



Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Donates \$100,000 to Feeding America to Help Alleviate Hunger through Kid's Cafe Grants

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Nine Food Banks to Receive Critical Funding for Programs Providing Children with Nutritious Food and Education

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The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation has announced its continued commitment to Feeding America's Kid's Cafe® program in 2015. The grocer's foundation board approved 133 grants for feeding programs in Food Lion's footprint, with a \$100,000 donation to Feeding America and nine member food banks. These grants enrich the lives of children by being directed specifically to the Kid's Cafe program, which provides nutritional food and nutrition education.

Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation's Kid's Cafe program contribution is used to support children who are at risk of hunger, and supports the company's belief that no one should ever have to choose between paying their mortgage or rent and buying groceries or foregoing a meal themselves to feed their children.

The foundation understands the devastation of hunger throughout its community, and recognizes the tremendous impact hunger has on children's education and future when they are struggling with lack of food.

The nine Feeding America member food banks take an engaging and innovative approach to provide children with the resources they need to learn and stay healthy. They also provide exceptional support to families throughout the community who are struggling with food insecurity.

"As kids head back to school this season they have a lot of things to worry about. Having enough to eat shouldn't be one of them," said Matt Knott, president of Feeding America. "We are thankful to Food Lion, and its donation of \$100,000 to support Kids Cafe programs, which help to provide nutrient-rich food to children facing hunger."

The grant recipients are: Blue Ridge Food Bank (Verona, Va.), FeedMore (Richmond, Va.), Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina (Raleigh, N.C.), Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia (Norfolk, Va.), Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula (Hampton, Va.), Harvest Hope Food Bank (Columbia, S.C.), Lowcountry Food Bank (Charleston, S.C.), Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina (Charlotte, N.C.), Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina (Winston-Salem, N.C.) Feeding America National Office (Chicago, Ill.).

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 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, the U.S. division of Brussels-based Delhaize Group. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.

About Feeding America

Feeding America is the nationwide network of 200 food banks that leads the fight against hunger in the United States. Together, we provide food to more than 46 million people through 60,000 food pantries and meal programs in communities across America. Feeding America also supports programs that improve food security among the people we serve; educates the public about the problem of hunger; and advocates for legislation that protects people from going hungry. Individuals, charities, businesses and government all have a role in ending hunger. Donate. Volunteer. Advocate. Educate. Together we can solve hunger. Visit www.feedingamerica.org, find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter.



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