



Three Food Lion Feeds Initiatives Nourish Neighbors During Hunger Action Month

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Food Lion associates, community partners and customers unite to reduce food insecurity

- Food Lion's hunger relief platform, Food Lion Feeds, is recognizing Hunger Action Month through three annual initiatives: The Great Pantry Makeover, Sack To Give Back® and the Apple Bag Campaign.
- Through The Great Pantry Makeover, Food Lion associates complete makeovers at 33 local food pantries, backed by a \$190,000 Food Lion Feeds investment and more than 92,000 pounds of shelf-stable food.
- During the 2026-27 college football season, Sack To Give Back® will bring together 35 colleges and universities and help provide 1,000 meals per quarterback sack, up to 30,000 meals per school.
- From Sept. 16-Oct. 6, Food Lion customers can support the Apple Bag Campaign by purchasing specially marked Gala apple bags or donating in stores and online. Since 2014, the campaign has helped provide more than 55 million meals.

SALISBURY, N.C., Sept. 08, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- September is [Hunger Action Month](#), and Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, is honoring it with three annual signature initiatives that bring associates, community partners and customers together across Food Lion's 10-state operating area.

From local food pantries to college football fields to grocery aisles, The Great Pantry Makeover, Sack To Give Back® and the Apple Bag Campaign turn the omnichannel grocery retailer's dedication to nourishing neighbors into action.

"Caring for our communities is at the heart of what we do, and Hunger Action Month gives us an opportunity to see that care come to life," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion. "Together, these annual efforts help provide access to nourishing meals, support families facing food insecurity and reinforce that our neighbors can count on Food Lion!"

The Great Pantry Makeover

In September, Food Lion associates will roll up their sleeves to complete makeovers at 33 local food pantries. The projects range from painting and cleaning to installing shelves and signage.

Food Lion Feeds will invest \$190,000 in renovations and will also donate more than 92,000 pounds of shelf-stable food to participating pantries, helping ensure they are ready to serve local families.

Since 2015, Food Lion Feeds' The Great Pantry Makeover has supported more than 380 food pantries across the company's footprint.

View the list of food pantry partners participating in Food Lion Feeds' 2026 The Great Pantry Makeover, [here](#).

Sack To Give Back®

The commitment to reducing food insecurity extends to college campuses. During the 2026-27 college football season, Food Lion Feeds' annual Sack To Give Back® initiative will bring together 35 colleges and universities to help expand access to food across campus communities.

For every quarterback sack recorded by a participating team, Food Lion Feeds will help provide the equivalent of 1,000 meals*, up to 30,000 meals per school. The support will benefit campus food pantries or Feeding America® food bank partners.

Since 2019, the Food Lion Feeds' Sack to Give Back initiative has helped provide more than 4.6 million meals to nourish local campus communities and food bank partners.

Food Lion Feeds The Great Pantry Makeover Logo



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Food Lion Feeds Apple Bag Campaign

View the 2026 Food Lion Feeds Sack To Give Back participating colleges, universities and hunger-relief partners, [here](#).

Apple Bag Campaign

An easy purchase in the produce aisle can help fill tables and hearts with hope for local families. From Sept. 16-Oct. 6, customers can purchase specially marked Food Lion Feeds Gala apple bags at all Food Lion stores and online through [Food Lion To Go](#).

Customers can also donate \$1, \$3 or round up their purchase at checkout or online through Food Lion To Go.

Proceeds from each bag sold and all customer donations support the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation**, which awards grants to local hunger-relief organizations to help provide food and resources that strengthen families and communities.

Since 2014, the annual Apple Bag Campaign has helped provide more than 55 million meals to local hunger-relief organizations.

Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion has helped provide more than 1.5 billion meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 3 billion meals by 2032. For more information on Food Lion Feeds' commitment to ending hunger, visit foodlion.com/feeds.



Food Lion Feeds Apple Bag Campaign

**Food Lion Feeds helps address food insecurity through product, financial and equipment donations; disaster relief and recovery efforts; capital campaign support for feeding agencies; and associate volunteer hours. These investments are converted to the Feeding America® meal equivalent of \$1, helping provide at least 10 meals on behalf of local food bank partners.*

***Through the Food Lion Feeds Apple Bag campaign, 50 cents (the monetary equivalent of five meals) from each bag purchase will be donated to the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to award grants to local feeding partners. Food Lion Feeds guarantees a minimum donation of \$200,000 (the equivalent of 2 million meals) from Sept. 16 – Oct. 6, 2026.*

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. Since 2014, the company's hunger relief platform Food Lion Feeds has donated more than 1.5 billion meals to those who are food insecure. The retailer has committed to donate 3 billion meals by 2032. 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.

About The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C. Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to eliminating hunger. The charitable foundation has provided more than \$25 million in grant funding, helping to nourish communities with fresh food for backpack programs, Kids Cafés and other hunger-relief programs as well as funding for long-term programs to help shorten the lines at food banks. The charitable foundation partners with Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief agency, in addition to local food agencies serving the 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states in which Food Lion operates. For more information, visit foodlion.com/feeds.

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