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## News Release

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### **Water For People Receives 4-Star Rating From Charity Navigator**

Charity Navigator, America's leading charity evaluator, has given Water For People its highest 4-star rating for sound fiscal management and the ability to effectively manage and grow its resources. This exceptional designation differentiates Water For People from other nonprofit organizations and demonstrates to supporters that the organization is transparent, accountable, and worthy of trust. The latest rating was based on 2007 financial performance.

This is the sixth consecutive year that Water For People has received this honor. Only 2% of the thousands of charities rated by Charity Navigator have received at least six consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Water For People consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way and outperforms most other American charitable organizations.

One of the key metrics used in the rating process is the functional allocation of resources, which measures the percent of revenues used for program expenses as opposed to administrative and fundraising expenses. Year after year, Water For People has consistently improved its ranking in this area. In 2007, 84.3 percent of funds raised by Water For People were directed to international programs, an extraordinary performance.

"This rating is the result of many years of hard work and reflects Water For People's careful stewardship of donor dollars and commitment to strategic growth," says Colleen Stiles, CEO of Water For People. "We are committed to maintaining this level of excellence as we continue to grow and fulfill our important mission. Our supporters should expect nothing less."

Supporters can view Water For People's complete rating at [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org).

#### **About Water For People**

*Founded in 1991, Water For People is a nonprofit international development organization that supports safe drinking water and sanitation projects in developing countries. Water For People partners with communities, local governments, and other nongovernmental organizations to help people improve their quality of life by supporting the development of locally sustainable drinking water resources, improved sanitation facilities, and hygiene education programs. Water For People supports communities with professional development advice, financial support and volunteer technical services. Typical technologies employed include protected spring-fed community water systems, gravity-fed systems, wells with hand pumps, latrine construction, operator training and hygiene education. Water For People is currently working in Latin America, Africa and Asia. In 2007, Water For People supported the provision of safe and sustainable drinking water resources and/or sanitation facilities benefiting more than 108,000 people in the developing world. More information is available at [www.waterforpeople.org](http://www.waterforpeople.org).*