



Food Lion Feeds to Honor Local Soup Kitchens

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Grocer to Help Feed Over 1,000 Hungry Neighbors This Valentine's Day Week

This Valentine's Day week, Food Lion Feeds will show the love to select soup kitchens doing outstanding work for their communities by recognizing them as a "Souper Star Kitchen." As part of the recognition, Food Lion associates will donate soup and other food items, as well as help prepare and serve meals for hungry families. In addition, volunteers and staff at the feeding agency will receive a special token of appreciation from the grocer.

"We are proud to partner with so many wonderful soup kitchens in our local communities," said Christy Phillips-Brown, director of external communications and community relations at Food Lion. "Food Lion is committed to fighting hunger across our 10-state footprint to make sure no one has to choose between dinner and rent or gas and groceries. These 'Souper Star Kitchens' are doing tremendous work to help end hunger and we are fortunate to partner with them."

Local soup kitchens to be honored as a "Souper Star Kitchen" include:

Feb. 13 – Montmorenci United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen – Asheville, N.C.

The Montmorenci United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen in Asheville, N.C., serves on average between 100 to 150 individuals facing hunger one night every week. Food Lion associates will donate food for a dinner service, and prepare and serve the meal.

Feb. 14 – St. Paul AME Zion Soup Kitchen – Salisbury, Md.

St. Paul AME Zion soup kitchen in Salisbury, Md., serves on average between 30 to 40 individuals every day. Food Lion associates will donate food for a lunch service, and prepare and serve the meal.

Feb. 14 – Rescue Mission Ministries Soup Kitchen – Roanoke, Va.

Rescue Mission Ministries soup kitchen in Roanoke, Va., serves three meals per day to an average of 200 individuals every day. Food Lion associates will donate food for a lunch service, and prepare and serve the meal.

Feb. 16 – Rowan Helping Ministries Soup Kitchen – Salisbury, N.C.

Rowan Helping Ministries' soup kitchen, named Jeannie's Kitchen, serves three meals a day to an average of 400 to 450 individuals every day. Food Lion associates will donate food for a lunch service, and prepare and serve the meal.

Feb. 17 – Bread of Life Outreach Soup Kitchen – Naoma, W.Va.

The Bread of Life Outreach soup kitchen in Naoma, W.Va., serves an average of 200 individuals every week. Food Lion associates will donate food for a lunch service, and prepare and serve the meal.

Feb. 17 – Samaritan Ministry Soup Kitchen – Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Samaritan Ministry soup kitchen in Winston-Salem, N.C., serves lunch to anywhere between 300 to 400 individuals every day. Food Lion associates will donate food for a lunch service, and help prepare and serve the meal.

This weeklong effort will feed more than 1,000 individuals fighting hunger and provide more than 1,000 pounds of food to these feeding agencies. Food Lion Feeds is proud to recognize these partners as a "Souper Star Kitchen" and continuing to work with them to help feed families in need.

Through Food Lion Feeds, the company has made a commitment to provide 500 million meals to individuals and families in need by the end of 2020. Since the launch of Food Lion Feeds in 2014, the grocer has already donated more than 250 million meals through in-store campaigns, in-store food rescue programs and associate volunteerism.

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.

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