American Water Newsroom

American Water Charitable Foundation and Pennsylvania American Water 2024 Food Insecurity Giving Surpasses $135,000

Contributions made to 12 organizations battling hunger across the Commonwealth



Pennsylvania American Water presents a $10,000 check to Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania in support of efforts to end hunger.

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (Dec. 30, 2024) –The American Water Charitable Foundation, 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Pennsylvania American Water together provided a total of $135,250 in donations during 2024 to 12 food banks throughout Pennsylvania where it serves customers. Donations nearly tripled for the year, up from $46,150 in 2023.

“Pennsylvania American Water takes great pride in supporting the needs of our customers and the communities we serve,” said Gary Lobaugh, the company’s director of government and external affairs. “Our partnerships with local food banks allow us to provide impactful contributions in an effort to address food insecurity, and they align well with other resources we provide, like our H2O Help to Others customer assistance program, which offers grants and monthly discounts to disadvantaged customers who qualify.”

As limited access to food is an ongoing issue, Pennsylvania American Water made contributions to food banks throughout the year, with an emphasis on supporting organizations that work directly with those in need within its service territory. The company also encourages its employees to help food banks and frequently organizes opportunities to volunteer their time.

Organizations that received financial support from the American Water Charitable Foundation and/or Pennsylvania American Water for their food insecurity efforts this year include:

- ACLAMO, Montgomery County
- Bread Basket of NEPA, Lackawanna County
- Chester County Food Bank, Chester County*
- Commission on Economic Opportunity, Luzerne County*
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, Allegheny County*
- Greater Washington County Food Bank, Washington County
- Helping Harvest, Berks County
- Indiana County Community Action Agency, Indiana County*
- Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania, Dauphin County*
- Rainbow Kitchen Community Services, Allegheny County
- The Caring Cupboard, Dauphin County
- York County Food Bank, York County*

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“This year our 200 nonprofit partners reported that they provided food assistance to 332,000 people in need. That’s a 60% increase from the beneficiary statistics they reported last year,” explained Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania Executive Director Kathy Anderson-Martin.“Midwest Food Bank Pennsylvania is able to provide food and resources to our agencies free of charge so they can respond to these increasing needs. We can do that thanks to the financial support of partners like the American Water Charitable Foundation, a small army of volunteers, friends and other donors who help us in many and diverse ways.”

Carrie Williams, president of the American Water Charitable Foundation added, “The American Water Charitable Foundation is proud to partner with Pennsylvania American Water and support their commitment to local food banks throughout the state. This initiative aligns with our strategic focus on communities, ensuring we get dollars to where they are needed most.”

Funding from the American Water Charitable Foundation was provided through the Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program's State Strategic Impact grant. State Strategic Impact grants support high-impact projects and initiatives that enrich local relationships and strengthen communities served by American Water.

In addition to its support of food banks, Pennsylvania American Water strives to share important messages about the safety, reliability and affordability of tap water over bottled water options, such as seen in this video. By ‘trusting the tap’ customers not only contribute to environmental well-being through reduction of single-use plastics but also save money.

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.

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About Pennsylvania American Water
Pennsylvania American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest regulated water utility

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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.

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