



NEWS ADVISORY

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Local Hunters Working with Second Harvest to Provide Fresh Protein for the Hungry

(Erie, Pennsylvania) December 6, 2019 - Second Harvest joins the Pennsylvania's Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) organization and invites the community to donate venison to feed the hungry. HSH is Pennsylvania's charitable venison donation program for hunters who share their extra venison via a statewide network of participating butchers to food banks across Pennsylvania. HSH participating butchers, who are paid for their services through monetary donations, coordinate the meat deliveries and work with local food banks, including the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania.

Now in its 28th season, HSH helps to coordinate the donation, processing, and distribution of venison to Pennsylvanians facing food insecurity. Last year's 2018 hunting season accounted for over 150,000 pounds of venison turned into food banks across Pennsylvania. An excess of 1.5 million pounds of venison has been donated to the hungry since 1991 through the HSH program.

Venison can be taken to an approved deer processing site in order to be donated. Locations in Erie and Crawford Counties include:

- ❖ Pacileo's Great Lakes Deer Processing, 8890 Wattsburg Rd., Erie
- ❖ Scott's Custom Deer Processing, 212 S. Main St., Albion
- ❖ Hilltop Processing, 4908 Fisher Road, Conneautville

"The partnership between Hunters Sharing the Harvest and Second Harvest has been an important collaboration that provides a steady supply of nutritious protein to those in need within our region," said Karen Seggi, CEO of Second Harvest. "We are so grateful to all of the generous hunters who share their bounty so that others may have enough to eat."

An average-sized deer will provide enough highly-nutritious, low cholesterol meat for 200 meals. For more information on donating venison, please call Sister Karen Kosin at Second Harvest Food Bank at (814) 459-3663, ext. 107.

More about HSH can be found at www.sharedeer.org.

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ABOUT SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NW PA

The mission of the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania is to provide food to those in need within 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger. Second Harvest provides food to 399 member agencies and distribution partners throughout the 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania. These organizations include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, Produce Express mobile distributions, Military Share – a Produce Express Program, School Pantries, Backpack Programs and Senior Box distribution sites. In the most recent year, Second Harvest has distributed 9.6 million meals to individuals in need.

Second Harvest serves the following 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania:

Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango and Warren.