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Investments from NC-based company will improve housing, youth engagement, and law enforcement

WASHINGTON, **D.C.** – Today, **Congresswoman Alma S. Adams**, **Ph.D.** (**D-NC-12**) is celebrating a series of grant awards by Lowe's Hometowns, the nonprofit arm of Lowe's Companies.

According to <u>an announcement on their website</u>, the North Carolina-based home improvement retailer is supporting \$100 million in grants over five years, serving 88+ community-nominated projects in 44 states and Washington, DC, for purposes such as affordable housing, community centers, parks and outdoors spaces, and facilities that serve veterans and first responders. Six of these projects are in Charlotte.

"You can't be a part of the community if you're not doing your part to take care of it," said Rep. Adams of the announcement. "I applaud Lowe's, a North Carolina company, for stepping up to invest in the community that serves them, by giving back to worthy causes."

- The projects in Charlotte include the following: A Better World Charlotte A Better World exists to deliver help and hope to at-risk youth in West Charlotte. The grant will support a facility makeover create an environment that not only facilitates learning but also shows students how valued they are.
- A Brighter Day Outreach A Brighter Day Outreach provides programs to help
 youth develop de-escalation and communication strategies with the goal of
 disrupting the school-to-prison cycle. The grant will fund the installation of an onsite
 food pantry, with a prefabricated trailer, pavers, plants, lighting and furniture. This
 will be the first food pantry within the Historic Hoskins community.
- Champion House of Care Champion House of Care provides personalized support
 for individuals with intellectual and development disabilities to develop the skills
 they need to be successful in the community. The grant will update the
 organization's playground equipment to be more inclusive and enjoyable for
 children of all abilities.
- Envision Charlotte Envision Charlotte & The Innovation Barn play a pivotal role in combating climate change by empowering, inspiring and equipping individuals and businesses with practical solutions. The project will enhance its outdoor community space, offering educational experiences on material management and sustainable practices.
- Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office -The Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
 processes approximately 13,000 releases for individuals returning into the
 community from incarceration each year. Renovations and upgrades through
 Lowe's Hometowns will help transform the current lobby into a one-stop resource
 center for individuals to successfully transition back into the community and connect
 to wrap-around services and support.
- OurBRIDGE for KIDS The OurBRIDGE for KIDS' Charlotte is Home Center will
 expand the community's ability to welcome and guide newcomers as they start
 anew in the United States. The Lowe's Hometowns project will add an accessible
 entrance and update carpet, tile, flooring, paint, doors and hardware. Security and
 new signage will also be added.

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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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