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Gentex — Today’s Features, Tomorrow’s Technology

Every new innovation or technological leap forward starts with vision... the ability to see unique solutions to challenging problems with a different perspective. As a leading manufacturer of proprietary technologies for the automotive, fire protection and aerospace industries, Gentex delivers a very different perspective.

We supply nearly every major automaker with advanced electronic features that optimize driver vision and enhance driving safety. We also manufacture alarms and signaling devices for the commercial fire protection industry and electrochemically dimmable windows for the aerospace industry. We have focused competency in digital vision, automotive connectivity, and dimmable glass systems. Since our inception, Gentex has managed the evolution of rear vision. We use the mirror (and surrounding windscreen) as a strategic electronic module – a delivery mechanism for advanced vision-related features, including cameras, displays, alerts, transaction modules, car-to-home automation systems, and security components.

Products for today based on tomorrow’s emerging technology.

For more information on Gentex and its products visit: www.gentex.com or www.gentextech.com

Message from Sustainability Coordinator

SCOTT RYAN
Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, Sustainability Reporting Coordinator

Social responsibility has been the focus of our business from the start. From fire protection warning devices to automotive products and features that protect drivers and their passengers from road hazards, Gentex has always been in the business of safety. In alignment with our Board of Directors, the Company incorporates environmental, social, and corporate governance issues into our decision-making processes and our business policies, operating in accordance with all applicable laws and seeking adherence with international human rights conventions in defiance of child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking. The annual update to this report provides the results of our programs and information on the policies and practices that guide our environmental, social, and corporate governance, industry best practices, and our continuous improvement.

For the latest update of Gentex sustainability programs, visit: www.gentex.com/corporate/sustainability
Gentex Environmental Management System (GEMS)

Continuous improvement has been a unified effort in every facet of culture and innovation at Gentex. It’s a mindset that brings together all our core competencies and allows us to develop today’s features without compromising future generations.

In alignment with that effort, Gentex established an environmental management system based on the ISO 14001 international environmental management standard. Gentex has maintained ISO 14001 certification since 2002 and continues to renew that certification. The ISO 14001 international environmental standard became the foundation for the Gentex Environmental Management System and meshes with our Environmental Policy, allowing us to integrate environmental efficiency into our processes.

At all facilities, environmental impact is being measured and improved annually by eliminating waste and emissions, maximizing the efficiency of our processes and resources, and increasing recycling and reuse. By ensuring environmental management and conservation, we have been able to establish long-term measures for minimizing negative effects on the environment while maximizing positive outputs for our surrounding communities.

On the pages that follow, we provide an overview of the various metrics we track to gauge the environmental performance of our manufacturing facilities.

To help qualify these figures and provide a frame of reference, most of the metrics are expressed as a measure of unit (per mirror) production.

ISO 14001 specifies the requirements for an environmental management system that we use to enhance and manage our environmental performance while ensuring compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and other environmentally oriented requirements.
Energy and Climate Change

Energy sustainability and global climate change continue to be at the forefront of the challenges we face as a society today. Both energy use and production are the biggest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions, a statistic we have always taken seriously.

As Gentex continues to grow and evolve, it becomes even more crucial that we remain committed to improving energy-efficiency where practicable. Our team stays current on efficient alternatives for equipment as they are developed and introduced to the industry. In the past, we have utilized such alternatives for equipment replacement and for new equipment installations. We are currently working to use less energy in the operation of our manufacturing plants through automated building management systems and by utilizing the most energy-efficient lights and HVAC equipment.

Gentex also participates in the local Energy Smart Program (ESP), which promotes the implementation of progressive energy efficiency projects. Over the years, Gentex has achieved the maximum goal possible in the ESP for implementing lighting and HVAC improvements, conducting compressed air leak audits and installing new building control systems.

Renewable Energy

Gentex purchases energy for its Zeeland and Holland facilities from the Zeeland Board of Public Works (ZBPW), which complies with Public Act 295 and requires the company’s energy portfolio to include specified levels of renewable energy. PA295 requires alternative energy sources to comprise 10 percent of the ZBPW’s energy portfolio. Currently, these forms of renewable energy include wind and landfill gas.

