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### **IWSH Partners Mark World Water Day by Renewing Global Partnerships**

**Washington, D.C. (March 26, 2021)** — The International Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Foundation (IWSH) is excited to announce three longtime supporters — the Piping Industry Progress & Education Trust Fund (P.I.P.E.), UA Plumbers Local 78, and the World Plumbing Council (WPC) — have renewed their commitment to being IWSH Global Partners, coinciding with this week's celebration of World Water Day.

Recognized each year on March 22, World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the global water crisis, with a core focus to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030. This year's theme is "valuing water," as "Without a comprehensive understanding of water's true, multidimensional value, we will be unable to safeguard this critical resource for the benefit of everyone," according to [worldwaterday.org](http://worldwaterday.org).

P.I.P.E.'s contribution marks a third year supporting IWSH's global and domestic work to ensure clean water and safe sanitation systems are delivered to the most vulnerable.

"The Piping Industry Progress and Education (P.I.P.E.) Labor and Management Trust Fund is pleased to support the work that IWSH has done around the world to assure that clean, safe drinking water is not just a luxury for some, but a basic human need provided for all," Director Jaime Valdivia said. "We are honored to contribute and hope that the resources needed to provide clean, safe drinking water for those in need around the world can be reached with this donation from the membership that contributes into P.I.P.E."

Plumbers Local 78 similarly marks a third year of support — both financially and by sponsoring members to take part in Community Plumbing Challenge (CPC) events in Indonesia in 2018 and 2019.

"Water — it's important for everyone and everything!" said Jeremy Diaz, Plumbers Local 78 business manager and financial secretary-treasurer. "Plumbers Local 78 believes that water and sanitation are some of the most essential building blocks of society. People across the globe deserve access to them. We are honored to partner with a great organization that helps deliver these resources where they are desperately needed."

The WPC has supported IWSH each of the past three years, demonstrating the value of the partnership to its purpose.

"The relationship between the WPC and IWSH fulfills one of our core mission statements," WPC Chairman Tom Bigley said, "which is to promote the role of plumbing in improving all people's lives and to safeguard the environment for the future of our children and grandchildren, by uniting the world plumbing industry, for the benefit of everyone. IWSH is the hands-on partner to the WPC's vision for installing clean, sustainable plumbing projects all over the world. The power of the partnership will benefit the plumbing industry all over the world for years to come."

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