



## *News Release*

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### **BENDIX SUPPORTS JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH**

*Employees Volunteer to Teach Crestwood Elementary School Students on JA Blitz Day*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Nov. 1, 2011** – Employees of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC will spend a day in the classrooms of Crestwood Elementary School in Elyria on Nov. 2 as part of Junior Achievement's JA Blitz Day educational program.

Twenty-five volunteers from Bendix, one of the largest Lorain County employers and a leader in civic outreach efforts in Northeast Ohio, will teach kindergarten through fifth grade students at Crestwood. Junior Achievement, which serves 45,000 students in Lorain, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties, will provide the curriculum and teaching materials for each grade level.

Junior Achievement's classroom programs focus on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship, aiming to empower young people to own their economic success. During the course of the academic year, 50 different Northeast Ohio companies, including Bendix, support the initiative through volunteer teaching at schools across the region.

Volunteers from a multitude of positions within Bendix will teach lessons throughout the day with support from Crestwood teachers. Volunteers will teach about everything from understanding community services, such as fire and police departments, to how money moves through a local economy. Each volunteer's unique real-world work experience can also be used to offer examples and enhance the curriculum.

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“We received enthusiastic feedback from the employees who took part in our first Junior Achievement Blitz Day, as well as the Crestwood students and teachers,” said Gwen Scott, benefits and work/life programs manager at Bendix. “Through volunteering and financial support, giving back to the communities in which we do business has always been an important part of our culture. We welcome the opportunity to once again positively impact the educational programs in Elyria’s schools and present students with a chance to better understand their community.”

The Junior Achievement partnership marks just one way in which Bendix strives to support local charitable organizations and the communities it calls home.

In support of the United Way of Greater Lorain County, Bendix employees step up by organizing fundraising activities, such as a team truck pull competition, car washes, slow-cooker contests, and silent auctions. In 2011, their efforts raised more than \$70,000 in individual and corporate donations for the local United Way.

Throughout the community, Bendix employees donate their time and talents year-round. During the holidays, they adopt dozens of recipients in support of the Salvation Army’s Angel Tree Program by donating and delivering food, clothing, and toys to families in need throughout Lorain County. Employees also provide financial and volunteer support to efforts including the Second Harvest Food Bank, local schools, Friendship Animal Protective League, and the Cleveland Kidney Walk to benefit the National Kidney Foundation.

“We encourage our employees to become involved in programs that enrich the quality of life and opportunities in their communities,” Scott said. “We believe it is our responsibility as a company to strengthen the communities in which we live and work.”

The Bendix Co-op Cares Committee, a volunteer organization for the company’s co-op college students, led the fall JA Blitz Day initiative. Co-op students will make up about half the volunteer instructors at Crestwood Elementary.

Bendix previously participated in Crestwood’s JA Blitz Day in March 2011.

### **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, 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 2,700 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle performance, safety, and overall operating cost. Bendix

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