

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

GPD Group



The GPD Group is focused on their responsibility to the community to help those less fortunate. In 2014, GPD created the GPD Employees' Foundation whose mission is to support, both financially and through volunteer work, organizations who improve the lives of children in their communities. It is through their foundation that they are able to support classrooms, therapy programs in hospitals, camps for children with terminal illnesses, inclusive playgrounds, access to STEM technology, and more.

The creation of this Foundation is their proudest accomplishment. Nearly \$515,000 of grant awards will be disbursed in 2017 to schools and nonprofits, including the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Akron Urban League, Haven of Rest Ministries, Aultman Hospital, International Soap Box Derby, Embracing Futures, Pathway Caring for Children, Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio, Akron Children's Hospital, First Tee of Akron, and many more.

The GPD Group has a team of more than 550 people, including architects, designers, engineers, planners and everything in between. Based out of Akron, they also have offices in Cleveland, Marion, Columbus, Louisville, Chardon, Youngstown, Indianapolis, Atlanta, Dallas, Seattle, Houston, and Phoenix. The extraordinary number of volunteer hours and philanthropic dollars GPD provides shows they have a passion for local organizations, especially those that serve children.

The spirit of their company's culture is the driving force behind their philanthropy. The organization has always valued a strong sense of community. Their hope is that more people become active in philanthropy for the right reasons. Encouraging employees to find an organization that aligns with their personal interest allows for employee philanthropy to come from the heart.

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