American Water Charitable Foundation and Indiana American Water Announce $44,000 in State Strategic Impact Grants to Food Banks in Terre Haute, Muncie, Greater Indianapolis and Northwest Indiana

Funding Will Help Food Banks to Supply Meals to Residents Facing Food Insecurity This Holiday Season

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Dec. 17, 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 Indiana American Water announced today that the Foundation awarded a total of $44,000 in State Strategic Impact grants to four hunger relief organizations to help address food insecurity in the Hoosier State.

“This contribution from the American Water Charitable Foundation is tremendous investment in our community. We are honored to be the recipient of the funds that will directly support our Mobile Market program, “said Victor Garcia, Executive Director of Foodbank of Northwest Indiana. “This [grant] will translate into approximately 60,000 meals for neighbors in our community. It takes partners like American Water to move the needle on food insecurity.”

The following organizations, located in or serving Indiana American Water communities, are recipients of this year’s grants:

- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana, Inc., - $20,000
- Second Helpings of Greater Indianapolis - $10,000
- Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank - $7,000
- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana - $7,000

"During the holiday season, it's vital to remember those in need. Donating to hunger relief organizations provides essential nourishment and also brings hope and joy to families facing difficult times," said Matthew Prine, president of Indiana American Water. "We are deeply honored to partner with these organizations, helping ensure our support reaches the communities where it is needed most. Together, we can make a profound difference and spread the true spirit of the season."

It is estimated that the food insecurity rate in Indiana is 13.2%, meaning 1 in 8 Hoosiers struggle to access enough nutritious food. Food insecurity can lead to serious health issues like malnutrition and chronic diseases, as well as mental health problems such as stress and depression. It also affects children's development and has broader economic and social impacts, including increased healthcare costs and social isolation.

"We are so grateful for this donation from Indiana American Water," said Cory Kloep, Second Helpings' Chief Operations Officer. "There is always higher demand for food assistance in the winter, so this gift will have an immediate impact on our operations and with our partner organizations across central Indiana."

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 Indiana American Water and help address food insecurity in the Hoosier State,” said Carrie Williams, President, American Water Charitable Foundation.

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

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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 amwater.com/awcf.

About Indiana American Water

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.4 million people.

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