W&A Engineering Announces 2019 Charities of Choice: Boys & Girls Club of Athens and Rebuilding Together Nashville

Athens, Georgia – In honor of the firm's 20th anniversary and the launch of a new corporate citizenship initiative, W&A Engineering has named the Boys & Girls Club of Athens as its 2019 Charity of Choice in Athens. Rebuilding Together Nashville was chosen as the Charity of Choice for the firm's newly opened Tennessee office. W&A will donate a total of \$3,500 to these organizations on behalf of its clients, in lieu of holiday gifts, and make an additional firm donation of \$8,000 as part of this initiative. W&A Engineering is also committing to year-long volunteer partnerships with these organizations to ensure meaningful and sustainable support throughout 2019.

"Over the past 19 years, W&A's philanthropic efforts have taken many forms. As we approach our 20th anniversary, we are committed to building on this history and increasing these efforts," said CEO/Partner Jon Williams. "We're focused on making W&A Engineering the best possible company for our employees, and not just a great place to work but also a great place to serve."

W&A's corporate citizenship initiative, *W&A Cares*, is part of an ambitious effort to formalize and increase the firm's commitment to "Building Better Communities" through service and financial support in five focus areas: Community, Economic Development, Education, Employee Well-Being, and Sustainability. To launch *W&A* Cares, employees in both offices were asked to select a Charity of Choice they felt most reflected W&A's focus and mission while creating the greatest good in the community. Employees will focus volunteer efforts on the Charity of Choice throughout the year while continuing to support the many other organizations that have benefited from firm-wide and individual efforts in past years.

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About W&A Engineering:

Founded in 1999, W&A Engineering (formerly Williams & Associates) is a fast-growing multidisciplinary engineering firm headquartered in Athens, Georgia. In May 2018, a second office was opened in Nashville, Tennessee. Known for innovative design, efficient engineering, and professional service, W&A is the trusted partner of community leaders and developers driving sustainable growth throughout the United States. Utilizing a mix of creative and analytical engineering, along with extensive real-world experience, the W&A team efficiently moves projects from inception to completion in a wide variety of public and private sectors. For more information on W&A Engineering and *W&A Cares*, visit: WAengineering.com

About the Boys & Girls Club of Athens:

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Athens is to inspire and enable young people to realize their full potential as responsible, caring, and productive citizens. The Athens-area clubs have provided a clean, healthy, and safe environment for youth aged 6-18 for over 50 years. After-school activities are designed to fully engage members in skill-building exercises while

encouraging them to have fun. Activities focus on three major priority outcomes: Academic Success, Good Character & Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. In conjunction with these priorities, the Club places emphasis on STEAM and Workforce Development initiatives, making it a perfect match for W&A Engineering, the majority of whose employees are civil engineers, landscape architects, surveyors, and planners along with administrative, marketing and financial people. For more information, visit: GreatFuturesAthens.com

About Rebuilding Together Nashville:

Rebuilding Together Nashville restores, rebuilds and performs essential repairs at homes of low-income area residents. To date, the Nashville non-profit has made meaningful improvements to more than 500 Nashville area homes, preserving affordable homeownership and revitalizing neighborhoods. Nashville Director of Operations, Clint Camp, has long been a volunteer with Rebuilding Nashville Together and looks forwarded to an increased commitment on behalf of W&A Engineering's Nashville office. For more information, visit https://www.rtnashville.org/