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## Tennessee American Water Hosted Pool Party to Kick off Summer at Chambliss Center for Children

**Chattanooga, TN...** In what has become a summertime tradition at the agency, Tennessee American Water hosted a pool party today at Chambliss Center for Children, welcoming summer with a sparkling pool and treats for the children participating in the summer program.

Tennessee American Water filled up the 40,000-gallon pool at no cost to Chambliss Center for Children. "Clean and reliable water is an essential life resource. We are committed to providing high quality water services that help people enjoy recreational activities and the overall quality of life," said Daphne Kirksey, Tennessee American Water External Affairs Manager. "Chambliss Center for Children plays a major role in youth development and providing necessary services to so many people in Chattanooga and Hamilton County. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with them to help the families and children in our community."

Along with providing the water to fill the pool, TAWC gave away beach balls, new pool noodles, water bottles, and coloring books to the school-age children participating in the agency's summer child care program.

"Each year, our kids look forward to this special event, and each year it's just as exciting as the last!" says Rachel Carroll, Communications Coordinator for Chambliss Center for Children. "Because of the generosity of Tennessee American Water, we are able to use the money we would have spent on filling up our pool on other vital areas in our program, which is a tremendous help to our budget."

## **About Chambliss Center for Children**

Chambliss Center for Children is a local non-profit organization that has been caring for this community's children 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year since 1872. The mission of the agency is to preserve family unity and to help prevent the dependency, neglect, abuse and delinquency of children by responding to the community's child care needs. This is done by providing affordable, accessible and quality care for over 750 children every day through an Early Childhood Education and Extended Child Care Program, as well as a Residential Program, which recruits and trains foster families and operates a Transitional Living Program. The newest addition to the Residential program, the Isaiah 117 House at Chambliss Center for Children, is currently in development and will provide a welcoming space for children and teens awaiting foster placement. The agency also manages six off-site childcare centers and educates and cares for the children of teachers in several Hamilton County Schools. For more information about Chambliss Center for Children,

please visit <u>www.chamblisscenter.org</u> or call 423-698-2456.

## About Tennessee American Water

Tennessee American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water services to approximately 370,000 people in Tennessee and north Georgia. For more information, visit www.tennesseeamwater.com and follow Tennessee American Water on Twitter and Facebook.



Tennessee American Water Employee Kathryn Robinson spoke with the agency's school-age children about how water can be used from the Tennessee River to fill up pools in Chattanooga.



The children in Chambliss Center for Children's Summer Camp Program took the first jump into the 40,000-gallon pool.



In addition to filling up the agency's pool free-of-cost, Tennessee American Water also provided beach balls, pool noodles, water bottles, and more for the annual party.



After taking a dip in the pool, these brothers enjoyed popsicles and cookies courtesy of Tennessee American Water.

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