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Water For People Names CEO

(Denver, CO)—August 22, 2007—Water For People, a leading nonprofit development organization based in Denver, Colo, has named Colleen Stiles its Chief Executive Officer. Founded in 1991, the organization is focused on responding to the 1.1 billion people worldwide who lack access to safe drinking water and the 2.6 billion who lack adequate sanitation. Water For People supports the development of sustainable safe drinking water resources and improved sanitation facilities in rural communities throughout the developing world.

Ms. Stiles was selected from a field of nearly 100 candidates and brings significant nonprofit and corporate leadership experience. Over her distinguished 24-year career, Ms. Stiles has built a reputation as an exceptional strategic partner in business and philanthropy. Her unique approach to problem solving builds resources and engages leadership. She has helped numerous leadership teams engage in dynamic, interdisciplinary partnerships that have unleashed new resources, built organizational capacity, and increased impact.

“Colleen has impressive experience and an exciting energy that will serve Water For People well as we grow and continue to increase our impact in the developing world,” says Fred Elwell, President of the Water For People Board of Directors. “She brings a dynamic leadership style and an unwavering commitment to our mission.”

Ms. Stiles’ leadership qualities and commitment to philanthropy were recognized early in her career when she was selected by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation as a Kellogg National Leadership Fellow. She has been a guest lecturer/faculty speaker for numerous colleges and universities, and has served on the faculty of the National Academy of Volunteerism, the National Minority Leadership Program, and the Gateman Institute for Small Business. She is a published writer and an in-demand speaker on a variety of topics, including business strategy and personal growth.

Ms. Stiles began her professional career with the St. Cloud Area United Way, where she transformed the organization’s volunteer program to a community-wide clearinghouse for volunteerism, founded an organization for charitable clothing distribution, and served as a founding board member of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation. She later assumed the position of Vice President, Institutional Advancement for the College of St. Benedict, where she was the senior advisor to the college president and was responsible for alumni relations, fundraising, and communications.

As President and CEO of Pikes Peak Area United Way, Ms. Stiles became a change agent to re-establish donor and community credibility. She led initiatives in collaborative outreach, campaign transparency, and the establishment of new programs for volunteerism and philanthropic leadership recognition that contributed to the dramatic expansion of collaborative partnerships with the corporate community and an increase in resources.

In 1998, Ms. Stiles merged her passion for philanthropy, leadership, and strategic approach to business development by founding Greatness in Giving, Inc., which provides philanthropic and strategic business services to foundations, corporations, educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private entities. Ms. Stiles has served Fortune 500 companies in strategic decision making, acquisition strategies, vision casting, risk analysis, and goal realignment.

Ms. Stiles holds an MA in Communications, *magna cum laude*, from Wake Forest University. She earned her BA in Communications and Sociology, *cum laude*, from the University of Minnesota. She is happily married to Kevin Kraus, an executive with Hewlett-Packard. The couple lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with their 19-year-old twins.

About Water For People

Water For People is a Denver-based private, nonprofit international humanitarian organization that supports the development of sustainable safe drinking water resources and improved sanitation facilities in developing countries. Water For People partners with communities, local government, and other nongovernmental organizations to help people improve their quality of life by supporting sustainable drinking water and sanitation solutions. Water For People supports projects with financial support, professional development advice, and volunteer technical services. Typical projects 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 Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, and Malawi, and recently announced plans to expand into five additional countries by 2011. In 2006, Water For People's work directly benefited more than 98,000 people in the developing world.

The organization was founded in 1991 by members of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and continues to enjoy significant support from the North American water and wastewater communities.

Water For People envisions a world where all people have access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation; a world where no one suffers or dies from a water-related illness. More information is available at www.waterforpeople.org.

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