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Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to St. Francis Neighborhood Center

Summers Without Hunger grant provides support to help end childhood hunger

Baltimore, MD - St. Francis Neighborhood Center has received \$10,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish children and families during the summer months. The Summers Without Hunger grant supports community feeding partners by helping increase access to nutritious food, nutritional education and resources for children and families experiencing food insecurity.

"We are deeply grateful to the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for their partnership and investment in our community," said Torbin Green, Executive Director of St. Francis Neighborhood Center. "Ending hunger requires a unified effort, and this award allows us to expand our food access programs and nutrition support. Summers can be especially challenging for local families facing food insecurity. These funds directly strengthen our ability to provide fresh food to children and families in Baltimore, ensuring our youth and community have the nourishment they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom."

Since 2010, the Center has operated its free Summer of Service Excursion (SOSE) program for K-8th youth, which aims to combat learning loss through a mixture of education programming, civic learning, enrichment activities, and weekly field trips. Located in a designated food desert, the program serves roughly 100 youth annually, many of whom are also enrolled in the Center's afterschool program. Students receive healthy meals and snacks, engage in hands-on gardening and nutrition education, and staff members work to connect parents/guardians with various resources – including, but not limited to, the Center's twice weekly grocery giveaways – as part of SFNC's wraparound approach.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across Food Lion's 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$25 million in grant funding to help nourish communities with fresh food.

About St. Francis Neighborhood Center

St. Francis Neighborhood Center (SFNC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-based organization founded in 1963 to serve the Reservoir Hill and Penn North neighborhoods of Baltimore City. Its mission is to dismantle inequity by cultivating community connections through tailored education and social interventions for West Baltimore. For over 60 years, SFNC has continuously evolved to develop programs in response to present needs. Learn more at stfranciscenter.org.

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 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.

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.

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