



**United Way  
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**JP MORGAN CHASE AND UNITED WAY OF THE CAPITAL AREA  
ANNOUNCE \$40K EMERGENCY WATER DISTRIBUTION  
SUPPORTING JACKSON AREA FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES DURING CRISIS**

(Jackson, MISS) –United Way of the Capital Area and JP Morgan Chase announce their Water Crisis Relief Partnership of eighty-eight pallets of bottled water for arrival to Jackson, (MS) on Thursday, September 1, 2022. With a commitment of \$20,000 from JP Morgan Chase, United Way has matched the Water Crisis Relief Partnership with \$20,000 bolstering its package value to \$40,000.

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The support from JP Morgan Chase comes at a critical time as the City’s main water treatment supply failed with limited supply to its fire stations to fight fires, leaving some community health care providers and centers having to secure water pumps for dialysis and other support services. Little to no water remains in some households, notwithstanding any drinking water suitable for human consumption. Nikki McCelleis, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer welcomes the timely gift and embraces it as a lifeline for our families and communities.

“We are so grateful to JP Morgan Chase for this timely gift”, said McCelleis. “The gravity of it will carry an exponential reach and support to our families and communities”. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our neighbors impacted by the flooding and to all of us who are suffering during this crisis. We are establishing this fund to assist in the basic need that we all require and have in common – the need for water. You can be assured that one hundred percent of these funds will be used for this very purpose”, added McCelleis.

Eleven 86 Water Company, a Black-owned business based in Autaugaville, Alabama, is coordinating delivery of the water to sites throughout the city of Jackson including:

- Sykes Community Center at 520 Sykes Rd;
- Oak Forest Community Center at 2827 Oak Forest Dr.;
- Westland Plaza;
- IAJE Community Center, (Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity) Center at 406 W. Fortification Street;
- Grove Park Community Center; and
- MS Move Across from Tougaloo College.
- Split Rebel Yoga Studio (Countyline Road)

“Everyone deserves access to clean water,” said Jennifer DeSalvo, Chase Market Director for Mississippi and Alabama. “We are proud to stand with United Way of the Capital Area to deliver this critical resource to our neighbors in Jackson.”

“Our sense of community is important to us in reaching those who are on the fringes and cannot get to the sources for the water giveaways”, said Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director. “Carrying out the mission of this work is critical in reaching our seniors and children who are most vulnerable during this time”.

This is the second time JP Morgan Chase and United Way have partnered to bring clean drinking water to Jackson. In March 2021, Chase partnered with United Way to distribute three truckloads of bottled water when the city’s water treatment facility faced another challenge.

United Way of the Capital Area is also urging residents to contact the American Red Cross for immediate assistance. In addition, dial 211 to connect with a community resource specialist who can put you in touch with other local organizations that provide critical services.

#### United Way of the Capital Area

United Way of the Capital Area provides educational and asset-building opportunities for families because you choose to **LIVE UNITED**. Together, we can leverage our resources and relationships to transform communities throughout the capital area. With your help, we can continue our efforts to ensure everyone in our communities can receive a quality education, access tools to become financially secure, and lead a healthy lifestyle. For more information, please visit [www.myunitedway.com](http://www.myunitedway.com) or follow us on Facebook @unitedwayofthecapitalarea.

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United Way of the Capital Area received its first delivery of the eighty-eight pallets of bottled water through the support of JP Morgan Chase on Thursday, September 1. Pictured from left to right are: Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director and Nikki McCelleis, Interim President and CEO for United Way of the Capital Area along with Halima Olufemi and Rukia Lumumba of the Peoples Advocate Institute.

Photo: Roosevelt Littleton, Jr., Vice President for Resource Development and Marketing



United Way of the Capital Area along with members of Mississippi's National Guard and pictured prior to staging and securing water donated by JP Morgan Chase. Pictured from left to right are: Cassio Batteast, Economic Mobility Director along with member of the MS National Guard, Nikki McCelleis, Interim President and CEO for United Way of the Capital Area along with her husband, Michael McCelleis, Captain of Fire Station #1 for the Jackson Fire Department.

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