



PROJECT H2O (Help To Others)

What is PROJECT H2O?

PROJECT H2O (Help To Others) is a voluntary program established by Des Moines Water Works to accept contributions from customers to help in assisting low-income households in Des Moines, Ankeny, Polk County, Windsor Heights and Warren County with payment of their water bills. Since Des Moines Water Works is a local utility, every dollar you give helps someone in our community.

How will my contribution help?

A single mother with four children, ages 1, 9, 13, and 16, wants to get off welfare. She is currently receiving job training and, upon completion of the program, hopes to find a well-paying job to support herself and her children. In the meantime, money is tight, and she struggles to feed her children and keep a roof over their heads. One month, money was particularly tight, and the mother was unable to pay her utility bills. She worried that she and her children would not have water for drinking, bathing, and cleaning. **PROJECT H2O** paid her utility bill, keeping the water flowing to her and her children.

An elderly couple on a limited income from Social Security must pay 60% of their income for rent. They are also responsible for paying their utility bills. During a particularly harsh winter, heating their modest home cost more and groceries took up the remainder of their money. **PROJECT H2O** helped the couple pay their water, sewer, and solid waste bill and they were able to remain in their own home.

A young couple have three children, ages 5, 7, and 10. The father was disabled in an automobile accident and is unable to work. The mother earns only minimum wage, and the family has no health insurance. The couple is receiving food stamps and the father is learning a new employment skill while recuperating, hoping for a new job to support his family. Almost all the mother's income goes to pay the rent. **PROJECT H2O** paid the family's utility bill for this difficult month.

Yes, I would like to help! PLEDGE FORM

I wish to make a contribution to **PROJECT H2O**. I understand that my contribution is tax deductible.

I am enclosing my contribution in the amount of \$_____. Please make checks payable to Des Moines Water Works.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Signature (required) _____

Please complete the pledge form and return to:
Des Moines Water Works - PROJECT H2O
2201 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa 50321-1190