



American Water Employees Pitch In To Help Solve World's Water Crisis

Nationwide Employee Fundraising Campaign Begins on World Water Day

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For more than 20 years, American Water, the largest water services provider in North America, has supported Water for People (WFP), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe drinking water for impoverished people in developing countries throughout the world. To coincide with the celebration of World Water Day, American Water and its 7,000 employees today launched a company-wide fundraising campaign to benefit WFP.

According to WFP, 6,000 children die each day from easily preventable water-related diseases, and 1.1 billion people worldwide do not have access to safe drinking water. Over twice as many are living without access to basic sanitation. "American Water has had a long history of supporting the mission of WFP," said Kimberly Cooper, Director of External Affairs and Corporate Social Responsibility at American Water. "Many of us take for granted the fact that we can easily access high-quality water services, but for people in places like Honduras, Guatemala and Bolivia, clean water is a dream almost always out of reach. Our employees are committed to make this dream a reality for people in need throughout the world."

In recent years, American Water has donated over \$1 million to WFP, including \$120,000 during its annual fundraising campaign last year alone. This year, the company's senior management team recognized this high level of employee giving by increasing the company match by \$25,000, for a total of \$75,000.

Beginning with a kick-off rally featuring WFP Corporate Giving Manager Nancy Stewart, the 2007 fundraising campaign includes a month-long series of events, including sponsorship of the Sanctuary Golf Tournament in Colorado, which raised over \$260,000 for WFP last year. Contributing American Water employees will have a chance to win a round of golf in the exclusive tournament.

"The problems of water sanitation affect people of every generation, from infants to the elderly," said Ellen C. Wolf, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of American Water. "As a leading water services provider, the devastation of water poverty is something we at American Water are especially sensitive to and fully committed to eradicating. The ultimate goal of our company's fundraising campaign is simple: to increase awareness of the need to develop and preserve global water resources."

With headquarters in Voorhees, NJ, American Water employs approximately 7,000 dedicated professionals who provide high-quality water, wastewater and other related services to about 17 million people in 29 states and Canada.

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