Additional information can be found at: http://www.bpw.zeeland.mi.us
Electricity Use

Electricity consumed to operate Gentex’s manufacturing facilities, machinery and equipment.

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Annual Total (kWh)</th>
<th>Mirror Production</th>
<th>sq. ft of Building Footprint</th>
<th>kWh/mirror</th>
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<td>2018</td>
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<td>42,254,932</td>
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Electric use is directly related to cooling our facilities and fluctuates depending on seasonal cooling requirements. Facility expansions also increase usage.

Natural Gas Use

Natural gas consumed primarily to heat facilities.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Annual Total (ft³)</th>
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Natural gas usage is directly related to heating our facilities and fluctuates depending on seasonal heating requirements and the severity of winter. Facility expansions also increase usage.
Greenhouse Gas Emissions

There are two primary types of greenhouse gas emissions:

**SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS**
Emissions Gentex directly controls (combustion of natural gas for boilers/heating, gas consumed in company vehicles, and losses in cooling refrigerants)

**SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS**
Emissions from electricity we purchase

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<td>2014</td>
<td>Stationary Combustion – 7,081</td>
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<td>Company Vehicles – 109</td>
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<td>Refrigerant – 4.8</td>
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<td>Stationary Combustion – 5,877</td>
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<td>Refrigerant – 12.6</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>Stationary Combustion – 7,036</td>
<td>Purchased Electricity – 83,848</td>
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<td>Company Vehicles – 168</td>
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<td>Refrigerants – 19</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>Stationary Combustion – 8,633</td>
<td>Purchased Electricity – 90,026</td>
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<td>Company Vehicles – 160</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Refrigerants – 32</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>Stationary Combustion – 8,938</td>
<td>Purchased Electricity – 96,480</td>
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<td>Company Vehicles – 172</td>
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<td>Refrigerant – 21</td>
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Gentex remains below federal reporting thresholds for Scope 1 Emissions.
VOC Air Emissions

Volatile organic compounds used in Gentex operations include solvents, adhesives and chemical compounds used in the formulation of chemical subassemblies.

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<th>Year</th>
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<th>Mirror Production (lbs/mirror)</th>
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<td>117,302</td>
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<td>96,250</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>95,687</td>
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Process Water Use

Process water use consists of the water used during mirror production, primarily in glass washing operations.

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<td>2015</td>
<td>165,368,368</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>188,138,730</td>
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Waste and Recycling

Gentex cultivates industry-defining capabilities to develop and manufacture high-quality products for the automotive, aerospace, and commercial fire protection industries. This requires a sophisticated manufacturing process that allows us to monitor and minimize waste and assist in long-term preventative measures.

Wastes in Manufacturing

Minimizing waste while increasing recycling and reuse is fundamental to the way we operate, but waste isn’t always something tangible. Waste such as excess motion, overproduction, overprocessing, or defects can also negatively effect efficiency. On our production floor, team members have been trained to locate and minimize such waste in our processes. This promotes ownership mentality while giving us insight from our employees who are part of the process every single day.

Recycling

Gentex has a robust recycling strategy in place to prevent scrap commodities from ending up in the landfill and we continue to explore new strategies to increase our recycling and reuse. We have invested substantial time and money into developing our manufacturing process to monitor and minimize waste while promoting recycling.

GENTEX ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT

Based on the success of our previous Gentex Electronic Recycling Event, Gentex again partnered with Green Earth Electronics Recycling to hold a company-wide event allowing employees an opportunity to responsibly dispose of personal electronic waste materials.

Over the course of 6 hours, 15,250 lbs of TVs, appliances, computers, and other electronics were repurposed/recycled and kept out of a landfill. That’s a 23.8% increase from 2017!
Solid Waste to Landfill

Solid waste sent to the landfill comes primarily from general manufacturing and office trash.

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
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<td>2015</td>
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<td>2016</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>10,589,359</td>
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2015 increase in solid waste to landfill is primarily the result of waste generated from the construction of the company’s new North Riley facility.

GENTEX IS CURRENTLY RECYCLING MORE SOLID WASTE THAN IT SENDS TO THE LANDFILL.

Solid Waste Recycled

Gentex attempts to recycle as much solid waste as possible, which consists primarily of glass, plastic, cardboard and paper scraps from manufacturing operations and general U.S. office use.

