



Wyoming Hunger Initiative launches new program, *Food from the Field*

CHEYENNE, WYO – First Lady Jennie Gordon’s Wyoming Hunger Initiative is proud to launch *Food from the Field*, a game meat donation program to help feed our Wyoming neighbors in need.

Wyoming's majestic landscapes offer hunters some of the best opportunities in the world; *Food from the Field* enables them to share that bounty. Partnering with the Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies, and meat processors throughout the state, the program streamlines game meat donation to food pantries across Wyoming.

“I am so excited to invite hunters to become part of a Wyoming solution to hunger,” First Lady Gordon said. “As an avid outdoorswoman and hunter myself, I know the opportunity to give back to our most vulnerable neighbors will be a rewarding one.”

The ultimate goal of *Food from the Field* is to utilize Wyoming resources to combat food insecurity. The program complements existing donation efforts around the state and the increased collaboration between these agencies offers a framework for more processors to participate. As part of the program, all deer, elk, and moose will undergo appropriate Chronic Wasting Disease testing to ensure safety prior to entering the food bank system.

“Hunters know as well as anyone the value of our wildlife and I invite them to share their successfully harvested game with their Wyoming neighbors,” said Brian Nesvik, Game and Fish director.

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies will be organizing all donations to be distributed to food pantries across the state.

"On behalf of those Wyomingites fighting hunger, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies thanks all who participate in *Food from the Field*. This game meat will nourish the bodies of many, and it will feed the hope they so desperately need," said Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies Director Tony Woodell.

To ensure longevity of the program, Wyoming Hunger Initiative will be raffling off two Wyoming Game & Fish Department Commissioner tags to assist with processing fees of donated game. Hunters are invited to make a financial contribution to cover the cost of processing if they're able; Wyoming Hunger Initiative will cover the remaining cost. The first tag raffle is live today and tickets may be purchased by visiting Wyoming Hunger Initiative's website at www.nohungerwyo.org. The first raffle will remain open until 11:00 AM on June 12.

About Wyoming Hunger Initiative

Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to find and support Wyoming solutions to the challenge of food insecurity, which affects approximately 71,000 residents statewide. Launched in October 2019, Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of Wyoming's First Lady Jennie Gordon and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.nohungerwyo.org.

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About Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies

Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies (WFBR) serves the entire state of Wyoming. As part of the Feeding America network, WFBR is committed to serving people in need, wherever they are. During COVID-19, as with any other emergency, Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies will continue operations and distribute food to our partner agencies and to the communities they serve. Last year, WFBR distributed more than 8.2 million meals through their programs and with hunger relief partners—pantries, tote/backpacks, soup kitchens, and shelters.

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