

Badgerland makes Antler Donations

by Alan Heth, SCI Badgerland Humanitarian Chair



We had a antler drop off at our February, 2011 Chapter's Expo/Banquet I am pleased to report that we filled a large box with about 50 lbs of antlers. I wish to thank Mark Alvey, Rich & Mary Karow, Scott McConnell, and anyone I missed dropping of their antler donations. I could see some antlers must have been "treasured", Rich Karow had his name on several small skulls with antlers attached so I know they were from some of his first deer... it is hard to part with those.

Ralph Barten, a blind man who donates antler craft items to share at outdoor activities for terminally ill or disabled children. Was referred to SCI Badgerland by Eva Wilson, SCI's humanitarian coordinator.

Ralph is totally blind and makes antler craft items. He is involved with a few organizations that sponsor outdoor activities for terminally ill and/or disabled kids. He make a variety of items and then donates them to be given out at their activities.

1. Antler key chain/zipperpull--a tip with a drilled hole and a short piece of chain-kind of like a rabbit's foot-
2. Antler necklaces--small pieces of antler and wooden beads strung on a piece of leather
3. Diamond willow walking sticks--I attach a small piece of antler to them for decoration

Everyone is encouraged to send Ralph more to replenish his stock. Please contact him at:

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