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# Founders' Award

## — HONORING OUR CHAMPIONS —

### 2020 KENNETH J. MILLER FOUNDERS' AWARDEES



**Brianna Barton** has been a consistent and inspiring champion at **Carollo Engineers** in many different capacities. In 2015, she started to lead activities in the Sacramento office, which consistently has one of the highest per person giving in the company through events such as: Move-A-Thon, Mac N Brew, and Whitewater Rafting Trip. Then, in 2018, in addition to her Sacramento role, she volunteered to help lead the overall Carollo WPG campaign. She manages all aspects of the campaign and oversees the office coordinators – and has achieved 100% participation from Carollo offices! Personally, Brianna dedicates herself to running hundreds of miles to fundraise for Water For People and is a member of the local AWWA Committee.

“ I am so thankful for the opportunity to support Water For People’s important work through Carollo Engineer’s workplace giving program and through involvement in the Sacramento Committee. Water For People’s work is important to me because (mostly) women and girls walk on average 6 km (or 3.7 miles) every day to collect water. Reaching Everyone Forever with access to safe water and improved sanitation empowers women and changes lives.”



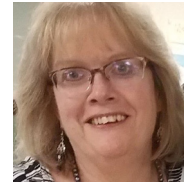
**Ruth Borgmann** has been active in the **North Carolina Section AWWA-WEA** since the start of her career in 2013. She has consistently been the lead planner for the golf tournament, volunteered at the Raleigh 5ks, and been instrumental in Committee fundraising activities. Ruth has shown immense dedication and passion for expanding and improving fundraising and outreach events. She makes a positive impression on everyone!

“ Volunteering with the NC AWWA-WEA Water For People Committee has given me the opportunity to work on a cause that I am passionate about, grow my relationships within my professional community, and raise awareness and fundraise on behalf of an organization that is achieving real change in their mission to bring safe water and sanitation to every person in a sustainable manner.”



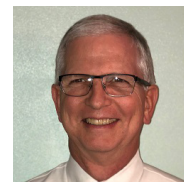
**Jaime Boutilier** is a key member of the **Ontario Water Works Association Section Committee**. She is the past Chair and previous OWWA Board and Young Professionals liaison. Jaime has led numerous events, including the silent auction at the OWWA Conference, the Committee’s largest fundraiser, for four years. Jaime volunteered with the World Water Corps, traveling to Rwanda in 2013 and 2019. Her passion for Water For People and the Committee is obvious and she inspires other Committee members to get more involved.

“ Water For People is important to me because their mandate aligns with my views that everyone should have access to clean water. It is important to me to volunteer within the water industry and I choose Water For People because of their unique approach to partnering with local governments, businesses, and communities.”



**Jeanne E. Conte** is deserving of this recognition, as she has been behind the scenes supporting **CDM Smith’s Workplace Giving Campaign** as a member of the Core Team since the campaign started in 2005. Her institutional knowledge combined with managing payroll contributions, data crunching, liaising with coordinators from 55 offices, and more, has been invaluable. And she does it all voluntarily. During the campaign, she provides each office’s coordinator a monthly update on their giving, which is critical for keeping track and calculating the top offices for last year’s special 15th anniversary challenge.

“ While I’m blessed to have access high-quality water, I know many around the world struggle to find enough of it to bathe, wash dishes or their hands, or even enjoy a clean glass of drinking water. CDM Smith and Water For People share a very similar goal to deliver clean water and safe sanitation, and I’m proud to have been a member of our workplace giving campaign team since we started because I know that we can’t sustain life without water.”



**Daniel K. Dawson** has a long history of volunteer service to many associations and has actively promoted and participated in numerous waterworks associations at all levels, promoting growth and improvements wherever he has been. **The Southwest Section AWWA Committee** was delighted when he volunteered to help. He is a dedicated champion, working with Water For People at the Arkansas Conference and the Southwest Section ACE. He is very active in Water For People and has attended summer workshops and represented the Southwest Section Committee at national AWWA conferences.



“ I have personally witnessed the impact that clean water can have in developing economies through faith-based mission programs that I have been a part of. Clean water is literally the material of life, and I am proud to serve with Water For People to help raise funds to assist in the mission of providing this vital resource to everyone.”



Alisun DeKock rode in the First Annual Pedal With Purpose fundraiser at WEFTEC 2008. Since then, she has been part of the leadership team at many WEFTEC cycling events, especially those in her hometown of Chicago. She has also led the support crew for four Michigan WEA Paddle With Purpose fundraisers. This involved coordination of communications and social media as well as travelling to many locations. She has

not hesitated to promote Water For People to friends and colleagues beyond her circle of water professionals. She is always willing to help regardless of what is needed.

