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### **Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Awards Emergency Grant to Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**

*The Nourishing our Neighbors grant provides immediate relief to help address rising demand for food assistance*

CHARLOTTE (NC) – Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina has received an emergency grant of \$140,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help meet a growing need for food assistance across our community.

As more families face the daily pressure of putting nutritious meals on the table, food banks and feeding partners are seeing a significant increase in visitors seeking support. Concerns about food insecurity are heightened during this time, and the Foundation is stepping up to provide immediate relief to ensure shelves stay stocked and neighbors have access to nourishing food.

“Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to caring for the towns and cities we serve, especially when our neighbors are feeling the most pressure,” said Natasha Brinegar, President, Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation and Vice President of Category Management, Meat and Seafood, Food Lion. “By stepping up to meet this urgent need, we’re proud to support our local food partners who make an incredible difference every day, making life a little brighter and filling tables and hearts with hope.”

The emergency “Nourishing our Neighbors” grant will help Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina provide food and critical resources to individuals and families experiencing hunger, supporting our shared mission to ensure everyone in our community is nourished.

“We are so grateful to Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for these funds. Second Harvest will use these dollars to provide thousands of nutrition food boxes,” said Kay Carter, CEO, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina.

**About Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina**

As part of Feeding America, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina serves 24 counties in North and South Carolina. In FY 2024-2025, Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina distributed over 88 million pounds of food and household items, which included over 54 million pounds of fresh produce, meat, and dairy, to over 950 hunger feeding agencies including emergency pantries, soup kitchens, senior programs, shelters and low-income daycares.

**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 nearly \$23 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 [foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds](https://foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds).

**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://foodlion.com). For more information, visit [foodlion.com](https://foodlion.com).

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