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HUNTERS HELPING THE HUNGRY



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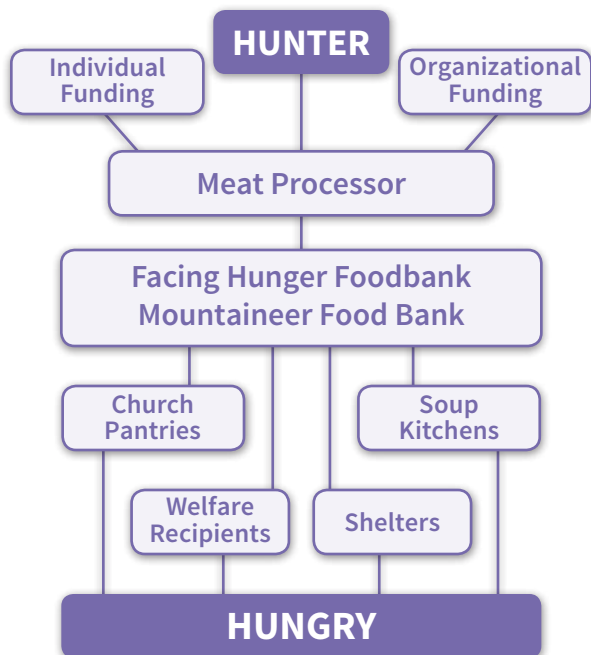
Many people are involved with the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) Program, but participation by hunters and West Virginia meat processors is the key element to its success.

Participation

From the first day of any deer season until December 31, hunters who legally harvest a deer and wish to donate the meat to HHH can deliver the deer to the nearest participating meat processor. Acceptance of the deer is subject to the individual meat processor's scheduling.

The meat processor will skin the deer; debone and grind the meat (no other cuts); freeze it in two-pound packages; and hold it for pick-up by the Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway, West Virginia, or the Facing Hunger Foodbank in Huntington.

These food banks are the only certified West Virginia members of Feeding America, a national network committed to feeding the hungry. Both are nonprofit organizations, inspected and approved by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They distribute the ground venison to the needy through their network of qualified charitable agencies.



Donations

Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) provides thousands of pounds of venison to hungry West Virginians each year. Although the Wildlife Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources coordinates and publicizes the HHH program, state law prohibits spending license fee income on food processing and distribution costs.

Meat processing costs \$2 per pound, with the average deer providing 35½ pounds of ground venison (approximately 142 meals). Food banks are paid only for pickup and distribution costs.

The program is funded solely by the generous donations of caring individuals, businesses and organizations, including the West Virginia Council of Churches and Governor's One Shot, Inc. Their generosity enables the program to fulfill its mission to:

“...provide balanced, healthy meals for the less fortunate of West Virginia...”

The Wildlife Resources Section makes an urgent appeal to all West Virginians who are able to help to make a tax-deductible donation to the HHH program.

Checks should be made out to

Hunters Helping the Hungry

and mailed to

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163 Wildlife Road
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