“ From an early age, I knew the weight of clean water. Growing up backpacking with my parents and carrying water to our campsite from the pump or stream, you quickly learn not to waste what you’ve hauled even just a few hundred feet. Childhood visits to my dad’s workplace at the city’s wastewater treatment plant helped me see the entire, complex cycle of water within a community, the absolute value of it to a strong, stable, and healthy society, and the responsibility we have for those downstream. In my career at Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, I’ve gained a deeper appreciation of water and how its microbiome supports and sustains all species of life. That’s why I support Water For People. They understand that providing clean water for a community doesn’t end when the well is dug... that’s only the beginning.”



Katie Dillon has been involved in the Pacific Northwest Section AWWA committee for the past several years and has been an integral part of our committee. Katie is currently the Vice Chair and Section Conference Silent Auction Co-Chair. Year-after-year, Katie has organized numerous events to help spread the word and raise funds for Water For People. Her passion, dedication, and hard work has been contagious and encourages others to get involved.

“ As a mother of a young daughter, Water For People is especially important to me. I think about how different her life would be if she were to be born in one of countries Water For People supports. She likely wouldn’t have a chance at education, etc. because her focus would likely be collecting and providing clean water for her family. Water For People is important to me because I think of those young girls whose future we are impacting - opening up an entire world of possibilities - because we’ve brought clean water to their community.”



Erin Donnelly has been an active member of Brown and Caldwell’s Denver office efforts to support Water For People for years, taking over the lead for the office’s largest fundraiser in 2017. Erin plans, organizes, and runs the Annual BC BrewHaHa fundraiser, which brings home brewers, both BC employees and clients, together to share their tasty beverages. This fundraising event has raised more than \$5,000 in the past five years. What makes this event meaningful is that it combines the passion of the brewers with BC’s passion for Water For People and introduces the organization to clients and partners. In addition to the normal effort to make the BrewHaHa a success, Erin instituted a side event in 2019 for young professionals to team up with experienced brewers to learn how to make beer and then have a chance to be crowned as the best of the BrewHaHa.

“ Access to safe drinking water and sanitation is essential, especially now in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. I believe Water For People’s unique model of working with communities, governments, and business to implement sustainable water solutions is truly having a positive impact in public health in the places they work.”



Shannon Frye has been an active Kentucky/Tennessee Section AWWA Committee member for a long time and has served as Vice Chair and Chair. During this time, she has volunteered at our golf tournaments, Water for Life event, and Water Professionals Conference. Her biggest contribution to our committee is starting our annual bowling tournament, which has brought a lot of fun throughout the Section and has also

become a great fundraiser.

“ Clean water and sanitation should be available to everyone. Water For People enables areas without these resources the opportunity to obtain such a crucial commodity and enhances lives.”



Since volunteering to assist with the Texas Water 2016 silent auction, Lissa Gregg has taken on increasingly more important leadership roles within the Texas WEA community. She has become a critical asset to the North Texas TAWWA chapter’s Casino Night, and she co-chaired the silent auction at Texas Water 2020. Lissa uses both her personal and professional network to grow support and awareness in the

form of auction item donations, sponsorship approvals, in-kind contributions, and event venue connections. Lissa understands the importance of volunteerism and helps at several Water For People events. Lissa brings a unique perspective to her leadership roles with her experience volunteering with an international

nonprofit. Through this opportunity, she lived within a community in Uganda and designed culturally appropriate facilities that were sustainable, affordable, and transformational. She applies those lessons of empathy and pragmatism to her fundraising and awareness responsibilities within the Water For People Texas community.

“ I love Water For People because they don't just invest in infrastructure - they invest in people and do it in a way to make a lasting impact. This investment has never been more crucial than now.”



As the past Chair of the [California/Nevada Section AWWA](#) Committee, [Stephanie Hearn](#) worked tirelessly with Section staff and volunteers to support fundraising efforts for Water For People at Section events. She also greatly enhanced the coordination within California's local Water For People committees. These efforts led to meeting the Section's 2019 fundraising goal of \$104,000!

“ Water For People is important to me because I believe in their mission, approach and the people I have the pleasure to serve with. The most rewarding work anyone can do is work they are passionate about. As a drinking water professional, I strongly believe in and support the business model Water For People employs. As a volunteer supporting the fundraising side of the business, I also get to have a lot of fun and engage with a lot of great people who share similar passions for contributing to a great cause.”



