



Rural Community
Assistance Partnership

RCAP Hosts Agua4All Event Celebrating Access to Safe Drinking Water in Texas Schools

RCAP, the Chris Long Foundation, and Liquid I.V. host event at San Augustine ISD

San Augustine, Texas (January 9, 2023) – Students, teachers and administrators gathered today at San Augustine High School to celebrate the installation of seven water bottle filling stations in district schools, and to receive reusable water bottles and hydration sticks to help the district's 687 students stay hydrated in the classroom and on the field.

The event was hosted by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) and its southern partner, Communities Unlimited, as part of the Agua4All program. Funding for the bottles and filling stations was provided by the Chris Long Foundation's HometownH2O program and Liquid I.V. Two-time Super Bowl Champion and Walter Payton Man of the Year Chris Long greeted students via video, imparting to them that "clean water shouldn't be seen as a luxury. It's a basic human right." He also stated that this "investment in your hydration is not only ensuring that you have access to clean water; it's also setting you up for success."

"We are excited to be part of providing clean drinking water to the students of San Augustine so they can stay hydrated and healthy," said Irma Schultz, regional project manager at Communities Unlimited, and who has been working with the school district to set up the program.

Liquid I.V., a wellness company based in California, provided the funding for the bottle filling stations, as well as 43,200 servings of their powdered electrolyte hydration sticks for the students which can also be found in major retailers nationwide.

Agua4All raises awareness about the importance of safe drinking water, funds water bottle filling stations and water fountain replacements, water treatment where necessary, reusable water bottles, and provides school and community education on local water quality issues and the importance of drinking water for improved health. It was launched in 2014 by the western RCAP, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), with support from The California Endowment. It has since grown to provide increased access to and consumption of safe drinking water to schools in ten states across the country. The program has included the installation of more than 500 bottle filling stations. Through the partnership with the Chris Long Foundation, RCAP and its regional partners expanded the program in recent years to Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Texas, Alabama, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. More schools will be brought into the program this year in Michigan and Pennsylvania thanks to the generous support of Liquid I.V.





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RCAP looks forward to connecting with students, teachers, administrators, agencies, local government, and other non-profit partners to build greater awareness around the importance of safe drinking water and how Agua4All can help.

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About RCAP

The Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) is a national network of non-profit partners working to provide technical assistance, training, resources, and support to rural communities across every state, the U.S. territories, and Tribal lands. Through RCAP's regional partners, more than 350 technical assistance providers (TAPs) build long-term, trusted relationships with thousands of communities across the country.

About Communities Unlimited (CU):

Communities Unlimited, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations founded in 1975 that works side-by-side businesses, communities and families in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas to create fair access to resources to sustain healthy businesses, healthy communities and healthy families. CU takes a community-based, regional approach to solving the challenges that threaten a communities' survival. Our diverse technical know-how and geographic expertise makes CU uniquely qualified to partner with Southern communities. Find more information visit <http://www.CommunitiesU.org/>. Communities Unlimited, Inc. is an EOE M/F/Disability/Veteran employer, lender and provider.

About The Chris Long Foundation:

The Chris Long Foundation is a nonprofit, founded by two-time Super Bowl Champion and 2018 NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year Chris Long, dedicated to serving those most at risk, at home and abroad. Started in 2015, The Chris Long Foundation has engaged in both international and domestic programs focused around clean water and educational equity. The Foundation's programs strive to generate impactful results by creating opportunities and providing resources, financial support, and meaningful experiences to those it serves. Visit chrislongfoundation.org to find out more.

About Liquid I.V.:

Liquid I.V. is a wellness company based in Los Angeles, CA, created to fuel life's adventures. The product line features great-tasting, non-GMO electrolyte drink mixes made in the USA utilizing Cellular Transport Technology (CTT)[®] to enhance rapid absorption of water and other key ingredients into the bloodstream. As a purpose-driven brand, giving back is at the core of Liquid I.V.'s DNA, to date we've donated over 36 million servings to people in need around the globe. We are committed to donating a total of 150 million servings over the next 10 years.

Liquid I.V. is available online and in-store at retailers across the United States. The Hydration Multiplier, Liquid I.V.'s hero product, is available in a variety of core flavors including Lemon Lime, Strawberry, Concord Grape, Golden Cherry, Passion Fruit, and more. To learn more, visit www.liquid-iv.com and follow @liquidiv on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and Twitter.

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