

MEDIA RELEASE

Hundreds of Syracuse Infants and Children Receive Gift of Cleaner, Safer Drinking Water

- To help address the issue of lead in Syracuse drinking water head-on, Zurn Elkay donated Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucets to 250 in-home child care centers
- Each faucet includes a commercial-grade filter tested and certified to reduce lead, forever chemicals, microplastics and other contaminants in 2,250 gallons

SYRACUSE, NY, May 6, 2026—At Child Care Solutions' annual Child Care Professionals Appreciation Day event last week, Zurn Elkay Water Solutions Corporation (NYSE: ZWS) announced a donation of 250 Elkay™ Avado® 2-in-1 Filtered Kitchen Faucets to in-home child care centers in the Syracuse area.

“Lead is harmful to all humans, but even more so for developing children, leading to development and learning delays,” said **Angela Hersil**, VP - Marketing & Communications and Sustainability at Zurn Elkay. “In-home child care centers provide far more than just adult supervision: they play a vital role in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of the children in their care. We’re proud to partner with Child Care Solutions in helping in-home child care centers in the Syracuse area to provide cleaner, safer drinking water to these children at such an important stage in their growth.”

“Just as we hold our schools to the highest standards of safety, we believe every child care environment deserves the same commitment to excellence,” said **Anne Napper**, Executive Director of Child Care Solutions, which has worked to provide child care providers in Onondaga and Cayuga Counties with the resources and tools they need to deliver high-quality care for more than 50 years. “This generous contribution allows us to turn that responsibility into a reality, providing our providers with the essential infrastructure to guarantee clean, safe water for the children who are the future of our community.”

Combining the functionality of a standard faucet with advanced point-of-use filtration, the Avado faucet delivers fresh, cleaner water for drinking and cooking—no second tap required. Each Avado faucet includes a commercial-grade 2,250-gallon Elkay WaterSentry® filter that is tested and certified to NSF/ANSI 42, 53 and 401 to reduce lead, PFOA and PFOS, microplastics and other harmful contaminants.

In total, the 250 in-home child care providers receiving the Avado faucet serve thousands of children, ranging in ages from six weeks to 12 years old. Child Care Solutions began distributing the faucets to select member agencies in April, with another 50 handed out at the Appreciation Day event.

“You don’t want lead in anything to do with kids, you don’t want them exposed to anything unhealthy because of how their little brains are developing,” said **Wendy Schug**, owner of Wendy’s Just Kiddin’ Daycare in East Syracuse, an early recipient of the faucet. “When we started getting notices from the water department, our parents started asking, ‘What are you doing about this?’ Now our parents are elated. We all want the best for them, and this is the best way to do it, right on the spot.”

“My biggest rule is if we’re thirsty, we drink water, so our kids’ water bottles are out all the time, and when they empty, the kids love filling them,” said **Kathy Landers**, owner of Kathy’s Group Family Day Care in

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Brewerton. As a member of Child Care Solutions' board of directors, Kathy received one of the first faucets and cancelled the heavy, expensive water jug delivery service she had relied on. "Parents are leaving their children, their precious gift, with us to make sure that we help them grow and be healthy. It's very important for the growth and development of children to do everything we can to get rid of the lead, especially when we don't know about the quality of water in our pipes."

The donation, valued at \$164,000, is part of Zurn Elkay's *Fountains for Youth* initiative, which addresses the issue of lead in drinking water head-on, by providing filtered bottle filling stations and filters to school districts in areas where lead levels are high and resources are low. In 2025, the company donated 30 Elkay ezH2O® bottle filling stations and replacement filters for two years to Syracuse City School District, a donation valued at \$105,000.

"Our business places us at the center of critical community issues related to water cleanliness, safety, conservation and infrastructure," said Hersil. "Our products provide point-of-use filtration that immediately makes drinking water cleaner and safer, and by making donations like this, we can support communities in fulfilling one of their most fundamental and important goals: providing safer, cleaner drinking water."

To learn more about Zurn Elkay Water Solutions and its community impact, including the company's most recent sustainability report, visit zurnelkay.com/sustainability.

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Kathy Landers recently installed the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet in her kitchen, where she operates Kathy's Group Family Day Care in Brewerton.



Toby Oliver, 4, drinks filtered water from the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet at Kathy's Group Family Day Care in Brewerton.

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Jenny Moore, 3, fills her water bottle from the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet at Kathy's Group Family Day Care in Brewerton, while **Ava Quenneville**, 3, waits her turn.



Kathy Landers helps Toby Oliver, 4, fill his water bottle from the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet at Kathy's Group Family Day Care in Brewerton.



Virginia Webster, an in-home child care provider in Camillus, receives her Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet from Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions.



Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions, distributed 50 of 250 donated Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucets at Child Care Solutions' annual Child Care Professionals Appreciation Day event.



Brenda Woods, an in-home child care provider in Syracuse, receives her Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet from Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions.



Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions, addresses 150 Syracuse-area child care providers Child Care Solutions' annual Child Care Professionals Appreciation Day event.

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Wendy Schug, an in-home child care provider in East Syracuse, listens as Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions, describes how the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet reduces lead, PFAS, microplastics and other contaminants from drinking water.



Lisa Hudson, an in-home child care provider in Syracuse, listens as Jennifer Clearwater, community affairs manager at Zurn Elkay Water Solutions, describes how the Elkay Avado 2-in-1 filtered kitchen faucet reduces lead, PFAS, microplastics and other contaminants from drinking water.

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