



Food Lion Feeds Awards \$1 Million in Grants to Nearly 600 Hunger Relief Agencies

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Donations Continue Retailer's Widespread Efforts to Care for Neighbors Impacted by COVID-19

SALISBURY, N.C. – Food Lion Feeds today announced the recipients of \$1 million in grant funding being awarded to 600 feeding agencies across its 10-state footprint as part of its continued efforts to care for neighbors impacted by COVID-19. The funds are being distributed to local feeding agencies affiliated with the 30 regional Feeding America® food bank partners across the towns and cities in Food Lion's service area. These grant resources will enable each agency to purchase food and other critical items needed to meet increasing demand during this unprecedented time.

A list of local feeding agencies receiving the grants can be found here [\[link\]](#). The grants are part of the more than \$3.1 million in COVID-19 relief efforts Food Lion announced recently, representing the largest single community relief donation ever made by the retailer.

"This is an unprecedented and challenging time, and we know our neighbors are counting on us more than ever to help nourish their families," said Meg Ham, Food Lion president. "From schoolchildren missing meals while schools are out, to parents who have lost jobs, and seniors who are struggling to make ends meet, we're committed to serving all of our neighbors now more than ever. We are doing what we can to support our food bank partners and these local feeding agencies that share our passion for ensuring none of our neighbors have to worry about where their next meal will come from."

This is the one of many steps Food Lion is taking to support its neighbors impacted by COVID-19.

Previously, the retailer announced:

- \$500,000 to support local Feeding America affiliated food bank partners in Food Lion's 10-state footprint and \$100,000 to Feeding America's overall COVID-19 relief efforts.
- \$500,000 donation to fund medical research at UNC Health, where scientists are working to develop promising treatments, protective vaccines and public health practices for COVID-19.
- \$1 million for the Lion's Pride Foundation, its associate emergency care fund to support associates whose families may be impacted.
- \$500,000 in gift cards and reusable bags in a partnership with school districts in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to supplement their efforts to provide meals to children who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program.

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 68,000 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 donated more than 500 million meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1 billion more meals by 2025. Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Ahold Delhaize. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.