

## Tennessee American Water Proudly Recognizes Partnership with Urban League of Greater Chattanooga

American Water Charitable Foundation provides a combined total \$260,000 to support workforce development initiatives for the National Urban League and Affiliate Movement

Chattanooga, TN – DECEMBER 6, 2024 – The [American Water Charitable Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Tennessee American Water, announced today that the [Urban League of Greater Chattanooga](#) has received a \$20,000 commitment as part of a larger Foundation Corporate Strategic grant. Funding will enhance workforce development initiatives that help close the equality gap for African Americans and other historically underserved groups throughout the Tennessee American Water footprint.

“We are honored to have been chosen for this amazing opportunity to help build capacity in our workforce and family empowerment space,” said Candy Johnson, President & CEO of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. “The American Water Charitable Foundation’s generosity enables us to continue our holistic approach to talent and leadership development through our Family Prosperity Initiative.”

The Family Prosperity Initiative is designed to connect diverse, low-income, and underserved families to personal development resources, economic assets, educational credentials, and training opportunities, ultimately improving the quality of life for those who have experienced barriers to success.

“American Water’s support reflects their unwavering commitment to fostering equitable outcomes and building thriving communities and we are grateful for their continued partnership,” continued Johnson.

At the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga’s 42nd annual Equal Opportunity Day breakfast earlier this week, Tennessee American Water was recognized with the Inclusion by Design Award. This award honors an organization that embraces inclusion through its business practices and community engagement activities.

“Tennessee American Water is proud to support the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga through our collaboration with the American Water Charitable Foundation,” said Grant Evitts, president of Tennessee American Water. “We are deeply honored to receive the Inclusion by Design award from the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, recognizing our efforts to strengthen the communities we serve.”

The Corporate Strategic grant is part of the American Water Charitable Foundation 2024 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, focusing on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities. Corporate Strategic grants support high-impact programs that align with American Water’s values of being a solutions provider, where we seek to influence positive change and help keep communities flowing, improving and thriving.

“The American Water Charitable Foundation is delighted to support impactful workforce development initiatives and programming that help prepare future leaders of tomorrow,” said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation.

Since 2012, the American Water Charitable Foundation has donated to worthy causes and organizations in communities served by American Water. Being a good neighbor and steward of the environment has always been central to the mission of American Water and Tennessee American Water.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation’s grant program [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](#), [X](#) 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).

#### About Urban League of Greater Chattanooga

The Urban League of Greater Chattanooga is an affiliate of the National Urban League, the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans and other underserved individuals to enter the economic and social mainstream. Since 1982, the Chattanooga affiliate has served many thousands of economically disadvantaged persons, individuals representing communities of color and minority-owned businesses through programs and initiatives that promote educational attainment, economic development, self-sufficiency and inclusive leadership opportunities. For more information, visit [www.ulchatt.net](http://www.ulchatt.net).

#### About Tennessee American Water

Tennessee American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 420,000 people in Tennessee and north Georgia.

---

#### Media Contacts

Daphne Kirksey

External Affairs

423-771-4750

[daphne.kirksey@amwater.com](mailto:daphne.kirksey@amwater.com)

---

<https://newsroom.amwater.com/2024-12-06-Tennessee-American-Water-Proudly-Recognizes-Partnership-with-Urban-League-of-Greater-Chattanooga>