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IAPMO Companion Committee Rallies Behind Water for People

Ontario, Calif. (March 1, 2010) – IAPMO’s Companion Committee, the organization comprised of the spouses and significant others of the IAPMO Board of Directors, has launched a fund-raising campaign on behalf of Water for People, a Denver-based NGO committed to bringing sustainable water and sanitation solutions to the hundreds of millions of people worldwide without access to clean water and safe toilets.

Water for People’s history is rooted in the North American water and wastewater industry. Founded in 1991 by the American Water Works Association (AWWA), the organization has grown into a global NGO with programs in 11 countries. Applying water and sanitation lessons learned from the developed world within the communities in which it works, Water for People looks beyond the mere installation of the water system and concentrates on what will foster a functional environment for keeping the water flowing and toilets working in perpetuity.

The Companion Committee has long expressed a desire to champion an organization such as Water for People, which distinguished itself by receiving the highest rating given by Charity Navigator, four stars, for a seventh consecutive year in 2009. Operating with very modest administrative costs, Water for People nonetheless maintains a strong, proactive commitment to sustainable water and sanitation solutions.

“The time has come to reflect IAPMO’s mission in a charitable context,” said Laura Siemsen, chairwoman of the Companion Committee. “It is a natural step for the Companions.”

The Companion Committee welcomes this opportunity to express the high standards in which their spouses and partners believe while delivering water solutions to those in need, according to Siemsen.

Further details about the Committee’s fund-raising efforts and the Water for People projects they intend to fund are forthcoming. For more information on Water for People, direct your Web browser to www.waterforpeople.org.

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