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The People Who Make the Products that Make a Difference

Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Valentine's Day from KEP!

We hope February finds you surrounded by loving family and friends, and maybe even a sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

Are you having a prosperous start to 2024? If you're looking for a highly responsive partner in biopharmaceutical, medical and food grade tubing as well as custom dip molded parts and assembly of your parts, [contact us today!](#)

The Evolution of Kent Elastomer Products

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Secrets of our Success

A History of Innovation
We began as Kent Latex Products 63 years ago. President John F. Kennedy was in the White House, and the Vietnam War was in full swing. Over time, people experienced negative reactions and sensitivity to latex. While competitors struggled, we flexibly expanded into extrusion and the manufacturing of soft, flexible thermoplastic tubing – changing our name to Kent Elastomer Products.

What's Our Secret?
We're not too big, and we're not too small. We're just the right size - large enough to offer extensive polymer manufacturing capabilities and small enough to be nimble and quick. The ability to adapt to change is the secret to our success.

[Learn more about the secrets to our success >](#)

Celebrating February 2024 Anniversaries!

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

As February is the month to celebrate love and affection, we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful employees on their KEP work anniversaries! Each team member brings unique skills and talents to our company – and we couldn't do what we do without them.

Congratulations to **Cheri Thompson** for 38 years, **Mark McCune** for 34 years and **Brandi Howard** for 11 years. We are so thankful for them and their hard work!

[See the rest of our February anniversaries >](#)

Meet The Team

Meet Tina Allen

"Never be afraid to learn something new and learn all you can. There are many opportunities out there."

Since 2021 • Extrusion Tender

Tina Allen is an Extrusion Tender at our Mogadore facility. She's been with us for almost three years, and we're thankful to have her on our team!

Tina's role at KEP includes staging shipping loads, unloading trucks and managing outside vendors. She also assists assemblers and operators, and helps with general cleaning. For Tina, a good day is a productive day - reaching all her goals and completing her tasks.

[Learn more about Tina >](#)

KEP Employees of the Year!

We're excited to announce the **2023 KENT ELASTOMER PRODUCTS, INC. Employees of the Year!**

Tina Long - Mogadore
Dave Martin - Kent
Patty Butler - Winesburg

One of our favorite annual traditions is when we recognize three team members as Employees of the Year. When we say we take celebrating our staff and their continued growth seriously – we're not kidding! Employees can earn this title by receiving points in specific areas: years of service, attendance, golden tickets, safety suggestions, being recognized by a supervisor and presenting/leading a safety meeting.

Congratulations to the following KEP Employees of the Year:

Tina Long - Mogadore
Dave Martin - Kent
Patty Butler - Winesburg

Thank you to Tina, Dave and Patty for your hard work. We are grateful to have you on our team!

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The generous employees of KEP donated more than \$10,000 to Ronald McDonald House of Akron, and the company has matched that donation with an additional \$10,000. President John Dames told employees, "Our employee contributions for the RMH giving campaign are at \$10,140! We exceeded last year's donation amount by \$710!"

Thank you to every one of our facilities and their employees for making our 2024 campaign a great success! The total \$20,140 donation is enough money to sponsor four rooms for families in need for one year.

In addition to the generous monetary donations, our Winesburg facility collected a truckload of gifts for children. Don Leeper, Senior Vice President of Finance and Administration, dropped those off to the RMH just in time for Christmas!

"Thank you to everyone that helped make 2024 a successful giving campaign!" said John. "I am so blessed to work with all of you!"

KEP Employees Attend the MD&M West Show

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Anthony Christopher, Bobby Dalton, Brad Huntley and Dave Krupinski attended the [Medical Device and Manufacturing Show](#) just in time for our **BioVTEX™** launch!

The B2B medical device trade show in California boasts 1,600+ booths exhibiting the components, tools and cutting-edge technology that shape life-saving medical devices - a valuable learning and networking opportunity! This is just one way that KEP invests in continuous improvement and pushes towards innovation – allowing us to be known as an authority in the industries we serve.

What Our Customers Say

"Kent Elastomer is a very good supplier – quick to answer and expedite material when demand increases. KEP product goes directly to thousands of our final users and clients."

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Why shouldn't you trust a pastry chef on Valentine's Day? Because he'll dessert you.

It'd be so sweet if you **follow us** on social media!