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CELEBRATION PROGRAM

**Welcome
and Introductions**

Jessica Carner and Julie Kauffman
Water For People

Chi Ho Sham
AWWA

Alyssa "Sunshine" Smith
Jacobs

Sarah Bramley and Katherine Williford
Water For People

**Kenneth J. Miller Founders'
Award Presentation**

Closing Remarks

**Optional:
Awardee Breakout Rooms**

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2023 AWARDEES



Ann G Alfano supports **American Water's** Water For People Annual Workplace Giving Campaign as a volunteer. In 2022, Ann created homemade tote bags out of American Water volunteer t-shirts. She spent her own time to sew the bags to be part of prize drawings. The bags are reversible and have unique prints on the inside and were a huge hit with other employees. The time and effort that Ann put in to supporting this important cause is a true reflection of how much she deeply cares about our communities and Water For People. Ann's mother inspired her to start sewing when she was very young. In addition to tote bags, she enjoys sewing clothing and other craft items. In fact, she made hundreds of masks during the COVID-19 pandemic because volunteering is a key component of her life.

"Water For People gives communities the chance to thrive by helping them with water and sanitation services. There is a lot of freedom in that. I remind myself how fortunate I am by supporting Water For People and engaging in fundraising activities."



Nathan Antonneau has been instrumental in bringing the Pints for People event to the **Arizona Water Association** and helping grow the event in conjunction with our Wine Into Water event over the past five years. In addition, he provides leadership and consistency to the Committee and always brings a positive attitude to everything he does.

"I feel that everyone should be provided the basic societal rights to clean drinking water and sanitation. Water For People provides a vehicle for water professionals all over the world to fight for those that aren't able to enjoy these rights. They also provide a platform for like-minded individuals to collaborate in creative and fun ways for that common cause. Water For People is a very effective non-profit that is worth donating time and energy to support their mission."



Through **Dempsey L. Ballou's** commitment to Water For People and his passion for volunteering and making an impact in his local community, he has established and continues to aid in the expansion of the Cincinnati Race for Global Water 5K planning committee for **Ohio AWWA/WEA**. His involvement in the annual race since 2016 has resulted in a significant increase in the awareness of Water For People's mission and impact. Through his guidance the race events have raised over \$50,000!

"I love water. Daily, in my work, I'm reminded how fortunate we, in developed nations, are because of our access to reliable, safe water and sanitation services. When we play and retreat as a family, the presence of water often dictates the destination. At my core, I believe everyone everywhere should be able to have an experience water like me: clean, reliable, and safe. Because Water For People's mission aligns with my core belief and garners global support in the water industry, I'm humbled and energized to align myself with its mission and support the organization in my community."



Nannette G. Broussard supports the **Southwest Section AWWA** by donating items to the Committee to include in fundraisers.

"I have been going to professional conferences with my husband, Don, for many years, and I have been donating hand-crafted items to Water For People to raise money to support their efforts. It is really great to see how those efforts pay off for Water For People to set up and teach people how to run their water projects."



Tom Caraker Jr. is one of the original **Ride With Purpose/ Water Buffalos** and is an active and committed member and a constant promoter of unity amongst the Herd. In 2008, he made the ride with a then small herd of Water Buffalos to Atlanta, GA to be initiated into the Ride With Purpose organization as Water Buffalo #20! Tom has made the annual ride to ACE every year since 2008. He relies on a Harley-Davidson along with an impressive sound system to get him there. Those of you who know Tom, know you hear him before you see him!

In addition, Tom has been an active member of the Water Industry for many years, volunteering on various committees and for numerous fundraisers to help raise money and awareness for Water For People. He's served

as Sgt. At Arms with the Water Buffalos for eight years. In this position, he defends and protects the club members and prospects and is directly responsible for their security and safety (a job he does not take lightly). He also serves as our Patch Sponsorship Chair making sure our sponsors are well represented and the Herd looks good in their denim vests.

“My family has been in the water industry since the 1970’s. I attended Environmental Resources Training Center in 1986 and have been in the industry ever since. I currently own an Equipment Rep Firm and serve the Southern Illinois and Eastern Missouri area in water and wastewater equipment sales. I am a current member of AWWA and WEF nationally as well as the local Member Association for Illinois and Missouri. I am also a member of Rural Water in both states as well as local operator associations. I have been a member of the Ride With Purpose, AKA Water Buffalos, since 2008 and have enjoyed every moment of participating with this group. I am very proud of our accomplishments for Water For People and will continue as long as I am able.”



