



Food Lion Feeds Celebrates Honorees of 2026 FEEDYS Awards

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Honorees include Food Lion associates, partners and hunger-relief advocates helping nourish neighbors

SALISBURY, N.C. — Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, celebrated five honorees during The FEEDYS, an annual surprise awards series honoring those helping nourish neighbors across its 10-state operating area. Food Lion Feeds was founded in 2014 by the omnichannel grocery retailer to address food insecurity in the towns and cities it serves.

"The best part of The FEEDYS is seeing the surprise on each honoree's face and then hearing the stories behind their impact," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion. "Every award reminds us that hunger relief is deeply personal. It's the volunteer giving their time, the store team customers can count on every day, the partner creating new ways to reach neighbors and the Food Lion associate leading with care. We are grateful for the people and organizations who help bring Food Lion Feeds' mission to life across our towns and cities."

This year's honorees include:

Grand Lion for Good Vendor Award – Kellanova

Food Lion Feeds recognized Kellanova, now part of Mars, Incorporated, with the Grand Lion for Good Vendor Award at Food Lion headquarters in Salisbury, N.C. Kellanova was honored for its continued partnership and commitment to helping address food insecurity, including its annual commitment to the Food Lion Feeds Summers Without Hunger campaign over the past three years. Food Lion Feeds also donated 10,000 meals* to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – Rowan Branch on behalf of Kellanova.

Food King Feeding Partner Award – Dos Santos Food Pantry & Thrift Store in Onley, Va.

Dos Santos Food Pantry & Thrift Store received the Food King Feeding Partner Award for its innovative, community-led approach to expanding food access across Virginia's Eastern Shore. A partner food agency of Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, Dos Santos operates through a grassroots, all-volunteer model focused on reaching rural communities. Over the past year, the organization has served more than 43,000 people and distributed more than 225,000 pounds of food. Food Lion Feeds also presented Dos Santos with a check representing 10,000 meals*.

Lion Heart Volunteer Award – Alyssa Griffin, Feed the Pack Food Pantry, North Carolina State University

Alyssa Griffin, Pantry Manager at Feed the Pack Food Pantry at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., received the Lion Heart Volunteer Award for her leadership in coordinating volunteers and supporting hunger-relief efforts. Alyssa plays a key role in helping the pantry serve university students, supporting thousands of meals and tens of thousands of visits each year. She has also built and mentors a strong leadership team that helps sustain pantry operations six days a week. In celebration of the honor, Food Lion Feeds presented the pantry with a check representing 10,000 meals*.

Store That Roars Award – Food Lion on Midway Drive in Harrington, Del.

The Food Lion on Midway Drive in Harrington, Del., received the Store That Roars Award for its strong culture of volunteerism and ongoing commitment to supporting hunger-relief efforts. The team regularly supports the Food Bank of Delaware through food sorting and distribution events that help provide fresh food to families. In 2025, the store team contributed more than 380 volunteer hours, averaging more than 30 hours each month. Food Lion Feeds also presented the Food Bank of Delaware pantry with a check representing 10,000 meals* on behalf of the store.

Meg Ham Caring for Our Communities Award – Eric Bell, Food Lion Store Manager in Troutman, N.C.

Eric Bell, Store Manager of the Food Lion on Crosstie Lane in Troutman, N.C., received the Meg Ham Caring for Our Communities Award for his commitment to supporting both his store and community. Named in honor of Meg Ham, former President of Food Lion who retired in 2025, the award recognizes a Food Lion associate who demonstrates outstanding care for their community through service, leadership and hunger-relief efforts. Since the store opened in January 2025, Eric has helped build a culture of care rooted in service, compassion and connection. He has

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Geoff Waldau, Executive Vice President, Merchandising (former), Food Lion; Jennifer Blanchard, Vice President, Strategy, Food Lion; Gene Faller, Executive Vice President, Merchandising, Food Lion; Colleen Callahan, Sales Team Lead, Ahold Delhaize, Kellanova; Jacob Dombrosky, Sr. Director Sales, Ahold Delhaize, Kellanova; Lauren Lowe, Sr. National Account Executive, Food Lion, Kellanova; Anna Bergau, Sr. Manager, Omni Commerce, Kellanova; Kristin Kroepfl, Chief Marketing Officer & Senior Vice President, Marketing, Food Lion; Leo the Lion

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Betty Mariner, Director, Dos Santos Food Pantry & Thrift Store

Lion Heart Volunteer Award

contributed more than 320 hours to serving his community, often using his days off to support local events. Food Lion Feeds also presented Help Ministries of Troutman with a check representing 10,000 meals* on behalf of the store.

Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion has helped provide more than 1.5 billion meals to local families and has committed to donate 3 billion meals by 2032.

**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.*

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](https://www.foodlion.com).



Alyssa Griffin, Pantry Manager, Feed the Pack Food Pantry at North Carolina State University

Store That Roars Award – Food Lion on 2004 Midway Drive in Harrington, Del.



Troy Leshko, Executive Vice President, Retail Operations, Food Lion; Demetrius Walker, Vice President, Retail Services, Food Lion; Grant Thomas, Senior Vice President, HR and Communications, Food Lion; Chad Robinson, Vice President, External Affairs, Food Bank of Delaware; Rita Hanley, Store Manager, Food Lion; Kristen Riley, Vice President, Northern Division, Food Lion; Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion; and Chris Walker, Director of Operations, Northern Division, Food Lion

Meg Ham Caring for Our Communities Award



Eric Bell, Store Manager, Food Lion

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