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Arlington Thrive Receives Donation from Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

Feeding the Hungry grant increases access to nutritious food; provides nutrition education

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA – Arlington Thrive, a local nonprofit that provides timely assistance to help neighbors in need develop the capacity to be stable, secure and thrive in their jobs, health and homes, has received a \$2,200 grant from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The Feeding the Hungry grant supports community feeding partners by helping neighbors increase their access to nutritious food and providing nutrition education to eliminate health risks for those experiencing food insecurity.

As a part of our ongoing program to provide families with access to food security, Arlington Thrive has developed new, and recurring, events. Through partnerships with pillars of the community, we have been able to serve over 250 families through Meals to Thrive On and Savoring Community – two outlets to allow families to access community, cooking skills, local and nutritional resources.

“At Arlington Thrive, our commitment to addressing food security is an essential part of strengthening our community,” says Melanie Anderson, Arlington Thrive Executive Director. “Through The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation’s generosity, our work in providing low-income families access to food security, nutritional literacy, and resources can serve even more Arlington residents, providing them the opportunity to thrive.”

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 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 \$18.9 million in grants.

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 \$18.9 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

www.foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds.

About Food Lion

Food Lion is an omnichannel retailer committed to nourishing its neighbors during the moments that matter most. More than 82,000 associates across 1,100+ stores deliver an easy, fresh and affordable shopping experience throughout 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. Through its 'Count on me' culture, Food Lion fosters a sense of belonging for all associates, promoting a diverse and inclusive environment that has supported LGBTQ+ equality for nearly two decades. Food Lion is the only company in the country to be named an ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year for 23 consecutive years. It also pioneered a food rescue program to support food-insecure neighbors. Through Food Lion Feeds, the retailer has donated more than 1.2 billion meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1.5 billion meals by 2025. 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).

About Arlington Thrive

Arlington Thrive is a local nonprofit organization serving low-income families in Arlington County for generations, providing holistic services to supplement three key aspects of life: Early Childhood, Community Resilience, and Community Navigation. Arlington Thrive empowers families to build their own paths to success with the guidance and support of our dedicated staff. For more information, visit [arlingtonthrive.org](https://www.arlingtonthrive.org).

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