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## Second Harvest Food Bank Receives Donation from Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA – Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina has received \$10,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation just in time to help feed area residents. Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina will use the gift to provide additional meals for neighbors in need who face daily hunger.

"We would like to thank Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for its commitment to serve and support food banks. Ending hunger is a cause that we both share," said Interim Director Cortez Phillip.

The gift will fund programs assisting children, individuals and families who will benefit by receiving wholesome, nutritious food. Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina, a program of Action Pathways, Inc., works tirelessly to fight hunger one day at a time. Its mission is to feed, advocate, educate, and develop partnerships to meet the nutritional needs of the community by way of solicitation and distribution of healthy foods. Currently, Second Harvest Food Bank secures, stores, and distributes more than 13 million pounds of food annually.

## 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 \$12 million in grant funding helping to nourish communities with fresh food for backpack programs, Kids Café's, 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 <u>www.foodlion.com/in-ourcommunity</u>.

## About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 63,000 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 500 million meals to individuals and families since 2014, and has committed to donate 1 billion more meals by 2025. Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Royal Ahold Delhaize Group. For more information, visit <u>www.foodlion.com</u>.