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Tennessee American Water supports the Tennessee Aquarium River Gorge Explorer *\$15,000 Environmental Grant to be used for the educational naturalist programming*

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Nov. 4, 2009) – Tennessee American Water recently presented a \$15,000 check to the Tennessee Aquarium to help support the River Gorge Explorer’s naturalist program. The River Gorge Explorer is a passenger ship operated by the Tennessee Aquarium. The naturalist program teaches River Gorge Explorer passengers the importance of the river from the standpoint of commerce, recreation and the source of drinking water. It also helps individuals understand why protection of the watershed is so important.

“It’s vital that we partner with organizations like the Tennessee Aquarium to improve public awareness about this important asset in our community. We both support the need to protect and care for the Tennessee River, the water source we use to provide the citizens of Chattanooga and surrounding areas with their drinking water. In addition to being a long-term supporter of the educational programs offered by the Aquarium, Tennessee American Water cares about the river and the environment, as does the Tennessee Aquarium and that makes for a great partnership” said Tennessee American Water president John Watson.



Left to Right: John Watson, president of Tennessee American Water, Charlie Arant, Tennessee Aquarium president and CEO, Joseph Brelethrin, River Gorge Explorer Naturalist.

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