



## *News Release*

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**BENDIX HONORED WITH 2017 MEDICAL MUTUAL NORTHEAST OHIO  
PILLAR AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Employees and Leadership Turn Vision into Action at Home and around the World*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Dec. 5, 2017** – The employees and leadership of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC are deeply honored by the company’s inclusion among the recipients of the 2017 Medical Mutual Northeast Ohio Pillar Award for Community Service. Presented by *Smart Business* publications, the Pillar Awards honor Ohio businesses of all types and sizes that make outstanding contributions to their communities. Their purpose is to encourage a charitable environment, recognize creative efforts that make a difference, and demonstrate the ties between the for-profit and nonprofit worlds.

This year’s Northeast Ohio honorees are being recognized at a Dec. 6 event, and featured in the December editions of *Smart Business Cleveland* and *Smart Business Akron*.

“Social responsibility, community involvement, and supporting our neighbors in the places we call home: At Bendix, these are more than just words and ideas – they’re beliefs held deeply in our company culture, and turned regularly into actions that we hope make a positive difference, whether it’s here in Ohio or halfway around the world,” said Maria Gutierrez, director of corporate responsibility and sustainability at Bendix. “At all its locations across North America, Bendix encourages local employee-driven projects, helps fund community initiatives, and implements programs supported by Knorr-Bremse Global Care, a nonprofit organization founded by our parent company. Our decades-long tradition of contributing time and talent is a legacy we’re proud to continue every day.”

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Bendix is the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety and braking solutions for commercial vehicles. Based in Munich, Germany, Knorr-Bremse is the world's preeminent manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles.

"Working with Bendix, we see firsthand the heart, soul, and sweat its employees put into giving back to their communities, whether it's their 'Green Team' supporting environmental efforts, or volunteers mentoring students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), or building homes with Habitat for Humanity," said Jeff Griffiths, executive director of HandsOn NortheastOhio, which nominated Bendix for the award. "The Valor Home, the Ohio Veterans Homes, the Friendship Animal Protective League, to name just a few – Bendix folks are out there helping in so many ways. They've got such a positive vision for the future, and we're grateful for every opportunity we have to work with them."

To encourage involvement and empower employees to support efforts that matter personally to them, Bendix holds on-site volunteer fairs where employees can learn about and connect with local organizations in need. Additionally, through Knorr-Bremse Global Care, Bendix employees have organized and participated in betterment projects in Malawi; Haiti; and Acuña, Mexico, home of a growing Bendix manufacturing facility since 1988.

Bendix has also been a leader with United Way of Greater Lorain County's annual campaign of employee giving, and a consistent participant in the Week of Caring volunteer projects.

"We have worked to make our approach to community support about so much more than marking a box on a donation form," Gutierrez said. "Of course, financial backing at all levels is absolutely necessary, but just as vital is the philosophy and determination to propose and develop ideas and projects that make real differences, and to turn those visions into reality through actions. And we couldn't be prouder of our team for doing just that every single day."

### **About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC**

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of the Knorr-Bremse Group, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, energy management solutions, and air brake charging and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 3,200 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at

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