Scott Clark is being recognized for his continuous support of the **Kentucky/Tennessee AWWA** Water For People Committee for more than 10 years. He was an active member of the Committee until he became a Board member. At that time, he became the liaison between the Board and the Committee. He continues to actively support Water for People by assisting in various events.

“Water is fundamental to life. Here in the United States we all take clean, safe water for granted, even for those that work in the industry. Water For People has allowed me to connect to people that have that same passion and I have created life-long friendships.”



As Chair of the 2023 **Michigan WEA** annual conference planning committee, **David Connors** has been very supportive of bringing Water For People Co-CEO Mark Duey to Michigan to meet our members. Dave also has helped to organize past Water For People canoe trips. In addition, he has been a strong voice for Water For People in Section 11, contributing thousands of dollars to Water For People Committee fundraisers. If you ask Dave to do something, don't be surprised if he says, “Yes, but I can do more.” He seems truly unaware of his unique talent to do good things quickly.

“The underlying connection to water is very deep within each of us. Having visited countries that do not have access to clean water gives me an appreciation for how fortunate I am to both have that access and serve those who need it. Water For People works along those lines, and I am happy to support them.”



Adriann Deering is the Assistant Manager of Communications at the Columbus Water Works, where she is responsible for leading the communications and community engagement programs. Adriann is passionate about serving others and making a positive impact in her community. Her passion is demonstrated through her active participation in local organizations, such as United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals, and her church volunteer work. Professionally, Adriann is an active member of Georgia Association of Water Professionals, and **Georgia AWWA's** Water For People Committee, serving as the Committee chair for the past four years.

“Water is Life. In the United States, clean drinking water, indoor plumbing, and wastewater treatment are viewed as basic, fundamental services. However, in many areas of the world indoor plumbing (water and wastewater) is a luxury. In fact, for many people in the world, their limited access to clean drinking water and proper wastewater sanitation is wreaking havoc on their quality of life, economy, and more. Water For People works directly with these communities to help them develop sustainable access to clean drinking water, restrooms, and wastewater removal systems. Their work transforms the lives of these communities for today and future generations. I am very proud to support these efforts and enjoy sharing the impact being made across the world.”



Steph Doblosky's ongoing positive leadership as part of **Virginia AWWA/WEA** has increased membership engagement at the local and statewide level, increasing Water For People donations and their impact to water and sanitation worldwide.

“My life's mission is to help end extreme poverty. After over a decade of research, I found that one of the key answers for the greatest impact were hiding in plain sight and in my daily use: water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). It is intertwined in many ways to end extreme poverty and Water For People is the frontline of this mission in a sustainable way with the backing of engineering experts.”



Cynthia Doughty has a passion for the work of Water For People. She has been on the **Ontario Water Works Association** Water For People committee for many years, serving as a volunteer, as Vice-Chair, and as Chair. She has also been a World Water Corps volunteer. Her commitment to promoting Water For People's work and volunteering at the OWWA annual Silent Auction and many other events deserves to be recognized.

"It's gratifying to see how Water For People changes lives and communities. I'm proud to be part of the team of Water For People volunteers helping people access clean, safe water and sanitation."



Growing up in India, **Swapnil Chandrakant Dusane** knows first-hand the challenges of delivering clean water and sanitation services in the developing world. To Swapnil, he has never given enough, partly because of his perspective that reminds him every day of how much needs to be done. In his short time in leadership for **Texas Section AWWA and WEA of Texas**, Swapnil humbly has made a huge difference by doing the work that falls through the cracks and reminding the Water For People Texas team of the joy that comes from serving others.

"Water For People is important to me as it allows me to make a positive impact on the world by contributing to a cause that I care about. By providing access to clean and safe water to people in developing countries, they can have a transformative impact on their health, well-being, and economic prospects. Additionally, working for the Water For People organization is personally fulfilling and rewarding, as I am able to see the tangible impact of the work on the communities and people we serve."



