

ABOUT US



KEP employees just wrapped up this year’s donation drive for the Ronald McDonald House of Akron! We are excited to donate a total of \$26,270!! On January 30, 2019, KEP team members Michelle Walker, Mary Brady, Michael Stecyk, Greg Graham, Deborah Slinger, Spencer Martin, Sarah Plum, Don Leeper, Kristi McNemar and Theresa Sexton presented our donation to Craig Wilson, the Interim Director of the Ronald McDonald House of Akron. We are so proud to help sponsor this organization who works hard to provide the families of seriously ill children a home during hospital stays and while undergoing long-term medical treatments. At our three facilities, our team members raised a combined donation of \$11,270. This is an all-time high beating last year’s record of \$9,372. This amazing accomplishment shows the big hearts our team members have and we are so proud of their efforts! With KEP matching funds and a generous donation from former president Murray Van Epp, we got to donate a combined total of \$26,270. This is enough to sponsor five rooms at RMHA for the entire 2019 year. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s donation drive!



For over 15 years, Kent Elastomer Products has been a sponsor of the FIRST® Robotics Competition. This year – for the 2019 FIRST Robotics Competition Season, KEP is a silver level supplier! Over the years, we have donated thousands of feet of latex tubing to be used in kits. Every year student participants receive a kit of materials to build a robot and complete a specific challenge – like designing a robot that can battle an opponent. FIRST® has inspired millions of young people to reach for the stars for over 30 years! Project-based, hands-on FIRST programs introduce students to coding, programming, and engineering in an environment where students work collaboratively to solve each year’s robotics challenge.

The FIRST Robotics Competition is an international high school robotics competition that gives students real-world engineering experience. The positive impact on FIRST Robotics Competition participants is gratifying and well documented. Over 88% have more interest in doing well in school and 92% are more interested in attending college.

We’re excited to see what the 2019 season has in store for these talented students. We’re proud to help sponsor a competition that fosters such a positive impact on our young learners!



KEP Mantra: How Can We Do This Better?



Many people and places have motivational phrases. Everything from “Make it happen!” to “Dare to dream” is designed to inspire hard work and success. KEP employees embrace the idea that they should never settle for good enough. Instead, they are encouraged to ask themselves, “How can we do this better?”

KEP thanks all our employees for being the backbone that keeps our company running efficiently and making our customers happy since 1960.

Each part of our team plays a crucial role in our success.

This month, meet “The Voice”

– KEP’s customer service team is only a call away and always delivers service you can see!

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Sara S.
Sales Support Specialist
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FEATURED TEAM MEMBER



Meet Michael Stecyk



Michael Stecyk, the Manager of Technical Services at our Kent Facility, has a broad background that ranges from elastomers and electrochemical diagnostic devices to surfactants and early drug discovery research. Michael's research and development experience helps KEP design new products and offer customers innovative solutions to their business challenges. Read more about Michael in our [Leader Views Blog](#).



Happy Anniversary!



We want to give a shout out to celebrate the service and longevity of all our KEP team members with work anniversaries this February! Ranging from 1 year to 33 years, we're so proud to say THANK YOU to our team members whose loyalty and dedication have helped make KEP what it is today. We're excited you're a part of the team and eager to see what the future holds for our employees and company!

Cheri Thompson - Winesburg - 33 years on 2/25

Mark McCune - Kent - 29 years on 2/20

Lisa Prater - Mogadore - 15 years on 2/4

Bonnie Estes - Mogadore - 15 years on 2/16

Ronni Crilow - Winesburg - 13 years on 2/24
Brandi Howard - Winesburg - 6 years on 2/22
Adam Burns - Kent - 2 years on 2/2
Jeremy Hosey II - Kent - 2 years on 2/2
John Wait - Kent - 2 years on 2/21
Billie Bebout - Winesburg - 1 year on 2/6

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