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West Virginia American Water and Appalachian Power Present \$20,000 Check to Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia

Joint gift funds construction of outdoor patio space at new facility

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (March 20, 2017) – West Virginia American Water and Appalachian Power presented a check today for \$20,000 to the new Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia in Charleston. The joint gift from the two utilities funded the construction of the outdoor patio space that overlooks the Elk River.

“The Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia provides a vital service to families in West Virginia, many of whom are our customers, neighbors and friends,” said Chris Beam, president of Appalachian Power. “We are honored to be part of this newly constructed facility that allows families to be within walking distance of the children’s hospital.”

The 20 x 50’ outdoor brick patio space, located at the back of the facility, overlooks the Elk River and features outdoor furniture and a grill for families to enjoy. The patio was part of the overall facility build-out, which was completed in the fall of 2016. The space sits adjacent to the facility’s outdoor play area, providing families a comprehensive outdoor space to enjoy together.

“West Virginia American Water is committed to partnering with organizations that provide valuable resources to the communities where we live and serve,” said Brian Bruce, president of West Virginia American Water. “The Ronald McDonald House offers an invaluable service to the families it assists, and we’re honored to provide these families with an opportunity to relax along the Elk River during a stressful time in their lives.”

The Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia provides families with overnight accommodations, an area to rest and shower facilities for those that have loved ones receiving care at any Charleston-area hospital. The house is open to all families regardless of their financial status or ability to pay, and approximately 70 percent of their operating funds are received from foundations, corporations and individuals within the community. For more information on the Ronald McDonald House of Southern West Virginia, please visit their website at www.charlestonrmhc.org.

About West Virginia American Water:

West Virginia American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest water utility in the state, providing high quality and reliable water services to approximately 550,000 people. Founded in 1886, American Water is the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,700 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and market-based drinking water, wastewater and other related services to an estimated 15 million people in 47 states and Ontario, Canada. More information can be found at www.westvirginiaamwater.com.

About Appalachian Power:

Appalachian Power has 1 million customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Tennessee (as AEP Appalachian Power). It is a unit of American Electric Power, one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity and custom energy solutions to nearly 5.4 million customers in 11 states. AEP owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a more than 40,000-mile network that includes more 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP also operates 224,000 miles of distribution lines. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning approximately 26,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP supplies 3,200 megawatts of renewable energy to customers.



L to R: Brian Bruce, West Virginia American Water president; Evan Osborn, RMH development director; Dewayne Dickens, RMH executive director; and Chris Beam, Appalachian Power president.

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