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**Shelters benefit from  
buffalo meat donation**

Overnight patrons at the Burlington Area Homeless Shelter are the beneficiaries of 175 pounds of frozen ground buffalo meat the Iowa Safari Club International presented last month.

A shelter representative said the meat will be used over the next four to five months.

She expressed gratitude for the gift, which was part of the Iowa SCI's "Great Buffalo Giveaway," a project started in 2003. Chapter officers and directors wanted to create a humanitarian program benefitting Iowans in need. Chapter members wanted to incorporate the essence of what brings members together, hunting, with their desire to help.

Since 2003, Iowa SCI members has made an annual hunt to ranches in South Dakota or Nebraska to hunt buffalo, which has been donated to homeless shelters in the Des Moines area.

This year, Iowa SCI expanded its efforts to other parts of the state, with southeast Iowa as a target.

Paul Schulte, an SCI member from Fort Madison, recommended the Burlington Area Homeless shelter and the Emma Cornelis Hospitality House in Fort Madison.

The 2015 buffalo was taken June 30 at the Laughing Waters Ranch in Bassett, Neb., by 15-year-old Zach Cook. Cook is the grandson of Iowa SCI board member Dennis Schemmel from Grimes. The 2,500-pound bison produced between 900 and 1,000 pounds of quality ground bison meat.