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger relies on donations of deer, antelope and other game. SDSAH also relies on donations of funds from hunters through the Checkoff 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. 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010**

#### **INCOME**

<b>GAME, FISH AND PARKS</b>	<b>\$ 88,500.00</b>
<b>HUNTERS CHECKOFF FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 29,355.00</b>
<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 3,620.00</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>	<b>\$ 19.59</b>
<b>RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>\$ 11,315.91</b>

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<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$132,810.50</b>
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#### **EXPENSE**

<b>PROCESSING COSTS FOR ANIMALS</b>	<b>\$ (112,619.50)</b>
<b>CONTRACT SERVICES-HELP!LINE</b>	<b>\$ (521.06)</b>
<b>POSTAGE</b>	<b>\$ (144.00)</b>
<b>LICENSES/FEEES/PERMITS</b>	<b>\$ (10.00)</b>
<b>PRINTING</b>	<b>\$ (4,093.12)</b>
<b>PAYABLE (POSTAGE)</b>	<b>\$ (44.00)</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ (1,031.00)</b>

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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$(118,462.68)</b>
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<b>YEAR TO DATE PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 14,347.82</b>
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(Unaudited - Accrual Basis)