

## The Southern Hills Wild Turkey Chapter will give away turkeys to families in the New Albany Housing Authority on Saturday

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— Turkeys purchased from Kroger at a discounted price will be distributed to needy families Saturday.

The giveaway is organized by The Southern Hills Wild Turkey Chapter.

It marks the third year the local wing of the National Wild Turkey Federation will provide frozen turkeys to 200 families in the New Albany Housing Authority.

“We like to be able to show people that hunters aren’t just bloodthirsty heathens because unfortunately, that’s the way they are perceived by some people,” said chapter President Ron Snyder.

The Turkey Hunters Care Program is chaired by chapter member John Moody. They are able to distribute the turkeys in large part because of grants from the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, and because of help from Kroger, Snyder said.

The families that will receive the turkeys are selected by The Salvation Army.

Between 15 and 20 members of the chapter will hand out the birds at the Housing Authority.

It begins at 9 a.m. and wraps up at 11:30 a.m. in the authority’s main office at 300 Erni Ave.

“Many of these families never know where their next meal comes from and this allows them to at least have one or two decent meals,” Snyder said.

“They are all very appreciative.”

Bob Lane, executive director of the Housing Authority, said in tough economic times the gesture of good will is prized.

“It’s a great thing for our residents. Dr. Moody and the Southern Hills Wild Turkey Chapter have done a great job again this year,” he said.

Families that will receive turkeys have already received letters notifying them of when to pick up the birds, Lane said. They must have the documentation in order to get their turkey.

Lane said senior citizens all the way down to young families receive the turkeys. He added the meals help kids especially, as nearly 47 percent of the Housing Authority’s population is age 17 or under.

“It will help families make ends meet at this time of the year,” Lane said.

The chapter’s members are spread out in Clark and Floyd counties and Snyder said they take pride in being able to give back whenever possible.

The chapter plans to start a program called The Wheeling Sportsman, where members would take disabled people out for a hunt.

Snyder said the program would be great for disabled veterans who still want to hunt. The organization also takes part in a kids hunting program each year.

### So you know

- Approximately 1,400 people in the New Albany Housing Authority have benefited from the Turkey Hunters Care Program over the past two years.

— Turkey Hunters Care Program Chairman John Moody

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