[Rahim Kanji](#) has been an energetic and capable member and leader of the [Ontario WEA](#) Committee and is currently nominated to serve as a member-at-large on the board of Water For People-Canada. He has been an effective leader and instrumental in revitalizing the Committee, its membership, and improving the relationship between the Committee, WEAO, and the board of WFP-C.

“ Not only does water have a dedicated United Nations Sustainable Development Goal, but it also intersects with 12 other UN SDGs and influences at least 59 separate objectives under those goals. Access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services and education underpins every aspect of sustainable community development. Water For People's mission takes on a challenge of immense scale, but has the potential to elevate the health and economic status of billions of people around the globe. Never before has this mission been more achievable. This is why supporting Water For People is important to me.”



[Laura L. Macklin](#) has volunteered for the biggest [Arizona Water Association](#) fundraising event, the Southern Arizona Golf Classic, for 16 years and has coordinated Pedal With Purpose through the El Tour de Tucson for three years. She also has helped with the Southern Arizona Technical Luncheons for 12 years and educates attendees about Water For People. Laura travels from Tucson to the Annual Conference in Phoenix to assist in the Water For People booth on her own time.

“ In developing countries around the world, women and girls may spend hours per day walking to and from a water source that's miles away from their community. Water For People has made it possible to bring that water source into their communities, which in turn frees them up to be able to educate their children, and teach them to provide food for their families through farming practices. But also to make clothing, pottery, and crafts that are used in the community, and can be sold or bartered for, which promotes growth between communities. But most importantly, Water For People helps provide safe, clean drinking water and sanitation which preserves the health of those communities and their people.”



One of the cornerstone [Indiana Section AWWA](#) Water For People events is the South Bend Wine Into Water event, an evening of live music, local wines and beers, and fellowship with friends while raising money for Water For People. Since its inaugural event in 2009, Wine Into Water has raised more than \$300,000! While [Dave Majewski](#) didn't start the event, he picked up the torch, carried the event forward, and has been instrumental in its growth and success. Dave also organizes the City of Mishawaka Holiday Pie Sale, which raises approximately \$1,000 per year for the past 12 years. His enthusiasm and hard work are amazing.

“ Being in the drinking water industry for 25 years has given me great pride in our mission to provide safe potable drinking water. What many take for granted here is not the case in many parts of the world, and if I can give back any of my knowledge or time to support the mission of Water For People to help others gain access to a safe supply of water and adequate sanitation, I feel that I am doing my part to end this crisis forever.”



[Willis Manis](#) has been a constant and enthusiastic contributor to the ultimate mission of the [Georgia Section AWWA's](#) Committee. He works hard to raise awareness of Water For People within his utility and community. He has been instrumental in establishing the BBQ fundraiser and making it the event it is today. His BBQ team has won numerous

awards for their participation in the events over the years. During the events, he goes above and beyond to assist other teams, event planners, and helps to educate incoming water professionals. We believe that the dedication shown by Willis is deserving of recognition and we are thankful for his contribution.



For the past four years, Luther "Gene" Miller has been a great leader as Chair of the [Ohio Section AWWA](#) Philanthropic Committee. He has been instrumental in growing the Committee and its goals for Water For People. He brought all the Water For People 5k race events in Ohio together through the Committee and led the initiative to start a third race to be held this fall in Cleveland. Gene's leadership was further distinguished as the

Chair for the OneWater Charitable Outreach Committee in 2018. This committee combined the OWEA and Ohio AWWA Water For People fundraising committees into one joint Committee with a common goal: to support Water For People and bring awareness to the need of safe drinking water and sanitation during the annual state conference. The joint Committee continues today, utilizing both AWWA and OWEA support on Water For People events.

“As a water professional it is important to give back and improve the quality of life for people around the world through Water For People.”



Shawn A. Mulhern has shown a dedication to the [Minnesota Section AWWA](#) Philanthropic Committee not only as past chair but as a champion for the causes, a generous supporter, and a resource to committee members.

“Water is essential for all living things. Growing up with a family farm, I saw the importance of clean fresh water from the well, every day, for our animals and garden. I also value clean water for my family and for all communities. Water For People is a platform that promotes healthy, sustainable water worldwide. That philosophy coincides with my beliefs to provide all living things with fresh water. They do a fantastic job to educate and fund projects in underdeveloped countries.”



