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FOOD LION FEEDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH FEEDING AMERICA® TO FIGHT CHILD HUNGER IN DELAWARE

Donation provides much needed support for Food Bank of Delaware

Milford, Del. (July 26, 2018) — The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation presented the Food Bank of Delaware with a donation of \$10,000 at Monday's Food Lion Feeds Hunger Relief Day at the Delaware State Fair. In addition, xx,xxx pounds of food were collected at the gate. With a donation of five Food Lion brand canned or boxed goods, fairgoers received one free admission.

Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides grants to help support hunger relief programs in the communities it serves with a special focus on programs that help feed children in need. The Child Hunger Program grants cover programs like Kids Cafe, School Pantry, and Backpack programs to provide food to children who need it most.

With the \$10,000 donation, starting this fall, the Food Bank of Delaware will be able to provide 59 children with a weekend bag full of food for an entire school year through the Backpack Program.

"We are thankful for the continued generosity of the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "Ensuring that children have access to nutritious food when school is not in session is a critical priority for our organization. Thanks to Food Bank, we will make sure more kids have the nourishment they need to learn, play and grow."

This grant is part of a \$165,000 gift to Feeding America and the nationwide network of food banks. A Visionary partner of Feeding America, Food Lion has supported Feeding America for more than 17 years and has donated \$8 million and more than 454 million pounds of food to hunger-fighting programs.

"The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation appreciates being able to support our local food banks," said Rudy DiPietro, President, Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation. "The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides grants to help further hunger relief programs in our local communities, and one important area of giving is to programs that help feed hungry children. These Child Hunger Program grants cover programs like Kid's Cafe, Afterschool and Summer Hunger Programs, in order to help children who need it most."

The following Feeding America network members are receiving grants from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation:

America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Inc., Savannah, GA
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Verona, VA
Feeding America Southwest Virginia, Salem, VA
FeedMore, Richmond, VA
Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Raleigh, NC
Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore, Norfolk, VA
Harvest Hope Food Bank, Columbia, SC
Lowcountry Food Bank, Charleston, SC
Maryland Food Bank, Baltimore, MD
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, Winston-Salem, NC

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, Charlotte, NC
Virginia Peninsula Food Bank, Hampton, VA

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About the Food Bank of Delaware:

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of products each year to its network of 536 hunger-relief program partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Nutrition Program, the Summer Grab and Go Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank of Delaware provides community outreach through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC). Financial literacy coaching through \$tand By Me and nutrition education are also offered to empower Delawareans. Delaware Food Works, a workforce development initiative of the Food Bank of Delaware, provides training for adults interested in careers in the food service industry, warehousing/logistics and agriculture. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit www.fbd.org or call (302) 292-1305.