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Event held at new 'Hunger Hub' built with federal funds secured by Charlotte Reps. Adams and Jackson

CHARLOTTE – Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. (D-NC-12), hosted partner organizations in the fight against hunger for her Congressional district during her quarterly Adams Hunger Initiative today at the new Nourish Up Hunger Hub in West Charlotte. Nourish Up, formerly known as Loaves and Fishes/Friendship Trays, works to better address all levels of food insecurity in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and throughout the state.

Nourish Up's Hunger Hub received \$850,000 in community project funding from Rep. Adams and Rep. Jeff Jackson to expand the organization's capacity to distribute fresh food and meals and increase its physical footprint to 90,000 square feet. The new facility boasts almost ten times more cold storage than the organization's prior location, a teaching kitchen to provide demonstrations on how to prepare donated food, and the future site of an in-house commercial kitchen to enhance the Meals on Wheels program.

"Community Project Funding is one way I've been able to ensure that my work is worthwhile, and so I'm grateful that Jeff and I could team up once again to support this project and help to close the meal gap," **said Rep. Adams.** "No one — no child, no family — should go to bed hungry."

"This Hunger Hub directly translates into thousands more neighbors being well nourished. We are serving people at a record-breaking pace, and this building allows us to do so in new and innovative ways," **said Nourish Up CEO Tina Postel.** "We are indebted to Congresswoman Adams and Congressman Jeff Jackson for making our vision a reality and for shepherding the federal appropriation funding that helped us build our Hunger Hub."

Nourish Up serves the community with food and compassion, providing groceries, meals and hope through a network of more than 35 food pantries, grocery home delivery, and as the primary Meals on Wheels program for Mecklenburg County.

At today's meeting, Rep. Adams provided an update on her work on the House Committee on Agriculture to protect and expand funding for programs that reduce and eliminate food insecurity in the district. The event concluded with a tour of the new facility.

Rep. Adams' next Adams Hunger Initiative meeting will take place in September.

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Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Cabarrus County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & the Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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