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Christ Episcopal Church Receives Gift from Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation

Fredericksburg, Virginia – Christ Episcopal Church near Spotsylvania Courthouse has received a grant of \$2,700.00 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation just in time to help feed local residents. Christ Church Outreach coordinator Allen Bareford said the church will use the gift to purchase food for distribution during its Food Pantry operations.

“This grant is a tremendous blessing to our food ministry. We can’t thank Food Lion enough for their generosity,” said Bareford. “We are a partner organization with the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank. We purchase food from the Food Bank and redistribute it here to almost 100 families twice each month.”

The Christ Church Food Pantry was started over ten years ago from one closet to provide lunches for children who qualified for the school lunch program but did not have that program during their summer break. When it quickly became apparent to the church that many families in Spotsylvania lacked the basic human need of food due to poverty, the church began expanding its feeding ministry.

The Food Pantry is staffed completely by church members. The church has designated several education rooms to serve the Food Pantry. It has also just completed a new building on church grounds to store food between pantries.

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding the hungry in the communities it serves. Since its inception in 2001, the foundation has awarded more than \$10 million in grants.

About Food Lion

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 63,000 associates. By leveraging its longstanding heritage of low prices and convenient locations, Food Lion is working to own the easiest full shop grocery experience in the Southeast, anchored by a strong commitment to affordability, freshness and the communities it serves. Through Food Lion Feeds, the company has committed to provide 500 million meals to individuals and families in need by the end of 2020. Food Lion is a company of Delhaize America, a U.S. division of Zaandam-based Royal Ahold Delhaize Group. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.

About Food Lion Feeds

For more than 50 years, Food Lion has been a strong philanthropic partner in the communities it serves. As a grocer, Food Lion’s business is food. The company believes that no one should have to choose between dinner and paying rent or gasoline and buying groceries. Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion is working to create a better tomorrow by uniting with customers and partners to eliminate the choices families are forced to make when they are hungry. By the end of 2020, the company has pledged to provide 500 million meals to families in need in its local communities. For more information, visit www.foodlion.com/feeds.

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