Ivy Michelle Harvey has given an incredible amount of effort to **EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC's** Water For People Workplace Giving program for several years. She is always willing to tie-up loose ends, identify new ways to engage, and push the committee to do better and do more. She always finds time to support despite her already full life as a wife, mother, and successful leader in the environmental consulting world. From leading our March Madness "Brackets for Water" to our Annual Move-A-Thon, Ivy has made our program stronger and more sustainable for the future.

“Over 20 years ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Madagascar where I experienced first-hand how basic necessities such as clean water were not easily accessible. I watched women and children walking for miles balancing water on their heads. When I left Madagascar, I promised the people I had met I would not forget them - Water For People is my connection to those communities and my way of keeping that promise.”



Danya C. Hill started with **Brenntag** Southwest in 2015 and has been a key part of the team for the past seven years. Danya has been an active workplace giving champion at Brenntag for Water For People for the last two years. She has been a driving force in Brenntag Southwest to raise money during Water For People's World Water Classic. In 2022 alone, Danya was the top individual fundraiser for Brenntag North America raising a total of \$4,450 – bringing her two-year total amount raised to \$5,500. One of Danya's many strengths is motivating and energizing teams and individuals alike. Her positive energy is contagious, and she is always up for a challenge, giving 100% in everything she does.

“I am a working mom. To hear that younger family members were unable to attend school or work, because they had to seek out safe and clean drinking water was heartbreaking to me. We take so much for granted in our country at times. So, I am happy to do my small part and actually help my brothers and sisters in other countries. This cause was also instrumental in helping my company come together and support one shared goal. It feels great to help others.”



Taylor Hopper has shown great passion to the cause of bringing clean water and sanitation to people in need. He has been an excellent leader for the **Iowa AWWA and Iowa WEA** Committee, bringing us forward in spite of the challenges presented by COVID and the subsequent impacts on the economy in recent years. Taylor is very deserving of this honor for his tireless work and dedication.

“Living in the United States, we take for granted that we generally have a clean and reliable water supply. We are outraged when this expectation is not met in communities such as Flint, Michigan and Jackson, Mississippi. We forget that entire countries all around the world cannot meet this basic human need, and Water For People is working to fix that.”



Heather Miller has been a longstanding member of the **North Carolina One Water** Committee and has been co-chair of the Annual Golf Tournament since 2014! She is a passionate volunteer, helps to make sure our fundraising events run smoothly year after year, and is always willing to lend a hand. Heather has recently taken over as Chair of the NC One Water: Water For People committee and continues to lead our Committee in a great direction!

“Growing up I wanted to save the world, save the environment. My involvement with Water For People allows me to, in my own little way, save the world, save the environment by aiding in providing the people of the world safe drinking water and sanitation.”



Sara J. Olin is a true champion for the Water For People cause as she inspires people to feed off her creative ideas. She is passionate and focused on how we can spread the word in fun and creative ways to increase excitement and participation within **Jacobs** and beyond. One example was her leadership in helping to create and drive a series of “challenges” during our 2022 Employee Giving Campaign. These challenges partnered with our employee networks to raise awareness and increase participation overall. It was extremely successful and will continue to be part of the Employee Giving Campaigns moving forward. Jacobs is extremely fortunate to have Sara on our team!

“My personal life mantra is, ‘Love is always the answer.’ Love comes in many forms to include acts of kindness, service, goodness, or whatever you want to call it. What Water For People does every single day is one of the purest forms of unconditional love -- providing one of the most basic needs to sustain human life to those who do not have the luxury of having it at their fingertips. Playing a role in making all that possible, even in the smallest capacity, fills my heart with joy and...love. It's the circle of love.”



Jana Ronsse and her sister, Katie, enthusiastically joined the World Water Classic in 2020, but a simple entry wasn't enough. The two established an on-going tradition called “Sister Acts” to walk together in the Classic, and created a personal fundraiser along the way, encouraging **Carollo** employees and others to donate. Long distance or together, the two have been a light in advocating for Water For People and raising over \$3,700 through their journey.

