

## News Release

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#### **Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to Good Shepherd Food Pantry** *Nourishing our Neighbors grant increases access to nutritious food; provides nutritional education*

Windsor, N.C. - Good Shepherd Food Pantry has received \$6,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The Nourishing our Neighbors grant supports community feeding partners by helping neighbors increase their access to nutritious food, nutritional education and resources to help them get back on their feet.

In 2026, food insecurity remains a significant challenge for many residents of Bertie County. Despite the dedicated efforts of community organizations, local leaders, and service providers, ongoing economic hardship, limited access to nutritious food, and increasing living expenses continue to impact families across the county.

Effectively addressing hunger in Bertie County will require sustained collaboration among nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, faith-based groups, and community members. Through coordinated efforts, these stakeholders can help ensure that all residents have consistent access to healthy, nutritious food and the resources needed to support long-term well-being.

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.

The Mission of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry is to increase self-reliance, relieve hunger and improve the quality of life for Bertie County Families.

After serving over 17,852 households throughout 2025, we do everything we can to ensure Bertie County's 9 towns are continuously served.

#### **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](https://www.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://www.foodlion.com).