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## Camden Businesses Help Get Local Students Back on Two Wheels after Theft Halts LUCY Outreach Bike Program

American Water, New Jersey American Water and Subaru of America, Inc. are donating \$33,500 to Camden's LUCY Outreach to support local youth

**Camden, NJ – November 18, 2020** – Camden youth participating in LUCY Outreach's bike program had something to celebrate today, as <u>American Water</u>, New Jersey American Water, and Employee Resource Groups at <u>Subaru of America</u>, all based in Camden, announced they are donating a combined \$33,500 to the nonprofit in an effort to help the organization bounce back after a late October robbery.

<u>LUCY Outreach</u>, a Camden-based organization that provides programs to underserved Camden County youth and their families, reported 20 bikes were missing from its high-end security shed last month. The bikes, including 10 high-end Trek models, were used for a socially distant bike program for Camden youth ages 7-19.

Realizing the need, <u>American Water</u> and New Jersey American Water, each pledged \$10,000 and <u>Employee Resource Groups</u> (ERGs) at neighboring Camden-based automaker <u>Subaru</u> pledged \$13,500 to help LUCY get back on its feet.

"LUCY considers American Water and Subaru part of our family," said Kristen Prinn Rose, executive director of LUCY Outreach. "These are companies that go out of their way to help the local community, not just with monetary donations, but also by encouraging their people to get involved in helping us better serve Camden's youth."

"American Water has gained so much from being a part of the Camden community," said Walter Lynch, President & CEO, American Water. "Helping organizations like LUCY, which does such important work for the city's youth, is just one way we are proud to partner with Camden."

Like American Water, Subaru is among several companies that have moved their headquarters to Camden in recent years.

"It is a core belief at Subaru of America that it is our duty to help our neighbors when we can, simply because it is the right thing to do, and our Employee Resource Groups came together to live out that value for LUCY," said Thomas J. Doll, President & CEO, Subaru of America, Inc. "We value the opportunity to help LUCY get back on its feet and continue to enrich our youth community in Camden."

The donation will help support replacing stolen items like bikes and helmets, as well as meeting requests for items on LUCY's wish list – rider safety gear and security improvements – to help further enhance the program.

To make a donation to LUCY, visit <a href="https://www.lucyoutreach.org">www.lucyoutreach.org</a>.

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