"Living in the West most of my life, I am increasingly aware of our declining water levels. Every year, the new growth and green of spring diminishes more rapidly into a parched and dusty summer and a season of wildfires. Water For People has further expanded my awareness of the global water crisis. Many of us take for granted the massive privilege in the simple act of turning on a water tap and having water flow out! This is a right denied to over 2 billion people. Water For People transforms lives - producing time, health, prosperity and, most importantly, water when a faucet is turned on. I'd also like to add how very simple it has been to raise funds. The credit goes to those who donate. The work is so easy for anyone to implement. Take a scenic walk and change lives in the process!"



Laura Saleeby has been heavily involved in **Hazen and Sawyer's** Water For People Committee since joining the firm in 2017. She has served as Committee Co-chair for almost 2 years. As Co-chair, Laura was instrumental in the launching of Hazen's payroll deduction donation program supporting Water For People. Laura has taken it upon herself to share Water For People's mission, vision, and values with all our staff, especially our new hires, by incorporating Water For People into Hazen's onboarding process. Laura is a true Water For People Champion and voices her support by encouraging Hazen's staff to get involved at every level of the organization. She promotes both fundraising and awareness events from her local North Carolina AWWA chapter and coordinates internal Hazen events across the firm. Laura's top-notch organizational skills keep Hazen's Water For People committee running smoothly and her high energy and commitment are an inspiration for our future Water For People Champions.

"Water For People is important to me because of the mission to provide access to clean water and sanitation services to Everyone Forever. My involvement allows me to contribute to solving the global water crisis, knowing that any effort or money I provide is leveraged to make a real difference in communities. It also allows me to build relationships and make connections with coworkers and other volunteers who wish to make a difference outside of our day-to-day jobs in the water industry."



Mark A Singer is a dedicated member of the Indiana AWWA's Run for World Water 5k Committee. He has served as co-chair since 2018 and has helped raise \$151,000 during that time. He brings fresh ideas and participation from outside the water industry.

"I have always been interested in economic development, and clean water and sanitation is key to enabling that. Access to water unlocks a large portion of the population, predominantly girls and women, to better help their communities thrive. I am grateful to Water For People for partnering with the communities they serve, enabling them to be sustainable long after the project and Water For People's involvement has ended."



Julie Stokes has been supporting and strengthening the Water For People donation program at the City of Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada, since 2004. This program consistently donates up to \$10,000 every year to support Water For People initiatives. The **Atlantic Canada AWWA** Committee recognizes Julie's continued commitment and passion towards the goals and work of Water For People.

"The City of Moncton Water & Wastewater employees are proud to be part of the Water For People initiative. Their efforts to recycle brass, copper and metals from old infrastructure shows the importance of giving back to help supply potable water for all and that is not taken for granted. The employees take pride in giving back to those that are less fortunate. Having the ability to help people through Water For People's efforts to engage communities to improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, sanitation facilities and health and hygiene education programs makes so much sense to us an organization."



Barbara K. Thomas has been a leader in **CDM Smith's** workplace giving campaign through her efforts in the Tifton, Georgia office where she organizes all fundraising events and leads payroll contribution efforts. At the end of 2022, 100% of employees in Tifton were registered for payroll contribution. Barbara has not only done an amazing job communicating Water For People's work in helping address the Global Water Crisis, but also aligning these efforts with CDM Smith's Core Values and the firm's passion to help make the world a better place. We appreciate her longstanding efforts and support of our workplace giving campaign.

"Water For People is important to me because I believe in their mission. Water is needed to sustain life. It is truly a blessing that we too often take for granted to have clean water to drink, bathe, and use in our daily walks of life!"



Luke Williams is an active member of the Kentucky/Tennessee AWWA Water For People committee and is also past Chair. He plans, participates in, and assists with all coordinated events. He provides outstanding service and diligently communicates the mission of Water For People. Luke provided excellent leadership during his tenure as Chair. His service to this cause continues today and is inspirational to all those who work with him.

"I've had the blessing of being able to see firsthand the power of access to clean drinking water across the developing world. This opportunity has shaped me as a person, and providing clean drinking water and hygiene to those who need it most has been a personal passion of mine since high school. Water For People has been the bridge to connect both my personal passion with my vocation and allowed me to meet so many wonderful people along the way, while making a huge difference in the world!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE AWARD RECIPIENTS!

To learn more about becoming a Water For People Champion, reach out to volunteers@waterforpeople.org.

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