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## **WHARTON CENTER AUDIENCES RAISE \$30,000 FOR FLINT WATER VICTIMS**

**WHEN:** February 9 – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 after each *The Sound of Music* performance

**WHERE:** Wharton Center for Performing Arts

**WHO:** Wharton Center, MSU Outreach and Engagement, Wharton Center Student Marketing Organization members, and *The Sound of Music* company teamed up to raise money for Flint's affected population through the "Flintkids" initiative.

**WHAT:** Following each *The Sound of Music* performance, student volunteers stood in the lobby of Wharton Center with buckets – generously decorated by the child actors portraying the Von Trapp children – collecting money from patrons to benefit the Flint Child Health & Development Fund. The audiences came through with exactly \$30,000 placed in the buckets. Wharton Center and MSU Outreach and Engagement added \$1,140 to the total donation.

In addition, Fox47 TV arranged for Culligan Lansing to donate 9,000 bottles of water, which was delivered to the Food Bank of Flint by *The Sound of Music* company, as part of the Von Trapp actors' education.

The children, who spent the week in school learning about the crisis, visited Flint Thursday to present the water to the food bank.

The total amount raised at Wharton Center for the Flint crisis came to \$31,040.

The funds are being delivered to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint for the Flint Child Health & Development Fund Monday, February 15.

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