Kentucky American Water Proudly Recognizes American Water Charitable Foundation State Strategic Impact Grantee

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Nov. 24, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The American Water Charitable Foundation, a philanthropic nonprofit organization established by American Water (NYSE: AWK), the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the U.S., and Kentucky American Water announced today that the Foundation awarded a $5,000 State Strategic Impact grant to Middlesboro Independent School District to support the Jacket Exchange Attendance Store.

"Middlesboro Independent Schools is incredibly grateful to the American Water Charitable Foundation for its generous donation in support of our Jacket Exchange Attendance Store. This partnership allows us to recognize and thank our students and families for making school attendance a priority. The Jacket Exchange is available to all families throughout our district and offers a wide variety of items, from toys and everyday household essentials to cleaning supplies. We believe that consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in student success, and the Jacket Exchange gives us a meaningful way to celebrate and reward that commitment. We sincerely appreciate the American Water Charitable Foundation for investing in our students, supporting our families and helping us build a stronger school community," said **Bill Jones, superintendent of Middlesboro Independent Schools**.

The Jacket Exchange, named for the district's Yellow Jackets mascot, supports Middlesboro Independent Schools' mission to motivate and inspire student success by helping address barriers that can affect consistent school attendance. Available to families throughout the district, the program rewards regular attendance by providing access to everyday essentials, including food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and other household items. By providing families with practical resources, the Jacket Exchange reinforces the importance of being in school each day and helps create an environment where students can succeed.

"At Kentucky American Water, we're proud to support programs that make a meaningful difference for students and their families in the communities we serve," said **Rob Burton, Kentucky president, American Water**. "The Jacket Exchange is a great example of how community partnerships can help remove barriers, encourage consistent school attendance and give students the support they need to succeed."

The State Strategic Impact grant is part of the 2026 Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, which focuses 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 proud to support organizations and efforts that are making a meaningful impact in Kentucky," said **Carrie Williams, president of the American Water Charitable Foundation. "**Efforts like the Jacket Exchange Attendance Store are a great example of how, when students are encouraged to show up and stay engaged in their learning and families are supported at home, the whole community is stronger."

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation here.

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 and celebrating 140 years in 2026, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to approximately 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 19 military installations. American Water's approximately 7,000 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 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 Kentucky American Water
Kentucky American Water, a subsidiary of American Water with approximately 150 dedicated employees, provides safe, clean, reliable and affordable water and wastewater services to approximately 550,000 people.

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