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Pennsylvania American Water Awards $36K+ in Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Funding to 13 Organizations



Pennsylvania American Water presents funding to Layers of Black History for the purchase of environmentally focused children's books featuring diverse characters to be distributed within local schools.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Feb. 13, 2024) – In conjunction with Black History Month, celebrating the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and struggles of one the United States' diverse populations, Pennsylvania American Water today announced the recipients of its annual corporate funding aimed at supporting inclusion, diversity and equity efforts. Charitable donations awarded to 13 organizations across the company's service territory totaled $36,500.

"Investing in organizations that promote inclusion, diversity and equity-related initiatives is a key component of Pennsylvania American Water's community engagement strategy," said company president Justin Ladner. "Through this funding, we demonstrate our continued commitment to helping create inclusive and welcoming communities across the Commonwealth."

Pennsylvania American Water selected the following organizations across its service territory that support and reflect the company's inclusion, diversity and equity values and efforts:

- NEPA Youth Shelter
- Scranton Fringe Festival
- ACLAMO
- African American Chamber of Western PA
- Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation
- CEO Commission on Economic Opportunity
- City of Coatesville
- Keystone Business Alliance
- Layers of Black History
- LGBT Equality Alliance of Chester County
- Norristown Chamber of Commerce
- Rainbow Rose Center
- 2nd Century Alliance

"We are extremely thankful for the generous donation that Pennsylvania American Water contributed to the Layers of Black History book drive," said Corey Dupree, one of the organization's co-founders. "With their donation we were able to provide over 150 books highlighting diversity and representation in literature. We are beyond excited to continue spreading the mission of sustainability and environmental justice alongside partners

like Pennsylvania American Water!”

About Pennsylvania American Water

Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.3 million people. For more information, visit www.pennsylvaniaamwater.com and follow Pennsylvania American Water on Twitter and Facebook.

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