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*This cover photo is Tanner Raby during the 2023 hunting season. Tanner is a Youth Michigan resident who heard about the MSAH program after hunting season in 2020 and set a goal to shoot a deer to donate in 2021. His first donated a deer to the MSAH program in 2021 when he was 11 years old.*

*Tanner loves to hunt, fish and show cows & chickens. During hunting season, he hunts any chance he can and the rest of the year enjoys fishing. He belongs to 4-H and raises a calf & chickens to show and sell at his county fair. Some of the money he makes selling his calf, is put away until hunting season to purchase something he wants for hunting, his hunting license & doe tags and the rest goes in his savings.*

*He supports MSAH because he loves to help feed people in need in his community. It is his hope and desire to be able to donate at least one deer every year.*

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**About the MSAH organization:** The MSAH is a volunteer based 501c3 organization started in 1991 and has been a contractor working in coordination with the State of Michigan under contract since 2005.

**The Beginning** The founding of MSAH came around after 1989, when representatives Safari Club International, teamed up with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, to create a wild game donation program where hunters could donate part or all of their processed and wrapped harvest to a central freezer to be distributed to non-profit Pantries and Shelters

Not long after its creation, it was decided to call the program the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program and invite Michigan organizations wanting to participate in such a humanitarian and conservation effort for Michigan's communities, to get involved. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan United Conservation Club came on board as did Ted Nugent's World Bowhunters, United Methodist Men's Club, Michigan Bow Hunters Association, and later the Greater Lansing Food Bank, National Wildlife Federation and Michigan Quality Deer Management would all be represented on the MSAH board in those years.

**Program Funding** Funding for the program comes primarily through contracting with the State of Michigan and the State of Michigan controlled Sportsmen Against Hunger Fund (*SAH Fund*) which was created by the legislature in 2005. Sportsmen and Sportswomen of Michigan can donate voluntarily to the SAH Fund, when they purchase a hunting, fishing, hunting tag lottery or ORV license sale.

All voluntary donations at the point of license sales or permit applications go directly into the SAH fund and are used solely for the processing of donated deer to feed the Hungry in local Michigan communities through nonprofit food banks, pantries and shelters. MSAH also receives direct funding from corporate donors and individual supporters that hunt as well as those who do not hunt or fish but support the MSAH mission of *Channeling Precious Resources into Opportunities for a Better Community*.

**2021-22 Contract Year Review** The 2022 MSAH Contract Year with the State of Michigan ran from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. This is the last contract year with the State of Michigan before mandates from the State of Michigan MDNR were implemented. Those future mandates for the 2023-24 contract year are;

- 1) *All deer donated to the MSAH which were harvested in a CWD known county, must be tested for CWD and all deer harvested in a bTB known county, must be tested for bTB and cleared of any diseases before being used by food banks, pantries or shelters.*
- 2) *All donated deer processed for the MSAH program must be scanned for metal fragments.*

### **Funding / Fund Raising Donations:**

The State of Michigan contract provided a total budget of \$240,000.00 for the 2022-23 contract year. With an allocated Processing Budget of \$210,000.00 and an allocated Administrative budget of \$30,000.00

MSAH Processors were compensated \$1.75 per processed pound resulting from deer donations they received.

Private funds donated directly to the MSAH by check or electronic donations in the October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 time period through an Electronic online link at the MSAH website and Facebook donation options (Network for Good), collected at outdoors events, Deer Donation Drives, Corporate Sponsorship support and Memorial Donations in memory of loved ones, grants, private donations totaled \$12,002.71. Any expenditures extending over that allocated MSAH Processor or Administrative budget, are paid by the MSAH organization without reimbursement from the state of Michigan.

### **Venison Donations:**

#### **The Final 2022-23 Contract Year Deer Donation Figures**

- **113,491.** of processed venison burger were distributed
- From **33** MSAH Processors
- Located in **26** different counties
- Which supplied **109** different agencies working locally with processors.
- Creating up to **428,048** hot and high in protein meals

- The listing of MSAH Processors and the Food Banks, Pantries and Shelters each processor connected with in their community to distribute venison burger to is included as an addendum with this report.

**Expenditures for Processing reimbursements** to MSAH processors for 109,872 lbs. of venison burger is \$195,206.50

**No Charge for Processing** of 3,619 lbs. of venison burger from Lambert's Meat Market was donated by Lambert's Meats.

**TOTAL of venison processed** and distributed to Food Banks, Pantries and Shelters was 113,491 lbs.

**Expenditures for Field Dressing** of 96 deer by processor JJ Meats as a part of the ongoing CWD Disease Management processing they are performing was \$1,920.00 in the earlier portion of the year before an increase approved by the MSAH Directors. The previous \$20.00 Field Dressing cost per deer was increased to \$25 per deer at the March MSAH board meeting. Invoice submitted for 275 deer at the new cost of \$25 per deer and totaled \$6,875.00. All Field Dressing costs combined are \$8,795.00

All totaled, the processor invoice payments including Field Dressing to date are \$204,001.50 and have utilized 97% of our allocated Processing budget for the 2022-23 collection year.

**Administrative 2022-2023 Contract Year Administrative Budget:**

The MSAH Treasurer is supplied this information in spreadsheet. MSAH Administrative Expenses total \$16,432.05 for the period from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. This amount utilized 54.7% of the allocated MSAH Administrative Budget of \$30,000.00. The administrative expenses for the October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 period are shown in **table A** at the end of this report.

