Warren Mayor Jim Fouts' Appeal Nets \$6000 for Flint

Warren, MI – When Warren Mayor Jim Fouts donated \$1000 to a needy Flint family affected by the water crisis, he also appealed to other elected officials to donate to the cause.

As a direct result of Fouts' appeal, a Warren couple (wanted to remain anonymous) and four elected officials donated \$1000 each to a Flint family in need.

The officials who donated are Lorie Barnwell, Warren treasurer; Marilyn Lane, state representative; Derek Miller, county treasurer, and Paul Wojno, Warren city clerk.

"These elected officials stepped up to the plate and helped in the worst community health crisis in our state's history," said Fouts.

Fouts is encouraging other full-time elected and appointed officials to do the same. "It would be nice if every member of the state legislature, the governor and his staff would also contribute," said Fouts. "This could make a difference for the good people of Flint who through no fault of their own are now existing in conditions that resemble a third world country."

When Fouts attended the Democratic Party debate Sunday evening in Flint, he also used the restroom facilities and noted while washing his hands that the water was perhaps not even clean enough to wash his hands. The realization came to him that Flint residents everyday have to deal with this in multiple ways such as washing dishes, taking showers, as well as washing their clothes and hands.

"This is unacceptable and all elected officials should do anything they can to ease the burden that the citizens have to go through with these everyday tasks," said Fouts. Simply put, the mayor wants every full-time official in the State, elected and appointed, to try to make a difference in whatever way they can, including by a donation of \$1,000.