

RCAP Hosts Agua4all Event Celebrating Access to Safe Drinking Water In Pennsylvania Schools

The Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), RCAP Solutions, the Chris Long Foundation, and Liquid I.V. host event with Scranton School District

Scranton, Pa. (May 18, 2023) – Students, teachers, and administrators gathered today at Isaac Tripp Elementary School to celebrate the installation of twenty water bottle filling stations throughout the Scranton School District, the gift of reusable water bottles to help students say hydrated in the classroom and on the field, and to learn about water quality issues and healthy beverage choices.

The event was hosted by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP), its Northeast and Caribbean partner, RCAP Solutions, and the Scranton School District, 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., the number one powdered hydration brand in the US.

Two-time Super Bowl Champion and Walter Payton Man of the Year Chris Long, stated, "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. That's what HometownH2O is all about."

"We at RCAP Solutions are so happy for the students, teachers, and staff, to be able to take advantage of the bottle filling stations," said Sukhwindar Singh, Pennsylvania State Manager at RCAP Solutions, who has been working with the school district to set up the program, "We acknowledge the Scranton School District, RCAP, RCAP Solutions, the Chris Long Foundation, and Liquid I.V. for this partnership to deliver safe water to the district."

"We here at the Scranton School District are grateful and appreciative of RCAP Solutions, The Chris Long Foundation, and Liquid I.V. for their generous donation," the school district said in a statement. "The well-being of our students is our number one priority, and with that comes making sure our students are hydrated and healthy with access to continual access to clean water."

Liquid I.V., a wellness company based in California, provided funding for the bottle filling stations, and donated 14,400 servings of their powdered electrolyte hydration sticks for the Scranton School District Community. Liquid I.V. 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. Thanks to the generous support of Liquid I.V., schools in Michigan and Pennsylvania have been brought into the program this year.

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 a 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 RCAP Solutions:

RCAP Solutions is an integrated community development corporation working with a multi-faceted suite of services in communities throughout the northeastern part of the U.S. and the Caribbean. Established in 1969 (as Rural Housing Improvement), RCAP Solutions has supported the power and potential of communities for over half a century as strategists of community-wide well-being. Our mission is to foster personal and public self-reliance and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and the communities in which they live. For more information, please visit www.rcapsolutions.org.

About the Chris Long Foundation and Waterboys

The Chris Long Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded by two-time Super Bowl Champion and 2018 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, Chris Long. We mobilize champions, service providers, and experts to help communities access clean water, address basic needs for youth and families, and inspire others to make an impact at home and abroad. Our vision is access and opportunity everywhere. To date, the Waterboys initiative has provided clean water to over 550,000 people in need at home and abroad. Visit chrislongfoundation.org and waterboys.org to learn 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 body. As a purpose-driven brand, giving back is at the core of Liquid I.V.'s DNA, to date we've donated over 39 million servings to people in need around the globe. We are committed to donating a total of 150 million servings by 2032. 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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