

Connecticut Section AWWA

Water For People and Philanthropic Committee

2019-2020 Annual Report

In order to more closely align with the objectives of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the Water For People Committee was renamed the Philanthropic Committee in 2019. This change was voted on and approved at both the Committee and Connecticut Section Board level. While the name is different, the core mission of the Committee is similar.

The purpose of the Philanthropic Committee will be to support and promote philanthropic interests on behalf of Connecticut Section – AWWA. The Committee will review philanthropic options and causes, engage in programs offered by philanthropic organizations, and conduct fund raising on their behalf. In cooperation with AWWA, the two main organizations the Philanthropic Committee will support are Water For People and Water Equation.

The new Chair of the Philanthropic Committee is Ada Liz Gabancho-Soto.

Fundraising Efforts

On September 10, 2019 the Committee celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its Fall Golf Classic. The annual tournament is the Committee's largest fundraiser, and the 25th Golf Classic raised nearly \$13,000 for Water For People.

The Committee also held their annual 50 / 50 raffle at ATCAVE in February. This year's raffle generated another \$300 in contributions.

Through these fundraising efforts, the Committee was able to contribute \$15,000 to Water for People in Fiscal Year 2019. The Committee is eternally thankful for the strong support from the Connecticut Section AWWA members and associates.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Committee has decided to forgo the Fall Golf Classic in September 2020. While the Committee would have liked to continue the momentum from the 25th Fall Golf Classic last year, the uncertainty the pandemic has brought both to hosting large events and organizations attendance policies have made it difficult to plan for the Classic this year. That said, the Fall Golf Classic will be back in 2021.