



## *News Release*

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### **BENDIX ANNOUNCES THREE-YEAR SPONSORSHIP OF AVON'S EAGLE RUN**

*Annual Fundraising Event Supports Local Educational and Community Programs*

**AVON, Ohio – March 16, 2023** – Supporting difference-makers in the classroom and the community, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) will be the exclusive presenting sponsor of the 2023 Eagle Run, a fundraising event for the Avon Schools Educational Endowment Fund and other local charities. Bendix has also committed to serve as the presenting sponsor of the race in 2024 and 2025. The Eagle Run, scheduled for May 27 at Avon High School, is marking its 21<sup>st</sup> year.

“At Bendix, we have a long-standing passion for encouraging the journey of health and wellness for our employees and their family members, alongside deep community support for the places we call home,” said Maria Gutierrez, Bendix senior director, environmental, social, and governance (ESG). “Proudly supporting this popular and impactful event enables us to do both in a very meaningful way that puts our values into action.”

Walkers and runners of all ages can participate in the Eagle Run, which offers a 5-mile run, a 5K run/walk, and a 1-mile kids’ fun run. The race has raised more than \$500,000 over the past 20 years for the Avon Schools Educational Endowment Fund, which receives half of the race’s proceeds each year and provides grants that enable teachers to develop creative opportunities for students when public funding is not available. This year’s race will also support the French Creek Family YMCA, Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services (CRS), and other local charities.

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On race day, Bendix will have one of its tractor-trailers equipped with the latest advanced driver assistance system safety technologies so those in attendance can see a big rig up close and talk to experts from the company's demo team.

"Over the past 20 years, the Eagle Run has become an important annual tradition for the Avon community as we kick off the Memorial Day holiday weekend," said Ben Hodge, Avon Local Schools superintendent. "The event averages nearly 1,000 participants/runners each year, and approximately half of those are our own Avon schoolchildren. The race is an amazing family activity, and we are happy to welcome Bendix as our presenting sponsor. Along with being a fun day for all, the Eagle Run brings lasting benefits to Avon teachers, students, and many other community members – we're proud to partner with Bendix and our additional sponsors to help continue this important effort."

Bendix – the North American leader in the design, development, and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking solutions for commercial vehicles – has a long tradition of investing in local organizations and projects that focus on education, healthy living, and family support. Last year, Bendix helped fund an award-winning science education program in Cleveland and joined with other members of the Avon community to back the development of a new athletic facility for the Avon Local School District. Bendix also regularly supports community outreach by its teams across North America, including manufacturing campuses in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Huntington, Indiana; and Acuña, Mexico, along with the company's R.H. Sheppard division based in Hanover, Pennsylvania.

The company ascribes to a philosophy of active corporate responsibility focusing on social cohesion, underserved youth, and families in its communities. Bendix's legacy of community engagement via grants and project support in greater Lorain County includes Habitat for Humanity house builds donated to the Lorain County Habitat for Humanity branch; VEX Robotics event judging and grants; support of the RITE coding camp through grants and company volunteers; donations for Elyria, Ohio-based Blessing House; employee volunteer events at Friendship Animal Protective League and Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio; grants for Maker Space at several schools, including Elyria Catholic High School and the Elyria City Schools; plus employee volunteerism at a range of STEM events in Elyria, Sheffield, Lorain, and Grafton.

"Wherever we operate, Bendix encourages our employees to find ways for us to give back – both as individuals and as an organization," Gutierrez said. "Giving back is in our company DNA. The Eagle Run is one more way we can engage, live our company values, and show the community the true heart of our team members. We look forward to lacing up our shoes and taking part this spring."

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