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### **MAYOR REDD & CITY COUNCIL CREATE RELIEF FUND FOR DISPLACED FAMILIES OF THE RECENT FIRES ON CHESTNUT & WINSLOW STREETS**

**CAMDEN** – In an effort to assist the families that have been displaced due to the recent fires on Chestnut Street and on Winslow Street, Mayor Dana L. Redd and Camden City Council today announced the creation of the Chestnut/Winslow Fire Victims relief fund account. The relief fund account was set-up at PNC Bank and all monetary donations will go to the families.

“My heart goes out to all the families that were affected by last week’s fires on Chestnut Street and Winslow Street,” Mayor Redd said. “Although their road to recovery is just beginning, we want all the families to know that the City of Camden will be by their side to assist them. That is why my office, in collaboration with City Council, has established a relief fund account so any resident or business can send monetary donations that will help these families recover from their loss.”

Any person or business who would like to make monetary donations to the relief fund can do so by visiting or sending checks to any the PNC Bank branch located in New Jersey and Philadelphia. Checks must be made payable to the “Chestnut/Winslow Fire Victims.”

Also joining the Mayor and City Council members were Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli; Freeholder Ian Leonard; Assemblyman Angel Fuentes; PNC Bank Vice President Linda Westfield and Gloria Peña, PNC Bank Manager for the Westfield Avenue branch; Curtis Voss, General Manager of the Susquehanna Bank Center; Dr. Jon Regis of Reliance Medical Group; Loretta Winters, President of the Gloucester County Chapter of the NAACP; Pastor John Parker from Antioch Baptist Church; and members of the Camden community.

“My friends, as a community, we must come together to help our brothers and sisters to strengthen their hearts and regain their losses,” Pastor and Councilman Dr. Luis A. Lopez said. “My prayers are with them all as we try to help them on their journey. May our Heavenly Father bless you all.”

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“As we all continue to keep the families of these devastating events in prayer, the creation of this fund is an additional tool in allowing the City and the community to aid in the recovery of their losses,” Councilwoman Dana Burley said. “I am honored to join Mayor Redd and my Council colleagues in this effort.”

“On behalf of the residents of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, I thank the Mayor and her Administration for their work on behalf of the fire victims,” Councilman William Spearman said.

Mayor Redd and City Council also announced today that Dr. Regis of Reliance Medical Group will offer free medical assessments to the affected families.

“As a medical group committed to providing health care services to the community, we felt that we could do more than just a monetary donation,” Dr. Regis said. “That is why Reliance Medical Group will open its doors to the displaced families of from last week’s fire and offer them free medical care during this difficult time in their lives.”

“I know that Camden residents and businesses will demonstrate their compassion and generosity by making donations, no matter how small or big, to help our fellow neighbors get back on their feet,” Mayor Redd said.

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