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**AKA TO PACKAGE OVER 50,000 MEALS TO
FIGHT CHILDHOOD HUNGER**



CHICAGO, IL (July 13, 2015) – More than 500 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® in conjunction with Stop Hunger Now, will package over 50,000 meals and other vital necessities for Chicago area families and children around the world from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 16. The event will take place during the sorority’s biennial International Leadership Seminar being held this week in downtown Chicago at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The packaging will take place in the east tower of the hotel in the Riverside West-North rooms.

The effort with Stop Hunger Now is in coordination with the sorority’s *Launching New Dimensions of Service*SM program target, Family Strengthening. Through the Family Strengthening target, programs and activities are developed within chapters across the world to provide service that deal with issues facing families that include lack of food, shelter, and financial means. The meal packaging program was created by Stop Hunger Now to provide individuals the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world’s poor and hungry.

“While our membership span globally, we recognize there is a need to assist locally as well as globally in the eradication of childhood hunger,” said Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, the sorority’s International President. “This service project, along with several others that will be conducted during our stay in Chicago, is our way of showing individuals in the area that Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority cares and is committed to supporting the Chicago community – the city in which our national headquarters is located.”

Stop Hunger Now is an organization that provides food and life-saving aid to the world’s most vulnerable and aims to create a movement to end hunger.

About Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) is an international service organization that was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Alpha Kappa Alpha is comprised of more than 283,000 members in 988

graduate and undergraduate chapters in the United States, Liberia, the Bahamas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Germany, South Korea, Bermuda, Japan, Canada, and South Africa. Led by International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, Alpha Kappa Alpha is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African-American women.” For more information on Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and its programs, log onto www.aka1908.com.

About Stop Hunger Now

Founded in 1998, Stop Hunger Now has delivered aid and disaster relief supplies in the form of food, medical supplies, clothing, school supplies and more to thousands of disaster victims and other hungry and vulnerable people in 65 countries. For more information on Stop Hunger Now, visit www.stophungernow.org.

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