Peter G. Nicol is a long-time supporter, volunteer, and financial contributor to Water For People and for the past several years has served as [Jacobs'](#) Workplace Giving Executive Sponsor. As executive sponsor, Peter has led the company to be one of the top Employee Giving Campaign contributors, consistently raising more than \$250,000 annually. In 2019, the second year of participation by Jacobs after the acquisition of CH2M, staff

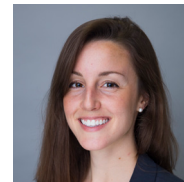
increased their contribution to more than \$265,000 and the firm matched with a \$400,000 donation. His personal involvement goes back to 1995 when Water For People–Canada was established and Peter has been influential in Water For People being a strong partner for most of the American Water Works Association Sections and Water Environment Federation Member Associations in Canada. In the early 2000s, when Water For People–Canada needed a new home, Peter was instrumental in providing space at the Toronto office.

“Water For People doesn't sell a technology or send a SWAT team in to deliver a project. Their model is one of regional and community partnership. They partner with the community at large to educate on the importance of hygiene working at all ends of the spectrum including local schools to community leadership and they work with the community to jointly deliver the appropriate solution. In addition, they partner with other non-profits to help communicate the water message so that any solution implemented will be embraced and supported by the community at large ensuring its long-term success. It is a celebration of Clean Water and Sanitation.”



Jordan D. Ollanik has been a dedicated member of the [California/Nevada Section AWWA](#) for five years. His dedication is one of the reasons the Sacramento Committee has been able to expand its fundraising events and capabilities. Jordan is always ready to take on tasks for the next fundraiser and is often the driving force behind gaining event sponsors, especially for the Committee's yearly softball tournament. Jordan was also instrumental in organizing the Water For People Live at the Mix event during the CA/NV AWWA's 2019 spring conference in Sacramento. In addition to his dedication to the local chapter, Jordan attended the April 2019 Impact Tour to Bolivia. Jordan works hard to maintain a personal connection with everyone involved, including Committee members, donors, sponsors, event participants, Water For People staff, and anyone who is interested in the mission and vision of Water For People. Jordan's passion and dedication are evident to everyone who meets him.

“Water For People embodies the values that I have and believe in. Specifically, the connection to water and sanitation as a vital resource and assisting those who are in need to empower themselves and their communities.”



Lisa van Waterschoot has been volunteering on the [Western Canada Section AWWA](#) Committee since 2016 in various roles, including Vice-Chair and now Co-Chair of the Committee. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Waterloo's Environmental Engineering program and is passionate about the subject of water. She loves seeing positive contribution that the Western Canada Section Committee has made to Water For People's



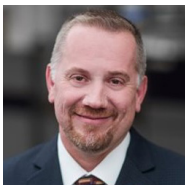
programs in Peru. Her kindness, motivation and enthusiasm inspire the Committee to keep moving forward and expanding our fundraising goals.

“ I have always been interested in clean water and sanitation solutions for developing countries. I volunteered with similar organizations in university and originally found Water For People in a search for a volunteer opportunity in a new city. The way the organization has been built is really unique and I think it works. I've learned so much about the organization over the years and really feel like I am part of their effort to make a difference.”



Jacquelyn “Jacki” Weaver has dedicated countless hours with an unmatched enthusiasm to the fundraising efforts of the [New Jersey Section AWWA's](#) Committee. Jacki has led events to new heights with her boundless energy, friendly demeanor, and knack for making fundraising “fun” for all who get involved. Additionally, she has recruited and inspired others to join in our efforts and successful planned leadership succession for events and roles she had filled as she moves up in the Committee leadership. The Committee has benefited greatly from Jackie's presence.

“ Water For People provides families with the ability to have access to clean water and sanitation systems. The women that had to walk miles for water can now work and provide for their families. Children are able to stay in school. People live longer, healthier lives. Water is an essential part of life. Our body needs water to grow and function. What better gift can you give someone? I am happy to be part of such an amazing group of passionate volunteers who not only promote clean water but help build the infrastructure and continue to support the communities for years to come. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the solution.”



