





HOOSIERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Making a positive impact on the quality of life for all Hoosiers by providing nutritious meat to hunger relief agencies within Indiana.



DECEMBER 2023

A Change of Seasons

As autumn fades to winter, you may notice changes taking place. Mornings begin with frost-dusted grass, the crunch of leaves beneath our feet is replaced with slick ice, and night falls before dinner. As the seasons shift outside, so too, has a new season began within Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry! Our founder, Debra Treesh, has retired after serving as Executive Director since 2011 in order to spend time with her family. We are grateful for Deb's service to our organization, and the years that she has devoted to fighting hunger within Indiana. We congratulate Deb, and wish her a long and fulfilling retirement!

We are excited to introduce you to our new Executive Director, Suzie Jordan. Suzie joins us from Mustard Seed Furniture Bank Fort Wayne where, she served as the Executive Director for 16 years, and was instrumental in developing and growing it into what it is today. Suzie brings with her a wealth of knowledge, having graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in business management, as well as participating in various professional development initiatives through the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at IUPUI and the Helene Foellinger Leadership Development Initiative. She also has a heart for service—she has volunteered for 40 years, and currently serves on the steering committee for Camp About Face, a summer camp experience for children with craniofacial anomalies. Suzie has many compelling ideas to evolve our program further, and we are thrilled for the wisdom and experience she brings to our organization!



The weather outside isn't the only thing that changes with the onset of winter. As the months get colder, utility bills increase. Trips to work require extra gasoline. Working parents rely more on daycare for school closings, or miss work entirely due to illness within their household. Many times, the money for these additional winter expenses is redirected from other parts of the household budget, and can severely impact household grocery budgets, which are already suffering significantly due to ever-increasing food prices. To keep their families healthy and fed, these individuals need help. Nearly 61% of Indiana residents experiencing food insecurity earn too much to qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamps). To make ends meet, these families must turn to their local food pantries for assistance. While boxed and canned goods like spaghetti, chili beans, and Hamburger Helper are practical, they are all missing one thing to create a complete, nutritional meal—meat.

Our program exists to alleviate this issue, but we cannot do it without your help. We urge you to make a financial contribution to our organization, so that we may continue with our mission of providing meat to food pantries in your community. This season, please think of your neighbors who are going without, and know that by supporting our organization you can make a difference at their dinner table.



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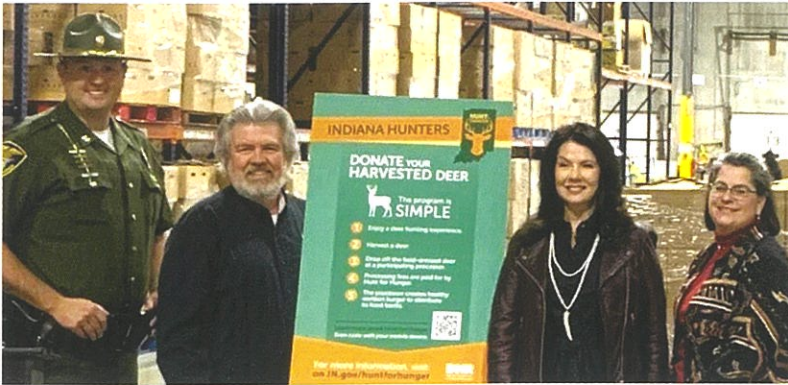


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VISION:

Create lasting partnerships with farmers, hunters, processors, and a network of community resources within Indiana to strengthen the availability and impact that meat consumption plays to the physical and mental well-being of our neighbors.



HUNT FOR HUNGER HELPS GET VENISON TO THOSE IN NEED

Another season impacting Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is when farm fields are harvested and the deer arrive. Thanks to our partnership with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, our program is able to provide venison to food pantries throughout our state.

Suzie recently traveled to Indianapolis to meet with representatives of the Indiana DNR in recognition of Hunt for Hunger, formerly known as The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund. We are grateful for the support provided by the DNR and look forward to growing our partnership to expand our mission throughout Indiana!

The program is simple:

1. Enjoy a deer hunting experience.
2. Harvest a deer.
3. Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor.
4. Processing fees are paid for by Hunt for Hunger.
5. The processor creates healthy venison burger to distribute to food banks.

DID YOU KNOW?

Venison is low in fat, high in protein, and packed with zinc, iron, and vitamin B.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Financially support our work—we can't do it without the generous support provided by individuals, corporations, and events. Donations can be sent through the enclosed remittance envelope or donate through our website at www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org.
- Donate livestock or deer to our program! Find a list of participating processors on our website.
- Tell someone about us and the work we do! Share our mission with your local processor, farmer, hunter, 4-H, FFA, or philanthropic group.

*The More Who Know,
The More We Can Grow!*

A NEW SEASON FOR DEB

Our founder and former Executive Director, Debra Treesch, began her retirement this October. To conclude her 12 years of service to our organization, Deb was presented with the Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana's First Lady, Janet Holcomb, at our 2023 benefit in gratitude for her service toward hunger relief within Indiana.

