

## Hunger Crisis is too big for the nonprofit sector



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## EMERGENCY COMMUNITY MEMO

Dear Community Members,

We are facing an unprecedented hunger emergency in Mecklenburg County and across the nation due to the ongoing federal government shutdown and the failure to fully fund SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). This crisis is impacting tens of thousands of our neighbors—140,000 SNAP recipients in our county alone, plus countless others who are struggling without any assistance.

While our staff, volunteers, and donors have responded with extraordinary compassion and unrelenting energy—packing and distributing food boxes at record speed—the reality is stark: **we cannot food box our way out of this disaster.** Even with a massive upcoming all day packing event in partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank that will produce 10,000 nonperishable food boxes, the need far outpaces our capacity.

**We need your help.** Our number one ask is simple but powerful: **Contact your federal lawmakers today.** Demand that they listen, communicate, and negotiate—for the good of the American people, regardless of political affiliation. Hunger doesn't discriminate, and neither should compassion or leadership.

Every donation, every volunteer shift, every act of kindness matters. But **systemic solutions require systemic action.**

### We urge you to:

- **Call or email your elected officials** and tell them this is unacceptable.
- **Share this message** with your networks to amplify the urgency.
- **Continue supporting local hunger relief efforts**—your generosity is saving lives.

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of support we've seen. Let's keep that momentum going and turn compassion into change.

With gratitude and urgency,

Tina Postel, CEO

### Three ways to take action now!

**Donate**

**Volunteer**

**Advocate**

**It is our mission to nourish our neighbors  
with food and compassion.**

In its 50th year, Nourish Up, formerly Loaves & Fishes and Friendship Trays, provides groceries, meals, and hope through a network of food pantries, grocery home delivery, and as the primary Meals on Wheels program for Mecklenburg County.



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