### **Deer Management Programs included in deer donations :**

Besides traditional Michigan deer hunting seasons where much of the deer are donated by hunters, there are deer donated in pre-season through farmers crop damage permit harvest as well as post season deer management in non-hunting urban cities and townships that contributed

In 2022-23 MSAH was contacted with requests to provide processing costs for deer taken through management programs by city/township governments of Big Rapids, Muskegon, Mt Pleasant, Meridian Township, Grosse Ile as well as Metropolitan Parks and select specific state management plans for Bovine Tuberculosis in the Alpena area as well as select CWD management zones.

### **2022 Deer Donation Drives Jay's and Frank's Deer Donation Drive results \_**

Frank's Great Outdoors November 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> event collected 24 deer that produced 1,834 pounds of ground venison processed by Lambert's Meats as reported by MSAH Director Louie Krick. The 42 deer donated at Jay's Sporting Goods November 18, 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> produced 1,300.00 pounds of ground venison processed by Carson Village Market. Combined that is 3,134 pounds of high nutrition lean meat that can create up to 12,536 hot nourishing meals.

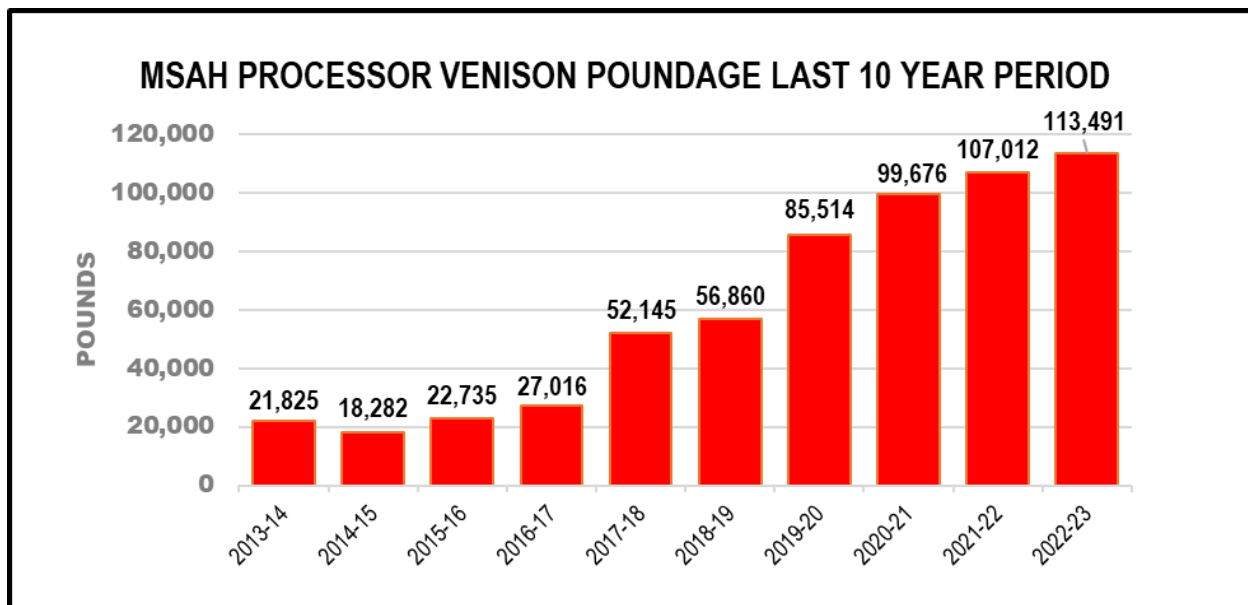
Frank's Great Outdoors gave twenty-four \$20 Frank's gift cards , one for each hunter that donated a deer onsite at Frank's location.

Jay's Sporting Goods Clare donated ten \$50 Jay's gift cards to be used in a drawing for those who donated deer at their Clare store. Jay's also held a fund raising "Roundup your receipt for MSAH" at the registers of their Clare and Gaylord stores collecting \$3,225.00 for MSAH. That collection effort by Jay's will pay for the processing performed by Carson Village Market of all the poundage produced by the deer collected in Clare, with funds left over. The "roundup" idea has been gaining momentum each year thanks to Tina at Jay's and her team!

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**TABLE A 2022-23 MSAH Administrative Expenditures Oct. 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023**

	SUPPLIES	PHONE	USPS	MARKETING	DIRECTOR STIPEND	TAX PREP	WEBSITE & DOMAIN	INSURANCE	QUARTERLY TOTALS
1st quarter	\$0.00	\$173.35	\$804.51	\$280.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	\$109.00	\$425.00	\$4,991.86
2nd quarter	\$277.52	\$173.11	\$163.32	\$791.82	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$299.99	\$0.00	\$4,105.76
3rd quarter	\$659.99	\$173.01	\$42.95	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$82.40	\$653.57	\$3,211.92
4th quarter	\$391.98	\$172.96	\$486.51	\$321.06	\$2,400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,122.51
SUB TOTALS	\$1,329.49	\$692.43	\$1,497.29	\$1,392.88	\$9,600.00	\$400.00	\$491.39	\$1,078.57	\$16,432.05



**Current organizations on the MSAH Board working in coordination with the MDNR are:**

Safari Club International S.E. Michigan Bowhunter and Flint Chapters, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Food Bank Council of Michigan, National Deer Association, Michigan Bow Hunters Association, United Methodist Men, and Ted Nugent.



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