



## Food Lion Feeds Helps Provide More Than 27 Million Meals to Nourish Children

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### Summers Without Hunger campaign benefits more than 110 local feeding partners

- Through the 2026 Summers Without Hunger campaign, Food Lion Feeds and the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation helped provide the equivalent of more than 27 million meals to more than 110 local feeding partners across Food Lion's 10-state operating area.
- Since the Summers Without Hunger campaign began in 2019, it has helped provide more than 126 million meals to address childhood hunger during the summer months.
- The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation's 2026 Fall/Winter grant application cycle is open now through Sept. 17, 2026, for nonprofit organizations affiliated with Feeding America® that support efforts to end food insecurity. Grant recipients may apply once every 12 months. [Applications are available at foodlion.com](https://www.foodlion.com).

SALISBURY, N.C., Sept. 02, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- From June 17 through July 14, summer shopping at Food Lion helped turn everyday purchases and donations into meaningful support for local communities through Food Lion Feeds' annual Summers Without Hunger campaign.

Together, Food Lion Feeds\*, customers, associates and brand partners helped provide the equivalent of more than 27 million meals\*\* to more than 110 local feeding partners working to expand access to nutritious food for children across Food Lion's 10-state operating area.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation will award grants to these organizations to support their efforts to fight childhood hunger. View the [full list](#) of 2026 Summers Without Hunger grant recipients.

From June 17 through July 14, Food Lion customers purchased nearly 60,000 specially designed Summers Without Hunger reusable bags for \$3.99 each and made additional donations in stores or [online](#) through Food Lion To Go. Participating brand partners Cheez-It, General Mills, Lay's, Kraft Heinz, Triscuit, Hellmann's, Utz, Campbell's, Frank's RedHot, Pepsi and Danone North America collectively matched customer contributions up to \$1 million.

Food Lion Feeds is Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, established in 2014 to help end food insecurity. The Summers Without Hunger campaign launched in 2019 and has helped provide more than 126 million meals to address childhood hunger during the summer months.

"Every bag purchased, every donation made and every conversation our Food Lion associates had with customers helped turn simple actions into meaningful support for our towns and cities," said Natasha Brinegar, Vice President, Meat and Seafood at Food Lion and President of the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation. "Our local feeding partners understand their communities' needs, and they can count on Food Lion to help them provide fresh, nutritious meals to nourish neighbors in need."

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation holds three grant cycles each year to support local organizations working to end hunger. The 2026 Fall/Winter grant application cycle is open now through Sept. 17, 2026. Online applications are available at [foodlion.com](https://www.foodlion.com). To be eligible, nonprofit organizations must be affiliated with Feeding America® and support efforts to end food insecurity. Organizations that receive a grant may apply once every 12 months.

Customers can support the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation year-round by making a [direct donation](#) online. Food Lion MVP customers can also donate their earned [Shop & Earn](#) rewards to the Foundation to help nourish neighbors in their communities.

*\*Through the Summers Without Hunger campaign, Food Lion Feeds donated \$2 for every bag sold, plus an additional contribution to bring its total campaign support to \$150,000. One hundred percent of donations made from June 17 through July 14, 2026, supported the Summers Without Hunger 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 using Feeding America's meal equivalency of at least 10 meals for every \$1 donated 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).

### 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](http://foodlion.com/feeds).

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