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# Annual Meeting IMPACT REPORT

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June 12



**Manufacturing Works**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to strengthening manufacturing and the local economy in Northeast Ohio.

# ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## An Extraordinary Evening



On June 12th, the historic Windows on the River in Cleveland's vibrant Flats district became the epicenter of manufacturing transformation. **Manufacturing Works' most inspiring event of the year** brought together the brightest minds, boldest innovators, and most passionate champions of Northeast Ohio's manufacturing sector.

### **The atmosphere was electric.**

Against the stunning backdrop of the Cuyahoga River, almost 200 manufacturing leaders, rising stars, and community champions gathered for an evening that redefined what's possible when our industry comes together!

## The Stories That Stopped the Room

This year's theme, "**The Power of Community**," was a living, breathing reality that unfolded throughout the evening. The most powerful moments came when we heard directly from the people whose lives have been completely transformed:

- **Leadership Institute graduates**
- **Apprenticeship program participants**
- **ManuFuture initiative leaders**

The energy in the room was palpable as real people shared real stories of measurable change. This kind of transformation that only happens when community collaboration meets commitment, driven by the authentic connection that Manufacturing Works is known for.



## The Night's Biggest Moments

Between the surprise musical performances, award presentations, and those unforgettable "**you had to be there**" moments, the evening was filled with genuine celebration. But the real magic happened during the networking hour, where new partnerships solidified and casual conversations sparked ideas that are already turning into meaningful initiatives.

## Honoring Heroes

We loved bringing back the awards we've presented in years past, recognizing the exceptional individuals and organizations who are driving Northeast Ohio's manufacturing future:

### **Jon Shoop - Strategic Partner Award**

*For outstanding contributions and partnership in advancing manufacturing excellence*

### **Glenn Richardson - Community Champion Award**

*For dedication to supporting the community and strengthening manufacturing through regional economic development initiatives*

### **Re: Build Cutting Dynamics - Mission Builder Award**

*For innovative approach and mission-driven impact in the manufacturing sector*



## Catch You at the Next Signature Event

Mark your calendars now. Manufacturing Works' *Biggest Party of the Year*, **Nuts & Bolts Bash**, promises to be even more extraordinary, and after what happened last week we can guarantee it will be the most sought-after invitation in manufacturing. **See you on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Truss Cleveland!**





# ATTENDEE FEEDBACK

This year's Annual Meeting received a **Net Promoter Score of 9.04**.

The survey asked: "How likely is it that you would recommend us to a peer based on your recent experience?" [On a scale of 1-10]

- Nearly 70% of attendees completed the survey.
- 45.67% of respondents answered with "10" and 24% answered with "9", with only 1 respondent giving a score of less than "7."
- The overall average rating was **9/10**.

Attendees praised the event's speakers, relevant content, networking opportunities, and generally "fun" atmosphere.



"One of the best events hosted by MW that I have attended. It clearly communicated what MW does and the value it brings to the NEO manufacturing community. On top of the meaningful content it was beautifully produced and presented."

"Great venue & opportunity to network"

"I had no idea about all Manufacturing Works does.  
Great job and informative presentation.  
Loved learning more about the team!"

"Really nice event last night!"

"My first annual meeting; loved the format, engagement, and information sharing about progress and goals."



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## The 2025 Annual Meeting was made possible by our AMAZING Partners!

This extraordinary evening wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our incredible sponsors who believe in the power of community.

Thank you to every organization that invested in this vision including the stunning venue that provided the perfect backdrop for celebration! Your sponsorship turned a regular "meeting" into a party. You helped create the space where breakthrough conversations happened, where industry leaders connected with rising stars, and where the future of Northeast Ohio manufacturing took shape in real-time. Your commitment to our mission transforms individual success stories into collective impact that ripples throughout our entire manufacturing community.

To everyone who joined us: thank you for making magic happen!

### Mission Sponsors



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### Vision Sponsors



As we look toward the next big event, we're seeking sponsors who want to be part of something even bigger. Logos on a wall are one thing, but positioning your organization at the heart of Northeast Ohio's manufacturing sector is quite another.

By sponsoring, you're investing in entry-level workers and apprentices who will become tomorrow's industry leaders, the innovative programs that are reshaping workforce development, and the collaborative spirit that's making our region a vibrant manufacturing hub that uplifts our entire community. All we do is in service of our manufacturing community and we appreciate your support.

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## INDUSTRIAL OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP

### [Millie Caraballo](#)

We prioritize building personal relationships with local industrial companies, visiting leadership teams to better understand their challenges and then tailoring our programs to meet their needs.

## EVENTS

### [Mari-Elen Sammon](#)

Want to network with our community? We host Happy Hours, Lunch 'n' Learns, and Plant Tours to bring our community together, sharing knowledge and success stories among manufacturers and experts.

## MANUFUTURE TODAY

### [Mike Yost](#)

Launched in 2024, ManuFuture NEO brings manufacturers together to identify their current state, envision a future state, and solve problems through collaboration. All manufacturers are welcome!

## LCMSP

### [Chris Brown](#)

LCMSP unites local manufacturers and workforce agencies to ensure a skilled workforce while strengthening the manufacturing industry in Lorain, Huron, and Erie counties. Join the ecosystem.



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### [Brianna Schultz](#)

The Supervising for Success series for frontline supervisors focuses on leadership, communication, and managing teams to boost performance and job satisfaction. Leadership Institute is aimed at aspiring manufacturing leaders. This cohort-based program develops authentic leadership skills and entrepreneurial thinking skills to drive business success. [Apply today!](#)

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### [Tiffany Rashada](#)

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