



Hunters Sharing the Harvest Celebrates 25 Years *By Rep. Rosemary M. Brown (R-Monroe/Pike)*

Hunters with extra venison can share it with fellow Pennsylvanians through Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH), a registered venison donation program in the Commonwealth. HSH shares donated venison via a statewide network of participating butchers to food banks across the state to help those 1.8 million families in our state who seek food assistance. This year marks HSH's 25th year, in which more than one million pounds of venison have been donated to people across the state.

Venison is a 100 percent natural, low-fat, high-protein food source that is eagerly sought by food distribution organizations. One deer equals about 200 meals. Last year, HSH coordinated the delivery of more than 200,000 meals of venison to hungry Pennsylvanians. All 67 counties participate in this program.

HSH participating butchers are paid for their services through sponsor-supported donations, and they help to coordinate the meat deliveries to the local food banks. In turn, the food banks redistribute the venison to more than 5,000 local food assistance provider organizations such as food pantries, missions, homeless shelters, hunger-relief organizations and churches that play a vital role in helping to fill the gaps for families and individuals at risk of hunger.

You can locate the Monroe and Pike County coordinators, as well as find our local processors, by visiting www.sharedeer.org.

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