



Food Lion Feeds Donates \$100,000 to A Touch of the Father's Love Ministry and Food Pantry

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Donation will help food pantry continue efforts to nourish neighbors in need

SALISBURY, N.C. – Food Lion Feeds is donating \$100,000 to A Touch of the Father's Love Ministry and Food Pantry to help the Spring Hope, N.C., organization purchase a new facility and support more neighbors.

"The services provided by A Touch of the Father's Love are integral to our neighbors in Nash County, so we jumped at the opportunity to support our community partner," said Trish Bednarz, Director of Operations, Food Lion. "Food Lion Feeds' investment for A Touch of the Father's Love new location will benefit the area for years to come."

According to A Touch of the Father's Love, their food pantry addresses a critical need in Nash County, where more than 17% of families are food insecure and approximately 55% of children receive free or reduced school lunches. The food pantry distributed over 2 million pounds of food in 2021, helping feed more than 188,000 people.

"Food Lion Feeds is stepping up to support this ministry with a substantial gift to help purchase a permanent home for us. It feels amazing to know that Food Lion believes in the mission and vision of A Touch of the Father's Love," said April Baker, Executive Director, A Touch of the Father's Love. "With their support, we can bridge the gap on hunger in our communities. This gift will have tremendous rewards for many years to come." Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion's hunger relief platform, the company has donated more than 900 million meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1.5 billion meals by 2025.

For more information on how Food Lion is fighting to end hunger in the towns and cities it serves through Food Lion Feeds, click [here](#).

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 82,000 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 900 million meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1.5 billion 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 or job applicants may visit www.foodlion.com/careers.

About A Touch of the Father's Love

Established in 2012, A Touch of the Father's Love ministry and food pantry is a 501(c)(3) whose goal is to alleviate food insecurity through the distribution of healthy and nutritious food while instilling hope for struggling senior citizens, families, children, and veterans. The pantry in Spring Hope experienced an unprecedented need in 2020 and 2021 from over 28,000 households in Nash along with Edgecombe, Wilson, Halifax, and Franklin counties. Over 2 million pounds of food were distributed in 2021.