

[Congressman Mel Watt will volunteer at Crisis Assistance Ministries today](#) (Charlotte Examiner – August 10, 2011)

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Representative **Mel Watt** (D) will be in Charlotte today visiting a few non-profit institutions. One of the non-profits Rep. **Watt** will visit today is Crisis Assistance Ministries where he will work as a volunteer from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm. The organization is located at 500-A Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC. The stops in Charlotte today mark the last day of this three-day “Trading Places” tour that has him visiting constituents and businesses in North Carolina’s 12th Congressional District.

[Yesterday](#)

morning Representative Watt visited Old Carolina Brick Co which has been experiencing a slow down in orders for their specialty bricks. Rep.

Watt

said, “The thing that’s troubling, just about everywhere I’m going now, is that business has slowed down, confidence in the economy is down and the impact is being felt in places like this.” In a tough economy and stagnant job growth, organizations like Crisis Assistance Ministries provide much needed services. [Programs](#) offered to those in need through Crisis Assistance Ministries are emergency financial assistance for rent and utilities, a free store where those in need can pick up clothing and house wares at no charge and a furniture bank which provides household appliances and furniture free of charge. Exactly what volunteer capacity Representative

Watt

will work is unknown at this time but Crisis Assistance Ministries has a number of

[volunteer](#)

[opportunities](#) available to the public. This morning Representative Watt volunteered at [A](#)

[Child’s Place](#)

, which works with children in families hit by homelessness and

[Presbyterian Healthcare](#)

, a non-profit that provides community outreach programs and charity care. Both organizations provide volunteer opportunities to the public as well.