



South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger

2021

President's Report

The South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger program reaches milestone.

More than one million pounds of wild game has been donated to families in need since the program began in 1993. One pound of venison burger can feed a meal to a family of four. This correlates to over four million meals fed to these people who are food insecure throughout the State of South Dakota.

It certainly takes a village and many great agencies who work together to make this happen but the number one group to thank for reaching this goal are the sportsmen of our state. They do not only help provide the game but also donate funds to help pay for the processing through the Processing Certificate Program. Please keep up the great work because we still have a long way to go to meet the need of hunger in South Dakota. One in nine individuals are food insecure according to one of our great partners, Feeding South Dakota.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission and the Department are an integral part of making this all happen each year. Rapid City and Sioux falls also contribute deer to SAH through herd reductions within city limits. Sharp shooters provided 6,400 pounds in Rapid City this year in which the City of Rapid City, Black Hills Sportsmen Club and SD Sportsmen Against Hunger provided funds to pay for the processing.

While most of the meat comes in the form of burger, we also take in lots of other wild game. Roosters, Canada geese, antelope, walleye and even an occasional elk. We have food drives that take in frozen food items. A primary food shortage is fresh meat, which is in high demand and difficult to obtain. Game meat is nutritional in value in having low fat and high protein content.

Our primary expense is the cost of processing, and we thank all of our processors that process these deer, antelope and geese at a reduced rate. We are also fortunate to have corporate sponsors. The Elmen Foundation, Walmart and Scheels have been with us for a long time.

The South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger Board of Directors, along with many South Dakotans that benefit from this program, would like to thank everyone who has donated meat and funds to support our efforts to help end hunger in South Dakota. We also want to thank the meat processors, Feeding South Dakota and the SD Department of Game Fish and Parks. Without them, this program would not succeed.

Now, let us start on working on our second million pounds.

Jeff Olson
President, South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger

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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 gamemeat donated this past year from all sources was 20,086 pounds which translates into 80,344 meals of meat.

Testimonial

Sportsmen Against Hunger:

On behalf of Feeding South Dakota, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of 1,995 pounds of critical game meat and fish given throughout 2020. This will provide vital protein to many families facing hunger challenges.

Feeding South Dakota provides on-going hunger relief to South Dakotans through our Distribution Centers, Food Pantries, Mobile Distributions, Childhood Hunger Programs and a network with hundreds of agency partners across the state. With this network we are able to feed nearly 100,000 children, adults, and seniors annually.

Thanks to your continuing partnership, we provided over 12.8 million meals to families in need last year.

Thank you again for your gift.

Sincerely

Matt Gassen, CEO

Feeding South Dakota

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 also 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 16 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.

- South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks
- Scheels of Sioux Falls
- Walmart Sioux Falls North and Rapid City South
- Renee, Rebecca and Richard Elmen Foundation
- The Greater Dacotah Chapter of Safari Club
- First Premier Bank
- First Interstate Bank
- LC Beer LLC
- Local Sportsmen's Clubs and Many More!!!

We also extend thanks to hunters for donating game animals and for their financial contributions through the hunting license application Check-off Program.

Chronic Wasting Disease Testing

The SDSAH deer and elk donation program changed in 2020 in that all donated deer and elk taken west of the Missouri River in South Dakota or out-of-state were tested for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Even though public health officials have found no link between CWD and any neurological disease in humans, the SDSAH Board of Directors still wanted to start taking steps to minimize risk of human exposure to CWD.

To accomplish the required CWD testing, additional cooperation and effort was requested and received from hunters, game processors and Department of Game, Fish and Parks. The result was that of 76 deer harvested west of the Missouri River and donated, one tested positive whereby the meat was destroyed. The remaining meat was processed and provided to food pantries associated with Feeding South Dakota which made the meat available to families in need.

SDSAH Game Processors

Clark Quality Meats, LLC	Clark
Top Pin Archery	Custer
Gosch Meat Marker	Glenham
Huron Custom Meats	Huron
Ol' Mill Meats	Milbank
Waldner Specialty Meats	Milbank
Tri County Locker, Inc.	Newell
Cutting Edge Meats	Piedmont
Steamboat Game & Fish	Pierre
Spilde's Quality Meats	Rapid City
Western Buffalo Company	Rapid City
Renner Corner Locker	Renner
Lee's Meats & Sausages	Tea
Dakota Butcher	Watertown
Jorgenson Meat Processing	Waubay
Kleinschmit Locker	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 nearly \$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 financial 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 the SDSAH website at www.feedtheneedsd.com, or you can complete the donation form below and mail it directly to us with your donation.

Annual Income/Expense Statement For Period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

INCOME

GAME, FISH AND PARKS GRANTS	\$	31,919.34
HUNTERS CHECKOFF FUNDS	\$	30,572.33
DONATIONS	\$	8,516.42
INTEREST		
RECEIVABLES	\$	19,020.42

TOTAL INCOME \$ 90,028.51

EXPENSE

PROCESSING COSTS FOR ANIMALS	\$	(23,078.00)
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$	(31,985.27)
POSTAGE	\$	(526.45)
OTHER EXPENSE	\$	(150.00)
LICENSES/FEES/PERMITS	\$	-
PRINTING	\$	(922.50)
INSURANCE	\$	(1,000.00)
PAYABLES	\$	(294.42)

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ (57,956.64)

YEAR TO DATE PROFIT/LOSS \$ 32,071.87



SD Sportsmen Against Hunger Donation Form

Yes! I want to support South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger 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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