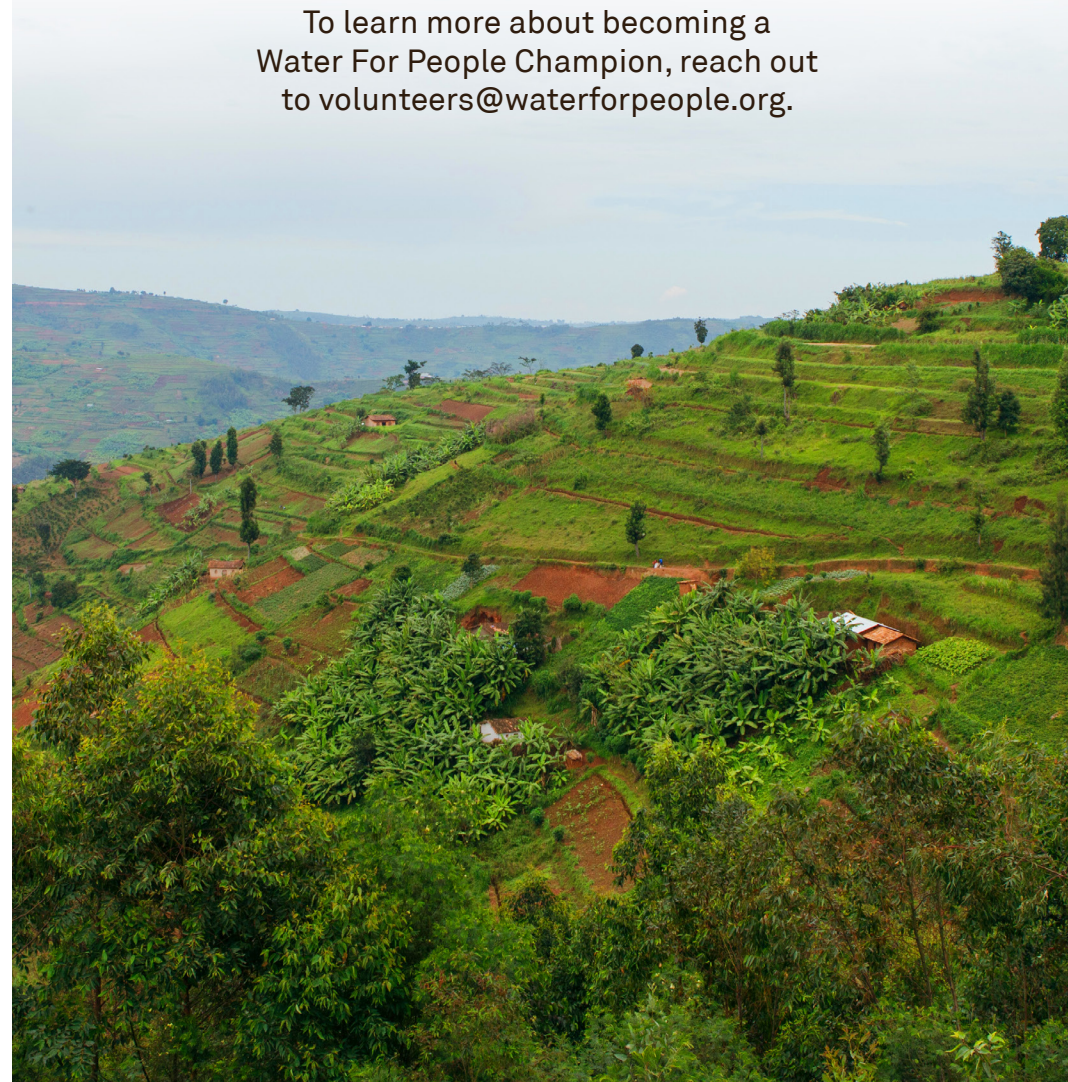
Timothy S. Wilson has been an active and committed member of the [Water Buffalos](#) for several years. In 2013, he made the ride with several other Water Buffalos to Denver to be initiated into the Ride With Purpose organization as Water Buffalo #55! For the past six years, Tim has been the Water Buffalos Treasurer and maintained the Ride With Purpose website. In addition, Tim has been an active member of the Iowa Section for many years, volunteering on various committees and numerous fundraisers to help raise money and awareness for Water For People. Tim is easily the most committed and compassionate person we know and one who is truly making a difference!

“ Water For People is one of those organizations that falls into the category of helping others that are in a difficult spot. People “want more”, but for whatever the multitude of reasons may be, it is just outside their grasp. Water For People helps to connect the dots and find ways to meet the challenges that are in front of so

many people that “want more”. To be a part of something that helps people in such profound ways, is very rewarding to me. I believe strongly in the idea that you have not done something good in life unless you have done it for someone who can never really repay you. Water For People does that for me. Helping Water For People through my involvement with the Ride With Purpose Association has been one of the most rewarding, and fun things, I have ever done.”

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