# Maryland American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation Announce \$25,000 Grant to Support CASA of Harford County

Bel Air, M.D. – December 5, 2024 – The <u>American Water Charitable Foundation</u>, a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Maryland American Water, announced today that Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Harford County has been awarded \$25,000 State Strategic Impact grant.

"Our mission at CASA of Harford County is to serve as a voice for children as they move through the labyrinth of the child welfare system. We are so happy to receive this grant from the American Water Charitable Foundation and Maryland American Water. These dollars will support our efforts to recruit and train advocates for the children in Harford County who need one and give them the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home," said Ross DiEdoardo Executive Director, CASA of Harford County.

CASA of Harford County provides court appointed volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children in the child welfare system in Harford County.

"Maryland American Water and the American Water Charitable Foundation are proud to support CASA and their mission of advocating for the rights of children in foster care," said Barry Suits, President Maryland American Water. "We congratulate CASA for almost 30 years of standing up for children in Harford County and helping to change their stories."

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2024 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.

"The American Water Charitable Foundation is pleased to partner with organizations that align with Maryland American Water and support youth throughout Harford County," said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation.

To learn more about CASA of Harford County, visit <a href="https://www.casaofharfordcounty.org">www.casaofharfordcounty.org</a>.

## **About American Water**

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### **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 <a href="mailto:amwater.com/awcf">amwater.com/awcf</a>.

# **About Maryland American Water**

Maryland American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), provides high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 23,000 people.

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