

## KEP IN THE COMMUNITY



### **Kent Elastomer Products' Employees Donate to Fund Three Rooms at the Ronald McDonald House of Akron**

Each year Kent Elastomer Products chooses a charity for our employees and our company to donate to as a way to give back to the community. For 2018, our employees chose the Ronald McDonald House of Akron (RMHA).

Ronald McDonald House of Akron was chosen for two reasons. The first and main reason is the wonderful service that they provide families. The second reason is RMHA provides services to the counties that our facilities are located in, which are Holmes, Portage and Summit Counties.

We had our highest participation rate in KEP history this year. The amount donated and matched by Kent Elastomer Products totaled \$17,472. On Friday, February 16, 2018 employees representing each of our three facilities along with members of our leadership team presented this donation to RMHA. Special thanks to RMHA for all the work they do to provide a place to stay and meals for families with children being treated at Akron Children's Hospital.

Following the check presentation, RMHA staff, Anne Collins, Meri Skiera, and Aristeia Tzouloufis gave the group a tour of the new wing which will be opening soon, expanding RMHA from 20 rooms to 42 rooms and allowing them to provide services for 22 additional families. Kent Employees earmarked the donation to fund three new rooms in RMHA – one representing our Kent, Mogadore and Winesburg facilities.

Aristeia Tzouloufis, Director of Development for RMHA, commented on the support given by KEP. "Partners like Kent Elastomer Products make everything we do possible," she stated. "Our mission is to keep families close. Bob Oborn and his team are a huge part of making this a reality."

We are so proud of our employees for recognizing the need and giving back to their community. Our culture at KEP emphasizes safety, employee involvement, and community. This is an excellent example of the last two.

To find out more about these donations, read our [Leader Views Blog](#). For more information on the Ronald McDonald House of Akron, please visit [www.rmhakron.org](http://www.rmhakron.org).

## KEP HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



KEP is **LUCKY** to partner with many great companies and we want to say **THANK YOU** for choosing us to bring your products to life! From Fortune 500 companies with continued growth to new products that are beginning to take the industry by stride, we are proud to be a part of all of your innovation and success.

From prototype to finished product, we are dedicated to helping our customers exceed their goals – our experience includes streamlining processes to make products competitively priced, designing new machines for efficient in-house assembly and more. Working with our great partners has allowed us to continually build our expertise with an ever-evolving and advancing pool of industries.

**A good partnership is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have.** We're lucky to have our customers – but what makes the companies we work with lucky to have us? Some of what we like to discuss with our new customers before getting started helps to paint this mutually beneficial picture. President Bob Oborn answers some of the questions prospective customers have and those who are just getting started here in our [Leader Views Blog](#).

## ABOUT KEP



It's been a long road to the Final 4 for these hardworking basketball teams, which wouldn't have been possible without a game plan. At KEP we know a lot about game plans – An important part of ours is staying on top of industry trends and customer demands, which is why many of our partners have been trusting us for 20+ years. [Read more about how we help our customers win.](#)

## LUNCH & LEARN



Sign up for a KEP Lunch & Learn to have your lunch on us! We want to spend 30-60 minutes showing you how Kent Elastomer Products is your company's best manufacturing option. A face-to-face meeting or webinar can be arranged. [Learn more and sign up.](#)

## TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Susan Reinhart has been a KEP team member since 1971 – that's almost 50 years! As our Shipping and Operations Coordinator at our Mogadore facility, Sue helped us do it all from the early days including order entry, shipping, and receptionist duties and is proud to be with the company for 47 years and counting. This month's featured employee, read more about Sue in our [Leader Views Blog.](#)