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<td>2018</td>
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Regulated Waste

Regulated waste consists primarily of hazardous materials, including liquid industrial waste, used oil and universal waste.

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All of these waste materials are handled and disposed of by the appropriate treatment storage and disposal facility.
Gentex Sustainability Initiatives

» A Gentex manufacturing facility expansion utilizes an underground storm water retention system to reduce storm water discharge into the county drain system.

» Our irrigation software control system monitors the weather and climate conditions to optimize watering schedules, reducing irrigation water consumption by approximately 25%.

» Gentex maintains 22 electric-vehicle charging stations on its corporate campus, including its new North Riley facility, which helped avoid 7,624 kg in greenhouse gas emissions for the 2018 calendar year.

» Facility roofs utilize white materials to reflect sunlight and reduce air conditioning energy consumption by approximately 20%.

» Gentex utilizes software-managed and occupancy-sensor-controlled lighting throughout all our facilities.

» 2018 marked the sixth consecutive year that Gentex has “adopted” a local stretch of road as part of Michigan’s “Adopt-A-Highway” program, which sees local organizations participate in highway cleaning and beautification efforts.

» A centralized water chiller plant allows us to decrease overall energy usage.

» Air economizers and energy recovery units are integrated on our HVAC systems.

» All Gentex utility and HVAC systems are managed by computer-controlled software, allowing for improved performance and energy reduction.

» Energy-efficient fluorescent lights are utilized in all areas. New and renovated areas are moving to LED technology.

» Gentex captures the excess heat from the compressed air system and uses it to pre-heat/temper the water used in the production process, thus eliminating the need for auxiliary heaters in the water basins.

» Excess warm water from the production process is used to temper the boiler/snowmelt water, reducing boiler energy consumption.

» Gentex’s water recovery system collects water used in the production lines, sanitizes it, and sends it back for use in a secondary manufacturing process, which helps reduce overall water usage.

» Low-flow faucets are used within the facilities.
» VFDs (variable frequency drives) are installed on all motors and pumps.

» Facility carpets have 30 – 50% recycled content and are 100% recyclable.

» Gentex maintains a bicycle fleet, with individual bikes (called G-Cycles), positioned at strategic locations around its corporate campus. Employees can use these bikes instead of gas-powered vehicles when traveling to different Gentex facilities.

» Gentex facilities utilize an insulated metal panel system for the exterior walls in order to improve energy efficiency.

» Gentex maintains a bus shelter for the Macatawa Area Express (MAX) Transportation Authority, in order to promote bus ridership among employees and the community in general.

» Gentex integrated a “green roof” into its North Riley Street facility (building 1).

» Drinking fountains with the water bottle refill feature avoided the disposal of 203,509 plastic one-time use water bottles for calendar year 2018.

» Sweed banding choppers are used at our 220 Riley campus that have reduced the frequency of trips to recycling. Gentex has prevented 1,74 metric tons of CO2 from transportation of Sweed banding materials to recycling.

» Gentex improved its cleaning method for frameless and lipped chrome ring elements. In a 4-month span, we have reduced wipe material usage by 35% preventing 2,547 lbs of waste material.

» Manufacturing installed bio-remediating smart washers to clean parts and equipment previously cleaned by acetone, reducing the acetone usage by 4,372 gallons.

» At all facilities, Gentex implemented a Papercut Print Management Solution that reduced paper usage 14%, toner usage 45% and eliminated 85 printers.
GEMS Annual Goals

As a technology company, we are constantly looking for new ways to increase the efficiency of our production and distribution process while also enhancing the effectiveness of our end products. Each year, as part of the Gentex Environmental Management System (GEMS), we develop new initiatives to reduce, reuse and recycle. These goals are set annually and are designed, in part, to engage team members in the effort to support continuous improvement in our environmental performance and to seek out smarter ways to minimize waste and prevent pollution.

2019 Goals

REDUCE REGULATED WASTE

GOAL: Reduce aqueous waste from chemical production process. Annual regulated waste reduction goal of 6,500 liters.

REDUCE LANDFILL WASTE

GOAL: Remove plastic bag from mirror packaging. Annual landfill waste reduction goal of 3,500 pounds at the customer.

