

American Water Charitable Foundation and New Jersey American Water Provide \$30,000 to The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation to Help Fight Food Insecurity in the City of Camden

CAMDEN, N.J. – SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 – The [American Water Charitable Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) organization established by American Water, the largest publicly traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, and [New Jersey American Water](#), announced today the Foundation has provided \$25,000 and, in addition, New Jersey American Water has provided \$5,000 to The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation’s Get Ready Fest® to help fight food insecurity, supporting 1,000 pre-identified households in the City of Camden.

“The American Water Charitable Foundation is pleased to partner with Malcolm Jenkins and The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation, to support food insecure households in the City of Camden,” said Carrie Williams, president, American Water Charitable Foundation. “We have a strong commitment to inclusion, diversity, and equity and are proud to collaborate with organizations that share that similar passion for supporting and having a positive impact on communities served by American Water.”

Get Ready Fest® is The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation’s signature community outreach event to build awareness of food insecurity and other major issues within vulnerable communities. Families are provided resources in the areas of education, career readiness and employment, housing, financial literacy, health and wellness, senior and veteran services and COVID 19 testing and vaccinations. A capstone of the event is the TMJF Pop-up Grocery store that provides families with 40 pounds of food to make breakfast, lunch and dinner for up to 10 days.

“With school back in session, Get Ready Fest® was created to provide relief to families during tough times where they are balancing additional costs of school supplies, clothing, gas and putting food on the table. We are so thankful for the generosity from American Water Charitable Foundation and New Jersey American Water whose commitment to community outreach and bettering the lives of others have shone through their contributions and onsite support,” said Gwendolyn V. Jenkins, President and CEO of The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation.

65% of families in Camden, NJ suffer from hunger and nearly 37% live below the poverty line. The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation has served over 10,000 families (approximately 40,000+ individuals) to date.

“New Jersey American Water is delighted to partner with The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation to help provide equitable opportunities for Camden residents,” said Mark McDonough, president, New Jersey American Water. “We are committed to supporting

organizations that make our communities a better place to live and work for our customers and employees.”

In addition, several American Water and New Jersey American Water employees joined the event and donated their time to help pack boxes, distribute food and more.

Learn more about New Jersey American Water’s community impact [here](#).

Learn more about the American Water Charitable Foundation, including additional grant opportunities [here](#).

About American Water Charitable Foundation

The American Water Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides a formal way to demonstrate the company’s ongoing commitment to be a good neighbor, citizen, and contributor to the communities where American Water and its employees live, work and operate. For more information, visit amwater.com/awcf and follow the American Water Charitable Foundation on [Facebook](#).

About New Jersey American Water

New Jersey American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 2.8 million people. For more information, visit www.newjerseyamwater.com and follow New Jersey American Water on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

About American Water

With a history dating back to 1886, American Water is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit amwater.com and diversityataw.com. Follow American Water on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation

Founded in 2010, The Malcolm Jenkins Foundation (TMJF) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit public charity with a mission to effect positive change in the lives of youth, particularly those in underserved communities. The foundation is dedicated to youth development programs and initiatives that provide innovative learning opportunities, resources, and experiences that will help them succeed in life and become productive and contributing members of their community. TMJF aims to be a world-class organization that is positioned as a leader in having a lasting impact in the communities it serves in New Jersey, Louisiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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