



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **RK Foundation Celebrates 10 Years of Giving to Local Organizations That Support Community Development, Education, and Health**

*Foundation celebrates 10th anniversary with \$10,000 donation to an employee-selected charity, and golf tournament and reception*

**Denver, Colo. (April 20, 2021)** – The RK Foundation, a charitable organization that supports a variety of local nonprofits and public service organizations, will celebrate its 10th anniversary on April 21, 2021. To date, the RK Foundation, which focuses its giving on community development, education, and health, has donated more than \$1.8 million to 156 organizations that work to improve the quality of life for individuals in the communities where RK team members work and live. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, RK Foundation will donate \$10,011 to a charity selected by its employees, host a reception to honor recipients of RK Foundation funding and legacy partners of the organization, and a golf tournament to raise funds for future grants.

Established in 2011, the RK Foundation is directed by the Kinning family, who founded RK, a leader in the commercial construction, manufacturing, fabrication and building services industries. The RK Foundation oversees charitable efforts for the company and allocates grant funding to local nonprofits and causes that align with key focus areas of community development, education and health. The RK Foundation is entirely self-sustaining and funded solely by proceeds from recycling the scrap metal generated in RK's fabrication shops and customer project sites.

"The RK Foundation was inspired by my father, Ron Kinning, who was always looking for ways to help others," shared Jon Kinning, president of RK Foundation and chief operating officer and executive vice president at RK. "My dad liked to go to garage sales to find tools which he would then give to young apprentices at RK to give them a hand up and help them get started in their career. He really believed in the importance of supporting workforce development and helping his young apprentices overcome early career barriers, such as buying their own tools and work boots."

The RK Foundation will celebrate the 10th anniversary by inviting employees to participate in the first ever RK Charity Challenge in which they submit a "pitch" for their charity of choice to become the recipient of an RK Foundation grant of \$10,011. All RK employees will have the opportunity to vote for the winning charity, which must be based within either Colorado or Utah where RK conducts business. RK believes in the importance of supporting local communities where team members work and live, as well as causes that are important to team members'

interests. In addition, the RK Foundation will hold an invitational golf tournament for key stakeholders on June 7, 2021.

Over the past 10 years, the RK Foundation has proudly supported several legacy partners including the Leukemia Lymphoma Society Rocky Mountain Chapter, Special Olympics of Colorado, and First Descents. The RK Foundation also works particularly closely with organizations that support education and workforce development, including Community College of Denver, Denver Public Schools Foundation, ACE Scholarships, and Metropolitan State University Denver.

Mathew Sweeney, AMC director for the Community College of Denver, a grantee of the RK Foundation, shares, "The biggest area of impact from the RK Foundation's work is undoubtedly on our capacity to better meet the needs of employers, students, and the Denver community." He continues, "Many students in our programs transition from service industry jobs and look for careers in construction and manufacturing that offer predictable schedules, career growth opportunities, and salaries that allow them to grow into the middle class. RK Foundation's grants truly help us build a pathway out of poverty and into good-paying careers at companies like RK."

For more information on RK Foundation, visit [www.rk-foundation.org](http://www.rk-foundation.org).

### **About RK Foundation**

The RK Foundation supports a variety of local nonprofits and public organizations, with a specific focus on community development, education and health. For more than 50 years, RK has supported numerous nonprofits and charities that improve the quality of life in our community.

### **About RK**

As a leader in the commercial construction, manufacturing, fabrication and building services industries, RK brings customer visions to life, calling on decades of experience and exceptionally trained teams within the organization to deliver maximum quality service to every endeavor. Our work and expertise across multiple industries make us a premier partner, creating and executing specialty, professional solutions from start to finish. RK's relentless pursuit of innovation allows customers to see their greatest concepts become reality, trusting RK's exclusive design and building methodologies, backed by accredited, safe and professional execution.

###

### **Media Contacts:**

Diana Crawford  
Orapin Marketing + Public Relations  
502.727.8881  
[Diana@orapinmarketing.com](mailto:Diana@orapinmarketing.com)

Jennifer Johnson

RK Industries

303.785.6876

[Jennifer.Johnson@rkindustries.com](mailto:Jennifer.Johnson@rkindustries.com)