2018 Goals

REDUCE WASTEWATER

GOAL: Reduce wastewater from aerospace/electrochemically dimmable window production. Annual water savings goal of 574,882 gallons.

TARGET REALIZATION: Reduced wastewater from aerospace/electrochemically dimmable window production by 575,073 gallons for calendar year 2018.

REDUCE LANDFILL WASTE

GOAL: Implement polyethylene bag recycling program in electrical assembly. Annual landfill waste reduction goal of 7,860 pounds.

TARGET REALIZATION: Recycled 3,200 pounds of polyethylene bags for calendar year 2018.
SECTION III. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Corporate Wetlands Mitigation Program

As part of the construction of the company’s North Riley Campus, Gentex worked with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on a wetlands mitigation project. We constructed three distinct wetlands and wildlife habitat areas totaling 3.25 acres, which we now monitor closely. Since their creation, these wetland areas have become home to a wide variety of wildlife species, including frogs, toads, butterflies, dragonflies, Goldfinches, songbirds, ducks, cranes, woodpeckers, herons and deer, among other animals. The wetlands are a beautiful addition to our campus and the local community. Gentex also financially supports other local wetlands.

Human Rights

Social responsibility has been the focus of our business from the start. From fire protection warning and notification devices to automotive products and features that protect drivers and their passengers from road hazards, Gentex has always been in the business of safety. In alignment with our Board of Directors, operating in accordance with all applicable laws is expected, as is seeking adherence with international human rights conventions in defiance of child labor, forced labor and human trafficking, always in a sustainable manner.

Gentex is committed to conduct business in accordance with the letter and the spirit of all applicable laws, rules and regulations as set forth in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. Gentex respects all applicable laws prohibiting the use of child labor, forced labor and human trafficking, and we manage our business in a manner consistent with fundamental human rights. We work to apply these principles in those with whom we do business.

Gentex’s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics can be found at: www.gentex.com/Code-of-Ethics.pdf
Conflict Minerals

Gentex operates with a formal Conflict Minerals Policy. Conflict minerals are those mined, primarily in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to finance armed conflict and human rights abuses. If the sources of these minerals are not traced and audited, they can find their way into the supply chain, as they are essential to the manufacture of automotive and consumer electronics. Gentex’s Supply Chain Management manages to this policy in compliance with the Dodd-Frank conflict minerals regulation and customer requirements while demonstrating socially responsible supply chain practices.

For more information on Gentex’s Conflict Minerals Policy, visit: www.gentex.com/Conflict-Minerals-Policy.pdf

Substances of Concern (SoC) and End-of-Life Vehicles

Automobile manufacturers and government agencies have established standards that prohibit or limit the use of substances of concern (SoC) within vehicles. Tracking and verification of SoC content is done through the International Material Data System (IMDS), a web-based system that provides automotive suppliers a common format to report the percentage of SoC contained within manufactured parts. This provides automobile manufacturers with the necessary information to certify they are compliant with national and international standards, laws and regulations.

Gentex is SoC compliant both domestically and abroad. Our SoC strategy requires that we work across functions, customers and countries to ensure product adherence to customer specifications and government regulations such as the End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) Directive; Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH); and other standards and laws that restrict or prohibit SoC.

Gentex is both diligent and proactive in compliance whenever possible. For instance, in the early 2000s, Gentex launched a “green mirror” initiative that coincided with the European Union’s introductory End-of-Life Vehicle (ELV) measures, and is designed to remove certain heavy metals from our mirrors and production methods. As a result, we developed all-new, cadmium-free digital light sensors, new lead-free reflective coatings, and lead-free wire harnesses and soldering methods.
Diversity and Quality

Gentex is committed to supporting diversity in all facets of its business. We operate with formal Hiring and Supplier Diversity Policies. In addition, Gentex complies with the specific diversity programs developed and administered by all of our customers.

Over the years, Gentex has been recognized by multiple OEM customers for actively developing and using minority- and woman-owned Tier II suppliers. In 2018, and for six years in a row, Gentex was recognized by Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. for our ongoing efforts to increase supplier relationships with local minority business enterprises.

