

Food Pantry Donations Cap Connecticut Water’s 2022 Charitable Giving Program

More than \$18,000 donated to local food pantries to fight food insecurity
 More than \$120,000 donated to charity in total

CLINTON, Conn., December 22, 2022 — Connecticut Water’s employee led charitable giving team has awarded more than \$18,000 in December to food banks and pantries in the communities served by the company. The donations are in addition to more than \$100,000 donated to local charitable causes and organizations over the calendar year. All donations are funded by the company and do not come from the water rates paid by customers.

“How nice it is that a utility company has a sense of humanity to help the food insecure,” stated Larry Chiucarello, Director of the Plymouth Food Bank in Plymouth, Connecticut. He added, “We have very few resources this year and have to supplement what we get from the CT Food Bank with cash from donations for items such as meat, produce and eggs. I encourage others to give what they can to help their food insecure neighbors.”

“No one should be going hungry or not know where their next meal is coming from but unfortunately we know that is the case for many,” stated Maureen P. Westbrook, president of Connecticut Water. Westbrook continued, “Our employees and the company strive to be a force for good in the communities we serve and the holiday season seemed to be a special time to make these donations to support our neighbors.”

Among the food pantries receiving donations:

Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantry	Enfield Food Shelf	East Haddam Food Bank
Community Fund of Middlesex County	South Windsor Food & Fuel Assistance	Town of Lebanon Social Services
Seymour-Oxford Food Bank	Hockanum Valley Community Council	Community Kitchens of Northeast CT
Southbury Food Bank	Cornerstone Foundation Food Cupboard	Friends of Assisi Food Pantry, Danielson
Plymouth Community Food Pantry	Hebron Interfaith Human Services	Thompson Ecumenical Empowerment Group
Thomaston Community Pantry	Living Proof Church, Ashford	St. Mary’s Food Pantry
Ellington Food Bank	Colchester Food Pantry	Guilford Food Basket Program

Connecticut Water also funded \$15,000 in grants to local fire departments and more than \$15,000 in touchless water bottle filling stations for local schools in 2022. Applications are currently being accepted for both of these programs for 2023 donations. The company and its employees are also in the midst of toy and food drives that will benefit local communities. To support local efforts, the company also donated this year to local community gardens, farmers markets, and Guilford Meals on Wheels.

In addition, the Company supported non-profit local Veteran posts and other organizations, among them the CT Veterans Home in Rocky Hill, First Responders in our service towns, community events and youth-oriented organizations such as the YMCA, scholarships, libraries, and Scouting.

There are resources available directly for Connecticut Water customers who are experiencing financial hardship. Information on our Help to Our Customers (H2O) program which assists eligible customers pay their water bill is available at www.ctwater.com/H2O.

For more information on the company's charitable giving program, or to submit a funding request, please visit www.ctwater.com/giving.

About Connecticut Water Company

Connecticut Water is a public water and wastewater utility regulated by the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority that provides water service to more than 350,000 people in 60 Connecticut communities and wastewater service to 10,000 people in Southbury, Connecticut.

The towns served are Ashford, Avon, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bolton, Brooklyn, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Griswold, Guilford, Haddam, Hebron, Killingly, Killingworth, Lebanon, Madison, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Oxford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Portland, Prospect, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southbury, Stafford, Stonington, Suffield, Thomaston, Thompson, Tolland, Vernon, Voluntown, Waterbury, Westbrook, Willington, Windsor Locks and Woodstock.

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