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### **Water Mission Earns Coveted 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator for 10<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

*N Charleston, SC – June 6, 2016:* **Water Mission's** sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned it a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. This is the tenth consecutive year that Water Mission has earned this top distinction.

Since 2002, using objective, data-driven analysis, Charity Navigator has awarded only the most fiscally responsible organizations a 4-star rating. Most notable is that fewer than 1 percent of rated charities have received the 4-star rating for 10 consecutive years like Water Mission has.

In 2011, Charity Navigator added 17 metrics, focused on governance and ethical practices as well as measures of openness, to its ratings methodology. These "Accountability & Transparency" metrics, which account for 50 percent of a charity's overall rating, reveal which charities have "best practices" that minimize the chance of unethical activities and whether they freely share basic information about their organization with their donors and other stakeholders. Based on the new metrics, Water Mission's cumulative score is 94.23 out of a possible 100 points.

"Water Mission's coveted 4-star rating puts it in a very select group of high-performing charities," according to Michael Thatcher, President & CEO of Charity Navigator. "Out of the thousands of nonprofits Charity Navigator evaluates, only one out of four earns 4 stars -- a rating that demands rigor, responsibility and commitment to openness. Water Mission's supporters should feel much more confident that their hard-earned dollars are being used efficiently and responsibly when it acquires such a high rating."

"Since our founding in 2001, we have been blessed with a growing number of supportive and generous donors who trust our financial accountability and transparency," says George Greene, IV, president and chief operating officer of Water Mission. "With Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating for ten consecutive years, our leadership as a Christian engineering organization at the forefront of delivering sustainable solutions in the global water crisis is strengthened. Our score is higher than any other water charity that is assessed using the same rigorous metrics."

Learn more about [Water Mission's rating](#) and other information about charitable giving at Charity Navigator's free website.

#### **About Water Mission**



Water Mission is a nonprofit Christian engineering organization that designs, builds, and implements safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has used innovative technology and engineering expertise to provide access to safe water for more than 3 million people in 52 countries. Water Mission has over 200 staff members working around the world in permanent country programs located in Africa, Asia, North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean. Notably, Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission their top rating ten years in a row, a distinction shared by fewer than one percent of the charities rated by the organization. To learn more, visit [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

#### **About Charity Navigator**

Charity Navigator, [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org), is the largest charity evaluator in America and its website attracts more visitors than all other charity rating groups combined. The organization helps guide intelligent giving by evaluating the Financial Health and Accountability & Transparency of more than 8,000 charities. Charity Navigator accepts no advertising or donations from the organizations it evaluates, ensuring unbiased evaluations, nor does it charge the public for this trusted data. As a result, Charity Navigator, a 501 (c) (3) public charity itself, depends on support from individuals, corporations and foundations that believe it provides a much-needed service to America's charitable givers. Charity Navigator, can be reached directly by telephone at (201) 818-1288, or by mail at 139 Harristown Road, Suite 101, Glen Rock, N.J., 07452.

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