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## **Lowes Foods Customers Contribute \$20,500 in School Supplies to Hickory Schools**

HICKORY, N.C. (OCTOBER 4, 2016) – Representatives of the Lowes Foods stores located in Hickory recently delivered \$20,500 in school supplies to local schools, including \$10,300 from the Lowes Foods located at 260 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. The supplies were made possible thanks to the generous contributions of Lowes Foods customers at all Hickory-area store locations. Lowes Foods is owned by Hickory-based Alex Lee, Inc.

“Every school year, many local teachers dip into their own pockets to purchase school supplies for children whose parents and care givers simply cannot afford the supplies,” Lowes Foods’ 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue store manager Tom Thomas said. “We tremendously thank the Lowes Foods customers who bought the school supplies kits to help local school children.”

“This was a simple, grassroots effort that became very popular among our store customers and created highly successful results that will help local school children all year long,” he added. “The generosity of local people in the Hickory community never ceases to amaze me. I’m particularly thrilled by the more than \$10,000 in contributions that came from customers at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue store.”

Thomas said the school supplies, which included crayons, paper and other basic necessities, have been delivered to local schools throughout the Hickory area.

### **About Lowes Foods**

Founded in 1954, Lowes Foods employs approximately 9,000 people and operates nearly 100 full-service supermarkets in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Locally owned and operated, Lowes Foods is truly a homegrown company committed to bringing community back to the table, by providing customers with the freshest and most innovative local products from local suppliers. The company maintains a strong focus on exceptional attention to our guests, with services like Lowes Foods-To-Go personal shopping and gas rewards discounts. To learn more, visit [lowesfoods.com](http://lowesfoods.com) or follow Lowes Foods on Facebook or Twitter. Lowes Foods, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alex Lee, Inc.

### **About Alex Lee, Inc.**

Founded in 1931, Alex Lee is a family-owned and operated company that employs approximately 10,000 people. It serves as the parent company of Merchants Distributors, LLC, which provides full-service, wholesale distribution to supermarkets. In addition, Alex Lee is the parent company of Lowes Foods, which includes nearly 100 full-service grocery stores in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, as well as Just Save food stores in North Carolina. Alex Lee, Inc. is based in Hickory, NC.

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