Gentex is a member of the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council and the Women’s Business Enterprise Council – Great Lakes Region.
Gentex Hiring Diversity/EEO Policy

Gentex supports an environment of equal employment opportunities and will maintain and conduct all practices relating to recruitment, hiring, promotion, discipline and other terms and conditions of employment in a manner which does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, handicap, marital status, military service, height or weight.

Gentex’s EEO Policy and career information can be found at: www.gentex.com/careers or www.gentex.com/careers/working_with_us.html

Minority Support

In 2018, Gentex made charitable contributions to several minority organizations to support the community and uphold social responsibility. The minority organizations that were supported in 2018 include:

» Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance
» Latin American United Progress Group (LAUP)
» Holland Young Professionals
» Inforum – Diversity Conference
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

It is the policy of Gentex Corporation to increase the business opportunities for certified minority- and woman-owned businesses. Our commitment is to maximize their participation through the development of mutually beneficial business relationships, which will ensure that quality materials and services are provided to the corporation in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Gentex, at its discretion, will develop mentoring relationships with key minority- and woman-owned business suppliers to help develop business systems and encourage them with new technologies and future growth. We understand the commitment to these businesses not only benefits the supplier, but also benefits the greater business community.

2018 MINORITY SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

» **JUNE 2018**: Insights to Corporate Bidding Process – West Michigan MMSDC Project One Meeting

» **SEPTEMBER 2018**: Sponsored Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council (MMSDC) Speaker Series on Leveraging Minority Supplier Development

» **OCTOBER 2018**: Panelist in the Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Summit hosted by the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce

More information on Gentex’s supplier programs and supplier diversity policy can be found at: www.gentex.com/Supplier-Section/20170323-Supplier-Manual-Master.pdf

MINORITY SOURCING AWARDS

During the North American Annual Business Meeting in March of 2018, Gentex once again received a Supplier Diversity Special Recognition Award for supplier diversity performance from Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. The award recognizes our commitment to developing mutually beneficial Tier II supplier relationships with local MBEs.

OTHER 2018 DIVERSITY AWARDS

» **GM**: Platinum Award for Supplier Diversity

» **NISSAN**: Supplier Diversity Award
As a global company, Gentex is keenly aware of its roles and responsibilities as it relates to sustainability and business ethics. We’re continuously seeking ways to improve our proficiency in meeting and exceeding our long-established standards for environmental stewardship and social responsibility. It has always been our priority to operate sustainably, and, consequently, we’re committed to environmental, social and regulatory best practices. This commitment extends to our supply base. We expect our suppliers to work with us to support the Gentex sustainability initiatives defined throughout this report in their own operations. By working in concert with our business partners we’re better able to implement holistic supply chain standards.

Message from Diversity Officer

JOE MATTHEWS
Vice President of Purchasing and Diversity Officer

In December of 2018, Gentex announced that Joe Matthews, the Company’s Vice President of Purchasing, has been appointed as the Company’s first Diversity Officer. In this role, Matthews will be responsible for the development and implementation of Gentex’s diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) initiatives. Matthews will also provide leadership to Gentex’s newly formalized DE&I Council, a group that is comprised of members from various levels and corporate functions throughout the organization. Its primary role is to help implement diversity programs, training courses, and awareness initiatives throughout the organization while supporting the human resources department in recruiting and community engagement. It also guides additional internal affinity groups, such as Women at Gentex, which champions and supports women in the workplace.
Quality

At Gentex, quality is our highest priority. In fact, our policy is to be our customers’ reference point for quality and service. We’re committed to maintaining leadership roles in the automotive, fire protection and aerospace industries through innovative technology and superior products and services. Our framework to meet this commitment includes providing a safe and professional work environment, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and proactive problem solving, offering vigorous training programs, empowering employees, and developing partnerships with our customers and suppliers. As in all areas of the business, we believe quality is enhanced through the strict adherence to our larger sustainability initiatives, and as a global supplier, we strive to protect the environment through our ISO 14001 programs and certification.

In 2018, some quality highlights included:

- JLR Supplier Excellence Award
- MMA Manufacturing Innovation Excellence Award
Health and Wellness

As part of our commitment to sustainability and corporate responsibility, Gentex looks out for the health and well-being of its employees. We believe healthy employees are happier and more productive. The health programs, services and facilities we provide not only encourage employees to “own” their health, but also help remove some of the financial barriers to leading a healthier lifestyle.

