

# **Adams Hunger Initiative**

#### Mission

The Adams Hunger Initiative (Initiative) will address the food crisis impacting areas of North Carolina's 12th District. The Initiative will work to promote public- private partnerships, create dialogues between elected officials and key stakeholders, draft bipartisan legislation aimed at addressing hunger and food insecurity, and promote and protect critical food programs and food banks.

### **Creating Public-Private Partnerships**

Helping the hungry gain access to affordable and quality food is at the heart of the Adams Hunger Initiative. The Initiative will bring together public and private organizations to help bring new food markets to the district. The Initiative will also explore methods to protect existing food markets.

#### **Hosting Stakeholder Dialogues**

Through a series of roundtables, the Initiative will bring together key stakeholders, including both local and federal officials, to explore solutions to the District's food crisis. The Congresswoman has requested a bipartisan field hearing through the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture. These events will allow stakeholders to exchange ideas and put forth workable solutions to address the food crisis.

## **Drafting Bipartisan Legislation**

As a member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee and the Congressional Hunger Caucus, the Congresswoman is dedicated to drafting bipartisan legislation that will encourage public-private partnerships. Specifically, the Initiative will explore legislation that encourages small businesses, non-profits, and local governments to expand their presence in the District.

# **Supporting Critical Food Programs**

The Initiative will host events aimed at educating the community about the severity of the District's food crisis and promoting the work of local food banks and hunger fighting organizations. The Initiative will also work to highlight the need to protect vital food programs such as SNAP, the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program.