

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry General Information
Southern Maryland Chapter 08-09

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) is a 501(c)(3) organization which works to provide meat to the hungry. The organization works with hunters and farmers to get deer that have been harvested processed into edible meat which is then distributed to various different soup kitchens and food banks. We do not have the equipment, license or facilities to butcher the deer ourselves; therefore we solicit the services of licensed/insured butchers to process the meat. The cut the deer up, package and freeze the meat. The receiving agencies are then contacted and the meat is given to them as they need it. The average costs associated with butchering a deer is \$55. The average deer yields approximately 50 pounds of meat that is used for meals to feed the hungry. We utilize monies generated to pay the butchering costs. The organization raises money through donations, fund raising events, and grants from various agencies.

In Southern Maryland FHFH: (Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert and Prince George's Counties) last year (2008-2009) we had 485 deer processed by butchers. This meat was distributed to many different food banks and organizations throughout the area. Some of the organizations are: Southern Maryland Food Bank, Saint Peters Vincent De Paul Society in Waldorf, South County Assistance Program, and Teen Challenge. These are just a couple of the organizations receiving some of the approximately 24000 pounds of meat that was distributed. The organization could have provided more meat as in early December (mid hunting season) we had to stop receiving donated deer because we had exhausted our funding to pay for butchers. Generally, we have stop processing deer before the end of hunting season because we are limited by the amount of funding that has been generated throughout the year.

Overall, Southern Maryland FHFH was able to provide approximately 97,000 servings of meat (1/4 lb = serving) to the hungry last year. This cost approximately \$26,675. It is the goal of Southern Maryland FHFH to provide as many meals to the hungry as possible.