Illinois American Water Announces 2024 "Water Keeps Life Flowing" Art Contest Winners

Elementary school students inspire environmental awareness through creativity

Belleville, Ill. (December 18, 2024) — Illinois American Water recently invited 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to showcase their creativity by submitting artwork to the company's "Water Keeps Life Flowing" art contest. Hundreds of entries capturing the importance of high-quality water service were received. Illinois American Water chose 10 winners who earned their classrooms a \$100 donation for school supplies or a classroom celebration.

"From paintings of water towers to drawings of personal hygiene practices, we are completely inspired by the creative ways students used their love of art and understanding of science to showcase the importance of clean, safe and reliable water service," said Rebecca Losli, president of Illinois American Water.

The winning artwork will be showcased on the company's Facebook page: <u>@ilamwater</u>. It will also be featured on future Illinois American Water customer communications.

Losli added, "Illinois American Water plays a critical role in customers' daily lives by providing water service that supports vital activities and jobs. We encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the role that water plays in your own life, including careers, hobbies, and other activities."

The art contest winners are listed below in no particular order:

- Adelaide S., 5th Grade, Shiloh Middle School, Shiloh
- Cora A. 4th Grade, St Mary's School, Pontiac
- Graham R., 4th Grade, Grafton Elementary, Grafton
- Harlee N., 5th Grade, East Elementary, Alton
- Jaklyn K., 5th Grade, Central Elementary, Lincoln
- Jameson B., 4th Grade, Unity West Elementary, Tolono
- Layla D., 3rd Grade, St. Mark's School, Peoria
- Savannah S., 3rd Grade, Arbor View, Glen Ellyn
- Sophie F., 5th Grade, Venice CUSD, Granite City
- Stella P., 3rd Grade, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Belleville

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 <u>amwater.com</u> and join American Water on <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

About Illinois American Water

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.4 million people. American Water also operates a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville.

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