

American Water Charitable Foundation Provides \$30,000 for Northwest Indiana Storm Recovery Efforts

Grants support American Red Cross and Food Bank of Northwest Indiana as Indiana American Water employees volunteer to assist impacted communities

GARY, Ind., July 8, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The [American Water Charitable Foundation](#), a philanthropic nonprofit organization established by American Water, has provided \$30,000 in disaster relief support to assist Northwest Indiana communities recovering from late June severe storms and tornadoes. The support includes a \$25,000 grant to the [American Red Cross Northwest Chapter, Indiana Region](#) and a \$5,000 grant to the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana to help meet ongoing community needs.

"Right now, the need is great," said **Dr. Sarah Moss, Executive Director of the Northwest Chapter of the American Red Cross Indiana Region**. "The Red Cross has been on the ground in the community since the night the storms hit, providing shelter, meals, relief items, comfort and essential living needs to people who have been impacted. We are so appreciative of the American Water Charitable Foundation's support and partnership, and we know this contribution will be put to excellent use for people here in the community who need help."

The grants will help support organizations providing shelter, meals, relief supplies, food assistance and essential services to residents impacted by the storms. The American Water Charitable Foundation focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People and Communities, and supports initiatives that improve communities served by American Water.

As of June 30, the Red Cross had provided more than 350 overnight shelter stays for 36 individuals, more than 2,600 meals and 3,316 relief items, impacting 800 homes in the community.

In addition to the charitable grants, [Indiana American Water](#) employees volunteered their time, equipment and expertise to support cleanup efforts in affected neighborhoods. Working with Lake County Emergency Management and other community partners, employees helped remove downed trees and limbs, clear debris and make roads passable for residents and emergency crews.

"A lot of people live and work in this community, and our employees were the first ones to step up and say we needed to do something," said **Sam Mouratides, Superintendent of Operations for Northwest Indiana**. "We are here to do everything we can to help get this area back together and get people back to normal life."

Many Indiana American Water team members live in the affected communities, have family in the area or saw the damage firsthand while continuing essential work to keep water and wastewater infrastructure operating through heavy rain and widespread power outages.

"We're here today to be good neighbors and good citizens before employees," said **Jason Phelps, Mechanic Crew Chief for Indiana American Water**. "We're proud to show up for our community, especially when people need it most, using the equipment and skills we have to make a difference for our neighbors."

The volunteer effort included nearly two dozen employees during one coordinated cleanup event, with additional teams supporting work throughout the week. Crews offered specialized equipment, including backhoes, dump trucks and pumps, to assist with cleanup and recovery needs, reflecting Indiana American Water's commitment to the communities where its employees live and work.

"Our employees care deeply about what they do, not only delivering clean, safe drinking water to our customers, but also helping out any way we can," said **Justin Mount, Northwest Indiana Senior Operations Manager, Indiana American Water**. "We live and work in the communities we serve, and this is a great way to put our resources to work helping the community."

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About American Water Charitable Foundation

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About Indiana American Water

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