

West Virginia American Water and Utility Workers United Association to hold Veterans Donation Drive Friday in Cabell County

Donation drive aims to restock shelves at Homeless Veterans Resource Center

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (Nov. 7, 2019) – West Virginia American Water’s Huntington District and the Utility Workers United Association have joined forces to host a donation drive on Friday, Nov. 8, in honor of Veterans Day to benefit the Homeless Veterans Resource Center. This employee-led initiative sponsored by West Virginia American Water seeks to fulfill a critical need related to homeless veterans in the local community.

“Utility Workers United Association is proud to support our veterans with this fifth annual donation drive,” said Greg Lanham, West Virginia American Water employee and Utility Workers United Association Huntington District president. “This donation drive has provided several thousand dollars in cash and in-kind donations of food, clothing and hygiene items to benefit men and women who served our country. We are thankful for their service, and we appreciate the opportunity to support them in return.”

“West Virginia American Water is proud to be a military friendly employer and help veterans throughout our communities in many ways,” said Robert Burton, president of West Virginia American Water. “We are also proud to support the causes that our employees care about most by allowing them to participate in community, charitable and volunteer projects on company time.”

Items needed include non-perishable food items (especially easy open/pop-tab cans and ready-to-eat meals and snacks) socks, sweatshirts, gloves, coats, blankets, shampoo, deodorant, paper towels, toilet paper, dishwashing soap, disinfectant cleaners and dog food. Cash donations will also be accepted. Donation boxes will be clearly marked with signs stating “Help Support Our Veterans!” featuring the logos of West Virginia American Water and Utility Workers United Association.

Donations will be collected from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 at the following locations:

- Food Fair – 6350 U.S. Rt. 60 in Barboursville
- Food Fair – 2198 U.S. Rt. 60 in Culloden
- Save-A-Lot – 920 14th Street West in Huntington
- Save-A-Lot – Eastern Heights Shopping Center in East Huntington

- West Virginia American Water Huntington Office – 4002 Ohio River Road

The VA's Homeless Veterans Resource Center, located on 9th Street in downtown Huntington, provides homeless veterans with counseling, job assistance, housing referrals, group educational classes, as well as laundry and shower facilities and a food pantry. The center serves dozens of veterans daily and hundreds each year.

West Virginia American Water will match employee and community donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$1,000. For additional information on how you can help, please contact West Virginia American Water's external affairs specialist, Bradley Harris, at 304-340-2087 or call the Homeless Veterans Resource Center at 304-529-9142. Special thanks to the local businesses that have agreed to serve as donation collection sites.

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