

Food Lion Ranked Among Points of Light's Civic 50

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Grocer Sole Retailer Named to Civic 50 List

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SALISBURY, N.C.--(<u>BUSINESS WIRE</u>)--Points of Light, an organization dedicated to volunteer service, recently released its Civic 50 list, highlighting companies that are examples of good corporate citizenship. Food Lion was the sole retailer on the list, which was announced at the Points of Light Conference on Volunteering and Service in Seattle, Wash.

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"Food Lion is honored to be recognized as part of the Civic 50," said Christy Phillips-Brown, director of external communications and community relations at Food Lion. "Throughout our 60 year history, we've remained focused on serving our communities, striving to be a good neighbor focused on hunger relief across our 10-state footprint. As a grocer, we believe no one should have to choose between dinner and rent, or gas and groceries, and we work to eliminate these tough choices through our hunger relief platform, Food Lion Feeds. Our passion is helping to nourish and feed families through healthy, fresh, low-price groceries while working to shorten the lines at local food banks."

Food Lion launched Food Lion Feeds, its hunger relief platform, in 2014 with a commitment to donate 500 million meals by 2020. To date, the company has contributed more than 300 million meals toward this goal. To learn more about Food Lion Feeds, visit <u>www.foodlion.com/feeds</u>.

"In the fifth year of honoring the most community-minded companies in the nation, The Civic 50 truly highlights the commitment to community and civic engagement of America's leading brands. This year's honorees contributed more than \$1.4 billion and 10.1 million volunteer hours in their communities around the country," said Jennifer Lawson, president of networks at Points of Light. "Encouraged by calls for responsible citizenship from shareholders, employees and customers—but also driven by a desire to build trust and define their brands—Civic 50 companies are putting communities at the center of business."

The Civic 50 winners are public and private companies with U.S. operations and revenues of \$1 billion or more, and are selected based on four dimensions of their U.S. community engagement program - investment, integration, institutionalization and impact.

About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 63,000 associates. By leveraging its longstanding heritage of low prices and convenient locations, Food Lion is working to own the easiest full shop grocery experience in the Southeast, anchored by a strong commitment to affordability, freshness and the communities it serves. Through Food Lion Feeds, the company has committed to provide 500 million meals to individuals and families in need by the end of 2020. Food Lion is a company of Delhaize America, a U.S. division of Zaandam-based Royal Ahold Delhaize Group. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.

About Points of Light

Points of Light – the world's largest organization dedicated to volunteer service – mobilizes millions of people to take action that is changing the world. Through affiliates in 250 cities and partnerships with thousands of nonprofits and corporations, Points of Light engages 4 million volunteers in 30 million hours of service each year. We bring the power of people to bear where it's needed most. For more information, go to www.pointsoflight.org.

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