

NATURAL RESOURCES--Hunters Helping the Hungry in its Sixth Year

Nova Scotians using food banks are once again getting help feeding their families from the Hunters Helping the Hungry program. For the sixth year in a row, hunters can donate deer and moose meat to the province's food banks.

"Government is proud to be a partner in this program with FEED NOVA SCOTIA and others as we work to make life better for families," said Charlie Parker, Minister of Natural Resources.

"On behalf of the province, I thank the hunters for helping to make a real difference in people's lives."

Hunters have donated 3,553 kilograms of meat to FEED NOVA SCOTIA over the past five years.

"There are eight servings of protein in a single kilogram of deer meat so these donations are very important to families who struggle with hunger and poverty and rely on food banks for support each month," said Dianne Swinemar, executive director of FEED NOVA SCOTIA.

To donate deer or moose meat, hunters may take carcasses to one of 18 participating, registered meat cutters in the province and indicate the amount of meat they want to donate. FEED NOVA SCOTIA then distributes the meat to 150 member food banks province-wide.

"Many hunters appreciate the opportunity to share the bounty of their wildlife harvests with others and they feel good knowing their donations of meat are helping families in need," said Tony Rodgers, executive director of Nova Scotia's Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Hunters Helping the Hungry is a joint initiative of FEED NOVA SCOTIA and the hunting community, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Agriculture, novascotiahunting.com, Eastern Woods and Waters, and the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

For more information on this program and other ways FEED NOVA SCOTIA is helping hungry families, visit www.feednovascotia.ca.

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