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There's a new online portal for news and updates specific to Water For People Committees.

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The Fiscal Year ends on September 30.  
Get your funding in ASAP!

Please send funding to:

100 E. Tennessee Ave., Denver, CO 80209



WEFTEC is September 24-28  
in New Orleans

Let us know if you'll be in town and would like to volunteer.

Committee leaders – remember to forward this email to your Committee members. We are also starting a new Committee email list, sign up at: [waterforpeople.org/committee](http://waterforpeople.org/committee)

If you'd like to submit content about your event, please contact [vandersen@waterforpeople.org](mailto:vandersen@waterforpeople.org)



## Bay Area Committee Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Event

Thanks to Alexa La Plante for the content and photo.

The San Francisco Bay Area Water For People Committee prioritized community outreach this Summer by hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Meeting in July.

The goal of the event was to raise awareness about Water For People's work and mission, further grow Committee support in the community, and promote upcoming fundraising events and Committee efforts. This year's event sponsor, Brown and Caldwell, donated \$500 which allowed the Committee to host the event in a local Oakland restaurant and purchase food for their guests.

Attendees learned about Water For People and its mission and different ways to volunteer from the Committee Chair, Alexa La Plante — a longtime Committee member and World Water Corps participant.

The highlight of the evening was a keynote presentation by Committee member, Melanie Turlington, who participated on the 2016 Bolivia Impact Tour and shared her stories from being in the field with Water For People.

The crowd — made up of employees from Brown and Caldwell, EBMUD, Arcadis, AECOM, PG&E, SRT Consultants, and other local companies — had the opportunity to experience Water For People's most advanced program in Bolivia through Melanie's eyes, bringing Everyone Forever to life. The audience was immediately engaged and captivated and the Committee welcomed eight new members to their email list.

The Committee is thankful for the following supporters who were all instrumental in making this event a huge success: their parent organization — BAWWA for their ongoing support and commitment to Water For People; to the restaurant, Bissap Baobab, which has hosted the event for the past two years; and to their dedicated Committee volunteers — Melanie Turlington, Nitán Bali, Lisa Pezzino, Kerri Smyth, Sophia Skoda and Alice Towey.

Due to the turn-out of the event, the Committee will continue hosting its annual Community Meeting to encourage support for Water For People and for their Committee.



## Kenneth J. Miller Founders' Award

Congratulations to the 2015-16 Miller Awardees who were honored at ACE in Chicago this past June. We can never thank you enough for your dedication to Water For People!

Names of this year's winners and photos can be found on our [website](#).

Nominations are open for the 2016-17 Miller Awards. Please complete your Committee's [Nomination Form](#) today.





## Committees Travel to Denver for Annual Workshop

This July, we hosted the annual Summer Workshop, which welcomed Committee members to Water For People's headquarters in Denver.

Over two days, Committee members received updates from each Water For People team based at headquarters, had the opportunity to network and idea-share with one another, learned Committee best practices and even had a little fun along the way!

We were even joined by special guest, Nancy Sullivan, from AWWA's headquarters who provided valuable insight from the perspective of a parent organization.

Thank you to all of those Committees who participated: Florida AWWA, AZ Water Association, DC Committee, Georgia AWWA, Indiana AWWA, Minnesota AWWA, Nebraska AWWA, New Jersey AWWA, Pacific Northwest AWWA, Rocky Mountain AWWA-WEA, and Western Canada WEA.

Next year's Workshop will likely be held in July 2017 in the Mile High City – stay tuned for more details at the beginning of the year! Because the number of attendees is limited, priority will go to Committee members who have not attended the Workshop before.



## Giving Surges During Spring Campaign

This Spring we asked our supporters to invest in the Faces of Progress and in just three short months we raised nearly \$750,000!

A huge portion of that (\$202,368) came from Committees and so we would like to extend a most sincere *thank you* to all of you for your ongoing commitment to bring an end to global water poverty. You never fail to respond to our calls to action – and this campaign was no different.

Your support, combined with that of our many champions across the globe, is the foundation of the work we have done for the past 25 years and will continue to do into the future. Thank you!

