



## Food Lion Honors Christopher Hardee with 2015 Division Store Manager Excellence Award

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Myrtle Beach, S.C., Store Manager Recognized for Outstanding Leadership

### Public Company Information:

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Food Lion has awarded Christopher Hardee with its 2015 Southern Division Store Manager Excellence Award. Hardee, who is the store manager of the Food Lion located at 7601 N. Kings Highway in Myrtle Beach, S.C., accepted the award recently among his peers at the corporate office in Salisbury, N.C.

"This is truly an award for my associates. When I think of store manager excellence I think of my staff. My staff is truly excellent. Without them, I couldn't do it. And for them I appreciate it," said Hardee. "I can't wait to get back to the store and celebrate with them because I appreciate all they do."

Additionally to honor Hardee, Food Lion, through its Food Lion Feeds hunger relief platform, donated \$1,000 in his name and store to Cherry Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Conway, S.C. The donation was made because of Hardee's leadership and commitment to the community.

A member of the Food Lion family for more than 18 years, Hardee has served as Store Manager in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., market for the past 10. He coaches youth sports in baseball, basketball and football. He and his wife Kristin have three children; 7-year-old twins Allie and Chandler, and a 10-year-old son named Bryson. Hardee has lived his whole life in the Myrtle Beach area.

"Chris is leader who delivers great performance every day not only in his store, but in his community," said Rick LaCroix, Southern division vice president for Food Lion. "I, his associates and our customers could not be more proud of him."

Food Lion's Store Manager Excellence Awards recognize and honor exceptional Store Managers who enrich the lives of Food Lion customers, associates, and the communities we serve, successfully lead our business, and support and inspire others. A video about Hardee featuring his customers and associates can be viewed at [www.foodlion.com/newsroom](http://www.foodlion.com/newsroom) under the Multimedia room section.

### About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,100 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 65,000 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, the U.S. division of Brussels-based Delhaize Group (NYSE: DEG). For more information, visit [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com).



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