NC Rapid Recovery Loan Program Receives Additional \$125 Million Funding

This is a release from Patrick Woodie, NC Rural Center President: As you may know, the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program was launched by the NC Rural Center on March 24 with an initial allocation of \$15 million provided by the Golden LEAF Foundation. The goal of the program was to provide emergency bridge loans to our state's small-business owners who were being affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19. (More information at ncrapidrecovery.org)

As soon as we launched the Rapid Recovery program, we quickly received applications in excess of that initial funding provided by our partners at Golden LEAF, which reinforced the urgent need to expand the capacity of the program.

Today, we have good news to share. House Bill 1043, a bipartisan effort by the NC General Assembly and which was signed into law by Governor Cooper, includes an appropriation of \$125 million to Golden LEAF for the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program. This appropriation is a significant fiscal commitment that will help meet the needs of our state's entrepreneurs and small-business owners. We know the need is great and we know our small business owners have a long road

ahead of them. The NC Rural Center and our partners in the NC Rapid Recovery Loan Program will do all we can to assist them. Applications to the NC COVID-19 Rapid Recovery Loan Program will continue to be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Please visit www.ncrapidrecovery.org to learn more about the program and submit an application for your small business. Golden LEAF's announcement information, read more

www.goldenleaf.org/news. **Food Lion Feeds Awards \$1 Million in**

Grants to Nearly 600 Hunger Relief Agencies Feed My Lambs in Wadesboro receives \$3,500 grant

Food Lion Feeds announced the recipients of \$1 million in grant funding being awarded to nearly 600 feeding agencies across its 10-state footprint as part of its continued efforts to care for neighbors impacted by COVID-19. The funds are being distributed to local feeding agencies affiliated with the 30 regional Feeding America® food bank partners across the towns and cities in Food Lion's service area, including the Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. Food Lion has partnered with the food bank for more than 30 years as part of its mission to end hunger in our communities. These grant resources will enable each agency to purchase food and other critical items needed to meet increasing demand during this unprecedented time. The grants are part of the more than \$3.1 million in COVID-19 relief efforts Food

Lion announced recently, representing the largest single community relief donation ever made by the retailer. "This is an unprecedented and challenging time, and we know our neighbors are

counting on us more than ever to help nourish their families," said Meg Ham, Food Lion president. "From schoolchildren missing meals while schools are out, to parents who have lost jobs, and seniors who are struggling to make ends meet, we're committed to serving all of our neighbors now more than ever. We are doing what we can to support our food bank partners and these local feeding agencies that share our passion for ensuring none of our neighbors have to worry about where their next meal will come from.' This is the one of many steps Food Lion is taking to support its neighbors impacted

by COVID-19. Previously, the retailer announced: • \$500,000 to support local Feeding America affiliated food bank partners in Food Lion's

10-state footprint and \$100,000 to Feeding America's overall COVID-19 relief efforts • \$500,000 donation to fund medical research at UNC Health, where scientists are working to develop promising treatments, protective vaccines and public health practices for COVID-19. • \$1 million for the Lion's Pride Foundation, its associate emergency care fund to

support associates whose families may be impacted. • \$500,000 in gift cards and reusable bags in a partnership with school districts in

North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia to supplement their efforts to provide meals to children who are eligible for the National School Lunch Program. About 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 68,000 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 donated more than 500 million meals to individuals and families since 2014 and has committed to donate 1 billion more meals by 2025. Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Ahold Delhaize.

For more information, visit www.foodlion.com.

NCDMV Adds Contactless Payment Options at Agencies

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles is expanding the type of payments it accepts at its license plate agencies to include non-contact credit and bank cards. All license plate agencies now accept Apple Pay, Android Pay, Samsung Pay, and other contactless cards for Visa and MasterCard transactions.

The same payment options will be available at driver license offices in the near future. Customers who use the contactless payment option simply tap their card against the card reader device instead of sliding or inserting it,

then they confirm the amount charged.

All DMV license plate agencies and driver license offices continue to accept payment options previously in place, including cash, money orders,

personal checks made payable to NCDMV, and Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit and debit cards.

NCDMV License and Registration Expiration Dates Extended 5 Months

To assist N.C. Division of Motor Vehicle customers and partners in dealing with the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, a provision included in the COVID-19 bill signed into law today by Governor Cooper grants a five-month extension of the expiration date on more than two dozen DMV credentials. The bill also allows the DMV to waive any penalties for a late registration renewal during the extension period. Customers who already paid a

fee for a late renewal in March or April will be reimbursed. The five-month extension applies to any credential that expires on or after March 1, and before August 1. The list includes: Driver license.

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before March 10, to meet the requirements for a license or permit until 30 days after the date the Governor rescinds the State of Emergency Executive Order or the date the DMV reopens all driver license offices, whichever is earlier. *MEALS WILL BE SERVED IN TAKE-OUT TRAYS* FOR MORE INFORMATION TO VOLUNTEER OR DDNATE CONTACT:704-695-2879 -DONATE AT WWW.HARVESTMIN.COM

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MAY 31 100 Women in Hats Fundraiser at New Life Trinity Church, 2:30pm for County Domestic Violence Coalition with Min Peggy Hubbard of West Rocky Ford Baptist Church in Wadesboro **JUNE 14**

Family & Friends Day

At New Life Trinity

Church, 2:30pm. Theme "Value Your Family & Friends

ONGOING

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30pm at Forestville AME Zion Church Radio Ministry

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help with reading, Tues-

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Bible Study

Every Wed night, 7pm at Victory Temple Miracle Prayer/Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at House of Faith Bible Study

Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Till-

Exercise Class

& Bible Study

Each Thursday at 2pm at Hopewell UMC **Intercessory Prayer**

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bile Food Pantry at Wingate Baptist Church, located at 109 East Elm St. in Wingate. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445 JUNE 5

Reveal Party For the new season at the

Ansonia Theatre. Invitation only for sponsors to have first dibs on seats, performance dates & the reveal of the 2020-21 season. To become a sponsor or for info, call 704-694-4950 or visit ansoniatheatre.com **ONGOING EVENTS**

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is also an extension of the expiration of an Intrastate

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