Indiana American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation State Strategic Impact Grantee Community Foundation of Jackson County

Grant is earmarked for Seymour's Yellow Tulip Project to fight the stigma surrounding mental illness

[SEYMOUR, IND] – [May 20, 2025] – Yellow tulips have blossomed into a powerful symbol in the mental health community, representing hope and the fight against the stigma surrounding mental illness. So, when a member of the Key Club at Seymour High School planted the idea of a community yellow tulip project over two years ago, city leaders were eager to cultivate this initiative.

Starting in the fall of 2023, the first 1,000 yellow tulip bulbs were planted in the city roundabout on South Walnut Street, followed by another 1,000 bulbs planted in the roundabout on South O'Brien Street.

Now, thanks to an <u>American Water Charitable Foundation</u> (AWCF) State Strategic Impact Grant, nominated by Indiana American Water, the City of Seymour will be receiving a \$10,000 grant to help the Yellow Tulip Project flourish to completion. This funding, made possible through an AWCF donation to the Community Foundation of Jackson County, will allow the project to plant deeper roots and spread its message of hope even further.

"Thank you to the American Water Charitable Foundation for helping us accomplish our goals. This funding will help us finish out our roundabouts over the next two planting seasons," said Mayor Matt Nicholson, City of Seymour.

During a recent grant check presentation ceremony, Dan Davis, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Jackson County added, "We're pleased to be able to help facilitate this gift. Having partnerships like these, working together, really support moving our communities forward in a positive direction."

The American Water Charitable Foundation State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2025 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 communities.

"Through the American Water Charitable Foundation, we are pleased to partner with organizations that align with Indiana American Water and support mental health awareness and community beautification in Seymour at the same time," said Joel Reuter, External Affairs Manager at Indiana American Water.

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation here.

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About American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic non-profit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People, and Communities. Since 2012, the Foundation has invested more than \$20 million in funding through grants and matching gifts to support eligible organizations in communities served by American Water. The Foundation is funded by American Water shareholders and has no impact on customer rates. For more information, visit amwater.com/awcf.

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