

Iowa American Water and River Bend Food Bank Celebrate Partnership Supporting Hunger Relief

Check presentation recognizes a \$20,000 American Water Charitable Foundation grant and employee volunteer efforts benefiting neighbors facing hunger

DAVENPORT, Iowa, Oct. 13, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Iowa American Water and River Bend Food Bank celebrated their ongoing partnership with a check presentation recognizing a \$20,000 State Strategic Impact grant from the [American Water Charitable Foundation](#). The grant supports River Bend Food Bank's All Hands on Deck program and helps provide nutritious food to children, adults and seniors experiencing food insecurity across the region.

"This generous support from the American Water Charitable Foundation will help River Bend Food Bank provide more meals to children, adults, and seniors facing hunger across our region," said **Nikki Habben**, Interim President & CEO of River Bend Food Bank. "We're grateful for their continued partnership and for the Iowa American Water employees who give their time to work alongside us in helping our neighbors."

In addition to the Foundation grant, 43 Iowa American Water employees volunteered during two All Hands on Deck food-packing events, preparing 600 food boxes that provided approximately 6,000 meals for neighbors in need.

"Access to nutritious food is fundamental to the health, stability and well-being of every community," said **Brad Nielsen**, president of Iowa American Water. "At Iowa American Water, we believe being a trusted community partner means helping address essential needs beyond the water and wastewater services we provide each day. We are proud to support River Bend Food Bank as it works to help ensure children, families, seniors, among others, have the resources they need to thrive."

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2026 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 are making a meaningful difference for people and communities across Iowa," said **Carrie Williams**, president of the American Water Charitable Foundation.

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, focuses on three pillars of giving: Water, People, and Communities. Since 2012, the Foundation has invested over \$25 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](#).

About Iowa American Water

Iowa American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, is the largest regulated water utility in the state with

approximately 90 dedicated employees working to provide safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 225,000 people.

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