We wish Deb well in her new season of life!

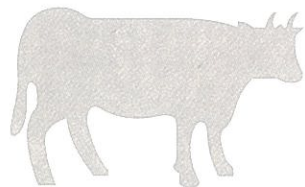


JULY 1ST, 2022 – JUNE 30TH, 2023 CRITTER COUNT

COUNTIES: ALL MEAT



93,344 LBS



70,119 LBS



45,380 LBS



1,530 LBS

701 LBS



92 LBS

**GRAND
TOTAL
211,166 LBS**

*5 Counties	1,026 Lbs.	Marion	3,000 Lbs.
*6 Counties	3,175 Lbs.	Marshall	999 Lbs.
*9 Counties	400 Lbs.	Miami	1,351 Lbs.
Adams	4,462 Lbs.	Monroe	7,076 Lbs.
Allen	15,323 Lbs.	Morgan	375 Lbs.
Bartholomew	400 Lbs.	Noble	1,774 Lbs. Lbs.
Benton	876 Lbs.	Orange	1,663 Lbs.
Boone	252 Lbs.	Owen	996 Lbs.
Brown	300 Lbs.	Parke	1,141 Lbs.
Carroll	683 Lbs.	Perry	993 Lbs.
Clinton	199 Lbs.	Porter	8,490 Lbs.
Crawford	577 Lbs.	Posey	11,530 Lbs.
Dearborn	80 Lbs.	Pulaski	1,258 Lbs.
Decatur	1,135 Lbs.	Putnam	1,013 Lbs.
Dekalb	8,727 Lbs.	Randolph	537 Lbs.
Delaware	1,146 Lbs.	Ripley	730 Lbs.
Dubois	1,438 Lbs.	Rush	1,982 Lbs.
Elkhart	20,187 Lbs.	St Joseph	18,455 Lbs.
Fayette	600 Lbs.	Starke	2,212 Lbs.
Fountain	350 Lbs.	Steuben	4,353 Lbs.
Fulton	2,968 Lbs.	Vanderburgh	846 Lbs.
Gibson	880 Lbs.	Vermillion	4,546 Lbs.
Grant	4,564 Lbs.	Vigo	1,004 Lbs.
Greene	597 Lbs.	Wabash	3,225 Lbs.
Hamilton	4,843 Lbs.	Warrick	413 Lbs.
Hendricks	840 Lbs.	Washington	1,650 Lbs.
Henry	588 Lbs.	Wayne	464 Lbs.
Howard	5,002 Lbs.	Wells	2,548 Lbs.
Huntington	2,192 Lbs.	White	3,672 Lbs.
Jasper	9,966 Lbs.	Whitley	688 Lbs.
Jay	529 Lbs.	Grand Total	211,166 Lbs.
Jennings	96 Lbs.		
Johnson	2,935 Lbs.		
Knox	900 Lbs.		
Kosciusko	4,823 Lbs.		
La Porte	4,248 Lbs.		
Lagrange	5,220 Lbs.		
Lake	9,655 Lbs.		

*Meat distributed to food banks serving multiple counties

FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

\$50,000 or more

Indiana DNR - Sportsman's Benevolent Fund

\$10,000 to \$20,000

Community Foundation
DeKalb County

Community Foundation
of Elkhart County

Community Foundation
of Greater Fort Wayne

Healthcare Foundation of La Porte
Kroger Co. Foundation

Muessel-Ellison Memorial
Trust Foundation

Olive B. Cole Foundation

The Beim Foundation

United Way of Allen County

\$5,000 to \$9,999

American Electric Power Foundation
Ball Brothers Foundation

Community Foundation
of Howard County

Crown Point Community Foundation

Decatur County
Community Foundation

Enbridge Community Investment

Gibson County
Community Foundation

Hamilton County
Community Foundation

Hollie and Anna Oakley
Foundation Inc.

John W. Anderson Foundation

Meijer: Warsaw

St. Joseph Community
Health Foundation

Steuben County
Community Foundation

The James Foundation

United Way of
Marshall County

\$1,000 to \$4,999

3Rivers Credit Union Foundation

Adams County
Community Foundation

American Legion Post 97

Cass County Community Foundation

Community Foundation
of Muncie & Delaware County

Community Foundation
of White County

Decatur County REMC

Huntington County
Community Foundation

LaGrange County
Community Foundation

Larry & Cherri Dawson
Charitable Fund

Noble County Community Foundation

Northeastern REMC

NRA Hunters for the Hungry

Porter County
Community Foundation

Sam's Club #6313

Sophia Travis Community Services
Steuben County United Way

The Albertsons
Companies Foundation

The Kurt Stegelmann Charitable Fund

Unity Foundation of La Porte County

Wabash County United Fund

Wacker Family Fund

Walmarts #1570, #1667, #1962,
#4399, #5483

Whitetails Unlimited

WIN Energy REMC

Zoeller Co. Charitable Fund

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SOMEONE WHO HAS IT ALL?**
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a donation in
their name!