Food Lion Feeds Nourishes More Than 300 Communities in 10 Years Through Pantry Makeovers

September 3, 2024 at 9:00 AM EDT

Associates volunteer more than 900 hours during The Great Pantry Makeover

SALISBURY, N.C., Sept. 03, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Food Lion Feeds is transforming 38 community feeding partner pantries across its 10-state operating area through its annual initiative, The Great Pantry Makeover. This effort, which includes remodeling and stocking food pantries, also expands access to nutritious food while addressing food insecurity. Food Lion associates will also provide more than 900 volunteer hours through its largest associate volunteer effort. Food Lion Feeds was founded in 2014 by Food Lion to address food insecurity in the towns and cities it serves.

The Great Pantry Makeover takes place every September to align with Hunger Action Month, a time when Food Lion Feeds deepens its extensive existing relationship with Feeding America. The partnership highlights the impact food can have on a person's life and inspires action to end hunger in their communities. Since 2015, Food Lion Feeds has renovated or supported more than 320 food pantries through The Great Pantry Makeover.

"At Food Lion, we believe no one should have to choose between dinner and rent or gas and groceries," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion. "When we collaborate with our community feeding partners to create innovative solutions, such as pantry makeovers, we increase access to nutritious food so our neighbors and their families can have the nourishment they deserve."

Now in its 10th year, Food Lion associates support these local transformations. During this 30-day effort, they volunteer for activities such as painting and cleaning pantries or installing shelving, freezers, coolers and other equipment to expand capacity for fresh fruits, vegetables and other items. Additionally, Food Lion associates will stock each food pantry with more than 3,000 pounds of shelf-stable food provided by Food Lion Feeds.

Food Lion Feeds is providing the following pantries with makeovers:

Food Lion Feeds Nourishes More Than 300 Communities in 10 Years Through Pantry Makeovers



During the Food Lion Feeds annual initiative, The Great Pantry Makeover, Food Lion associates support the effort by volunteering their time to plant gardens, paint and clean pantries or install shelving, freezers, coolers and other equipment to expand capacity for fresh fruits, vegetables and other items.

Food Lion Associates Stock Food at The Great Pantry Makeover



During the Food Lion Feeds annual initiative, The Great Pantry Makeover, Food Lion associates support the effort by volunteering their time to stock the pantry with food to increase access to fresh fruits, vegetables and other items.

Food Lion Associates Pain at The Great Pantry Makeover



During the Food Lion Feeds annual initiative, The Great Pantry Makeover, Food Lion associates support the effort by volunteering their time to paint.

Food Lion Associates Plant Gardens at The Great Pantry Makeover



During the Food Lion Feeds annual initiative, The Great Pantry Makeover, Food Lion associates support the effort by volunteering their time to plant gardens.

Food Pantry Partner	City	State
Harvest Ministries, Inc.	Delmar	DE
Bay Shore Community Church / Blessings Unlimited	Millsboro	DE
St. Patrick's Center	Wilmington	DE
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church	Albany	GA
Feeding the Valley Food Bank - Albany	Albany	GA
Miracle Baptist Church	Hephzibah	GA
Springfield Missionary Baptist - Food Distribution Center	Reidsville	GA
Soul Station Ministries	Tunnel Hill	GA
God's Storehouse, Inc.	Vidalia	GA
Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church Outreach Ministry	Fayetteville	NC
Melfield United Church of Christ	Haw River	NC

Hildebran United Methodist Church	Hildebran	NC
Onslow Community Outreach	Jacksonville	NC
Southeastern Community Action Partnership	Elizabethtown	NC
Yokefellow Ministry of Greater Statesville	Statesville	NC
Believer's Home Fellowship	Tabor City	NC
Concerned Citizens of Tillery	Tillery	NC
Second Season Thrift Store and Neighborhood Pantry	Waynesville	NC
Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission, Inc.	Wilkesboro	NC
Manna from Heaven Ministry	Wingate	NC
St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church	Bishopville	SC
Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church Edisto Food Pantry	Edisto Island	SC
Bethlehem Baptist Church	Edgefield	SC
Blessed Hands Food Pantry	Goose Creek	SC
Greater St. James Temple	Inman	SC
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Swansea Outreach Foundation	Swansea	SC
Project ResΩ (Project Rescue)	Chattanooga	TN
Vine Ridge Baptist Church 5 Loaves Food Pantry	Crawford	TN
The Salvation Army, Johnson City Corps	Johnson City	TN
CornerstoneFOCCUS, Inc.	Kenbridge	VA
A Hand Up Community Resource Center	Richmond	VA
Crusade for Christ Christian Church Ministries	Richmond	VA
The Lion's Share Food Pantry	Roanoke	VA
The Agape Center New River Valley	Christiansburg	VA
Piney Grove Baptist Church	Virginia Beach	VA
Grove Christian Outreach Center	Williamsburg	VA
The Salvation Army, Clarksburg Corps	Clarksburg	WV
Pentecostal Holiness Church	White Sulphur Springs	WV

Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion has helped to provide more than 1 billion meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1.5 billion meals by 2025. For more information on Food Lion Feeds' commitment to ending hunger, visit foodlion.com/feeds.

About Food Lion
Food Lion is an omnichannel grocery retailer committed to nourishing its neighbors. More than 82,000 associates across 1,100+ stores deliver an easy, fresh and affordable shopping experience throughout 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. With a focus on hunger relief, Food Lion is a pioneer in food rescue. In 2014, Food Lion Feeds was created and has since donated more than 1.2 billion meals to those who are food insecure. The retailer has committed to donate 1.5 billion meals by 2025. Founded and based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Ahold Delhaize. For more information, visit foodlion.com.

CONTACT:
Food Lion Media Relations
704-245-3317
publicrelationsteam@foodlion.com

Photos accompanying this announcement are available at:
https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/eb14937a-ccda-4c98-b6a2-2ae322aa1eb9

https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/89e14a2b-f31e-423d-807c-af465a7a2738

https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/54490f95-eee6-4bf5-9535-b012f3c5ad31

https://www.globenewswire.com/NewsRoom/AttachmentNg/c3074bd5-8b93-4cbd-a12d-c3c15ce6c892