



EVERYBODY WINS AT 2016 TEXAS WATER SILENT AUCTION

In April, water professionals from across the Lone Star State gathered in Fort Worth, Texas for the 2016 Texas Water Conference. While the Hach Flow team enjoyed every aspect of the conference, which is the largest regional water conference in the country, one event – the Water For People Silent Auction – has us feeling particularly proud.

Every year, the Texas Water Conference hosts a silent auction to raise charitable funds for Water For People, an international nonprofit organization working across 9 countries to bring safe water and sanitation to 4 million people. Born out of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in 1991, Water For People promotes the development of high quality drinking water and sanitation services, accessible to all, and sustained by strong communities, businesses and governments. Importantly, they have received the highest 4-star rating by Charity Navigator for twelve years in a row, a distinction that less than 1% of charities have achieved.



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Thomas Curl, Utilities Engineer at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and current Chairman of the Water For People sub-committee under the Educational committee of the North Texas AWWA chapter, reached out to Hach Flow requesting a donation for inclusion in the Silent Auction. Hach was happy to participate, donating a Hach FH950 Handheld Flow Meter with a dual velocity and depth sensor, valued at \$6,000. It was only later that Hach learned that the donation was the highest valued item ever in the history of the Water For People Silent Auction at Texas Water.



In May, organizers of the Silent Auction announced that \$19,000 was raised in the auction for Water For People. “Not only did organizers, volunteers, donors and bidders raise a ton of money, but we touched hundreds of people’s lives. Way to go!” said Adam Conner of San Antonio Water System, and Chair of the statewide Water For People Committee. “One auction item that really helped us make this a record year was the donation by Hach of a handheld flow meter, so special thanks to Hach!”

What's even more satisfying was learning that Hach's valued customer RJN Group, a professional engineering and specialty field services firm that provides sustainable collection system solutions, was the winner of the handheld meter. "RJN's successful bid for the HACH Portable Velocity Meter (PVM) at the Water For People auction is a win-win proposition," said Jeff Plymale, RJN's Chief Operating Officer. "Not only are we contributing to a cause that we fully support, but we acquired an excellent tool that is used in our everyday field practices. Because of its accuracy and reliability, we have been using Hach portable velocity meters for more than 20 years as our 'go to' tool for capturing velocity calibration measurements."



When asked where they planned to use the handheld meter, Karen Catena, Marketing Manager at RJN replied, "It may end up in our Baltimore office. We have several longer-term flow monitoring programs ongoing for WSSC, DC Water, Virginia Beach, Alexandria Renew Enterprises, and Baltimore County. Capturing manual flow velocity calibration measurements regularly is a key aspect of our standard preventative equipment monitoring and maintenance process."

In the end, everybody won with this great event. Texas Water raised a record amount for Water For People; RJN Group obtained a personal velocity meter that they're putting to good use on existing projects; and Hach Flow is able to share its state-of-

the-art technology for a great cause. We couldn't be more pleased with the outcome.

Click on the links below for more information on:

- **The Hach FH950 Handheld Flow Meter**
<http://www.hachflow.com/flow-meters/fh950.cfm>
- **Water For People** <https://www.waterforpeople.org/>
- **RJN Group** <https://www.rjn.com/>