

## American Water Charitable Foundation and American Water Military Services Group Continue Partnership with K9s For Warriors

Foundation donates \$25,000 to support a veteran's life-changing road to recovery

CAMDEN, N.J. – NOVEMBER 7, 2023 – The [American Water Charitable Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and American Water's Military Services Group, announced today that the Foundation awarded a \$25,000 State Strategic Impact grant to K9s For Warriors, the nation's largest provider of trained Service Dogs for veterans with invisible wounds of war.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to once again partner with K9s For Warriors to support their mission and the wellbeing of our veterans," said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation. "This grant will be instrumental in saving two lives – a brave veteran who has served our country and a rescue dog who deserves a second chance at a happy life. It also demonstrates a continued commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and our veterans."

K9s For Warriors remains committed to ending veteran suicide, raising awareness for invisible disabilities, and creating policy-level reform for our veterans.

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of the American Water Charitable Foundation to further our mission to end veteran suicide," said K9s For Warriors CEO Carl Cricco. "K9s For Warriors has the privilege every day to see the impact a Service Dog has on a veteran. With a battle buddy by their side, the veteran returns to a life of dignity and independence. American Water's generosity allows us to continue changing veteran lives."

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2023 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact projects and initiatives throughout American Water's national footprint.

"We are pleased to collaborate with the American Water Charitable Foundation in continuing our support for K9s For Warriors, an organization that focuses on the veteran community and resonates with our team," said Sean Wheatley, President, American Water Military Services Group. "This partnership reinforces our Military Services Group's mission to provide safe and reliable water and wastewater services to service members and their families on 18 military installations."

In 2022, the American Water Charitable Foundation, in collaboration with American Water's Military Services Group, provided a \$25,000 State Strategic Impact grant to K9s For Warriors. The Foundation's sponsored dog, Hydra, completed Service Dog training and was successfully paired with a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation [here](#).



About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States.

With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders. For more information, visit [amwater.com](https://www.amwater.com) and join American Water on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### About American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company's ongoing commitment to be a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. For more information, visit [amwater.com/awcf](https://www.amwater.com/awcf) and follow the American Water Charitable Foundation on [Facebook](#).

#### About Military Services Group

Military Services Group, a subsidiary of American Water, provides water and wastewater services to military installations across the country as part of the federal government's Utilities Privatization program. Military Services Group currently owns, operates and maintains water and/or wastewater assets at 18 military installations, including: Fort Novosel, Ala.; Vandenberg Space Force Base, Calif.; Naval Station Mayport, Fla.; Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Fort Johnson, La.; Fort Meade, Md.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.; U.S. Army Garrison West Point, N.Y.; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Cavazos, Texas; Joint Base San Antonio, Texas; Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Fort Walker, Va.; Fort Belvoir, Va.; and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

#### About K9s For Warriors

Determined to end veteran suicide, [K9s For Warriors](#) is the nation's largest provider of trained Service Dogs to military Veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With a majority of dogs being rescues, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery. This treatment method is backed by scientific research (from University of Arizona's OHAIRE Lab) demonstrating Service Dogs' ability to help mitigate their Veteran's symptoms of PTSD while simultaneously restoring their confidence and independence. Founded in 2011 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, K9s For Warriors remains committed to bringing widespread awareness to veterans' mental health and contributing to policy-level reform. The organization's facilities include: K9s For Warriors National Headquarters (Ponte Vedra, FL), Davis Family Mega Kennel (Ponte Vedra, FL), Petco Love K9 Center (San Antonio, Texas), and Helotes Warrior Ranch (Helotes, Texas). Find more information at [www.k9sforwarriors.org](https://www.k9sforwarriors.org).

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