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Hunters for the Hungry (HFTH) is a statewide wild game donation program that provides a healthy source of protein to Texans who need assistance obtaining well-balanced, nutritious meals.

Since 1991, Texas hunters and processors have donated more than 4 million quarter-pound servings of wild game to fellow Texans in need.

HFTH'S MISSION IS THREE-FOLD:

- ⊕ To alleviate hunger and malnutrition in Texas.
- ⊕ To provide a meaningful outlet for hunters who have more meat than they want or need.
- ⊕ To promote stewardship of the environment through sensible wildlife management plans.

“By reducing over-crowded animal populations, (HFTH) benefits the environment; by nourishing the hungry, we keep our own population healthy, happy and able to function. I wish we got more from (the hunters and processors) and more often. We really appreciate this program!”

- Capital Area Food Bank, Austin, TX

To contact HFTH, please call our toll-free hotline at 800/992-9767 ext. 506 (Texas only), or e-mail us at hfth@taca.org.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Monetary Donation Texas Hunters For The Hungry (HFTH)

*Please help support the Hunters For The Hungry (HFTH) program.
For every \$1 you donate, 4-5 servings of protein-rich venison can be shared with a fellow Texan in need.*

- As a token of our appreciation, if you donate over \$30, check one of the following as your additional gift.
- Texas Wild Game Cook Book** – with delicious venison and wild game recipes, cooking tips and stories.
 - 2 Patches** – 3” iron-on patch with HFTH color logo on white background.
 - HFTH Cap** – Khaki baseball cap with HFTH color logo and adjustable strap for fit.
 - Flashlight** – 5” flashlight with batteries.

Hunters for the Hungry will mail your receipt and gift(s) to:

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Please make checks payable to TACAA. Mail this form with check to: Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA)

2512 IH 35 South, Suite 100
Austin, TX 78704-5772

CAN I DONATE HOGS, GEESE, DUCKS, FISH, ETC.?

While the majority of wild game donations are white-tail and mule deer, TACAA makes every effort to accept other types of donations. Donations of hog and other game are placed on a case-by-case basis, and the processing fee is charged at the processor's discretion. Hunters with such donations can call HFTH at 800-992-9767 ext. 506, toll-free in Texas, and we will do our best to locate a processor.

WHY IS THERE A PROCESSING FEE ?

The amount of the processing fee is a cost share among the hunter, processor, and TACAA. The fee helps to cover the costs of equipment, labor, time, etc. of participating meat processors, who usually do not make a profit from the fee and may lose money. The processing fee may be tax deductible for the hunter. Please check with your accountant or local IRS office to confirm. In some areas, organizations such as Safari Clubs or the Chamber of Commerce take it upon themselves to pay the processing fee at local processors. These special offers are noted in the information provided each season.

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WHERE DOES THE MEAT GO?

TACAA provides processors with a list of food assistance providers, such as food banks, pantries, churches, senior centers, and shelters in their area. After the wild game has been ground into burger and frozen, participating meat processors contact these agencies for pick-up and distribution.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR MEAT PROCESSORS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE?

Processors wishing to participate and accept donated deer must be inspected on a federal, state, or local level. Verification of inspection is required in order to qualify as a participating processor. This standard helps insure the safety of HFTH donations; in addition, many food assistance providers cannot accept meat from non-inspected processing plants. Processors wishing to participate should call HFTH at 800-992-9767 ext. 506. The processor will be sent a participation agreement to sign and return to us, followed by a packet containing a supply of donation receipts and two-pound chub packs (plastic bags with the HFTH logo) for packaging ground wild game. Processors will also receive a certificate of appreciation; HFTH posters to recognize their participation and alert customers; and free advertising on our website and through distribution of the HFTH program brochures.

HOW DOES HFTH WORK?

TACAA operates the Hunters for the Hungry program in Texas, using funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. TACAA actively recruits meat processors, raises funds to subsidize processing costs, solicits wild game donations, promotes the program through mass media and exhibiting, and provides resources to support participating meat processors throughout Texas. Hunters bring their tagged, legally harvested deer to a participating meat processor, and pay a nominal fee. After processing and packaging the meat, meat processors contact local food assistance providers to pick up the frozen meat and distribute it to those in need.

HOW CAN I GET SOME VENISON?

All meat donated to the Hunters for the Hungry program is distributed to families and individuals through local food assistance providers. If you are a food assistance provider seeking HFTH donations to offer your clients, you can contact TACAA at 800-992-9767 ext. 506 to be added to our database of agencies. Your agency name will be given to a participating meat processor in your area at the start of the next deer hunting season. If you are in need of food assistance, you might try contacting a local food assistance program to see if they receive wild game donations. We do not have participating meat processors in every community, however, so your community may or may not be covered.