HEALTH PROGRAMS

Gentex administers a number of health-related programs, including but not limited to maternity management services, diabetes management program, and “Smart Health,” a new program introduced in 2018 that gives participating employees an easy way to earn wellness credits toward weekly medical premiums while improving their overall wellness at the same time.

Gentex partnered with SimplyWell® to bring Smart Health to our employees. Smart Health provides the tools, resources, and educational materials needed to build healthier habits over time. Employees and their spouses enrolled in the Gentex Health plan will receive credits toward a lower weekly medical premium based on the number of points they earn. Gentex also supports 100% preventative care, physicals, and health assessments while maintaining an on-site health care facility for team members.

NUTRITIONAL SEMINARS

Gentex recruits registered dietitians to educate employees on the importance of nutrition and eating healthy. Employees are able to gain knowledge on food prep, foods to avoid, and even goal setting. Gentex offered 9 nutritional seminars and 12 healthy cooking demos last year.

CROP SHARE

To support our local farms, Gentex partnered with Crisp Country Acres to offer employees fresh fruits and vegetables weekly. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) pick up is conveniently located at:

- Gentex Wellness Center
- North Riley Campus
- James Street Campus
TEAM SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

In 2018, Gentex sponsored over 60 different employee recreation teams through the Team Sponsorship Program. The program financially supports the team to encourage employees to participate in enjoyable, healthy recreation activities and sports.

SPONSORED RACES

Gentex sponsors a number of racing events to support the community and the health of its employees. In 2018, Gentex offered discounts for 8 different race events:

» Tulip Time Run
» Fifth Third Riverbank Run
» Zeeland Zoom 5k
» Holland 100
» Grand Rapids Color Run
» Zeeland Turkey Trot
» Park 2 Park
» Pedal the Provinces

SIMPLY WELL WELLNESS PROGRAM

Gentex issued 3 company-wide challenges last year: Hydration, Power Down, and Track It. During this program Gentex employees logged 840,954,898 steps. That’s 12.7 times around the Earth!
Health Facilities

WELLNESS CENTER

To promote physical health, Gentex operates its own wellness center outfitted with aerobic exercise machines and weight equipment. We also provide company-subsidized fitness classes. Gentex employees have access to 30 different group fitness classes per week, accompanied with access to local walking, running and biking paths adjacent to our corporate campus.

The Gentex Wellness Center continues to optimize space and equipment as an increasing number of employees strive to improve their health.

ON-SITE HEALTH CLINIC

An on-site health clinic affords employees the opportunity to receive high-quality healthcare right at the workplace with no out-of-pocket co-pay.
Gentex Safety

Safety is an integral part of each employee’s job and plays a vital role in preserving the resources our employees provide. For all Gentex team members, safe work practices are essential to ensure the well-being of all employees, visitors and customers, in addition to the operation of a profitable and quality-oriented organization.

Gentex enjoys an outstanding reputation as a leader in the automotive, fire protection and aerospace industries created by our commitment to safety, quality, and overall product excellence. Through firm adherence to established safety policies and procedures together we can continue the tradition of excellence known at Gentex.

Injury Prevention

Gentex is extremely proud of its workplace injury prevention programs, which have achieved workplace injury rates well below the industry average.
Community Service

Gentex’s headquarters is located in Zeeland, Michigan, just minutes from the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan and the exciting metropolitan city of Grand Rapids. The West Michigan community is known for its philanthropic nature and for a unique culture of cooperation that yields unprecedented levels of public and private sector collaboration. Together, businesses, nonprofits, and government entities work to continually strengthen the West Michigan economy while making the area a great place in which to live, work and raise a family.

In 2018, Gentex Corporation donated to hundreds of individual local charities and events in the following major categories:

- K-12 education
- Pre-kindergarten programs
- College and Universities
- Diversity programs
- Local community health care programs
- Housing assistance programs
- Mental health programs
- Eldercare
- Jobs training programs
- Programs for the disabled
- Family assistance
- Homeless
- Physical and substance abuse programs
Community Share

Gentex and its team members are at the forefront of efforts to continually strengthen our community. That’s why in addition to our corporate gifting program, Gentex operates “Community Share,” an employee-run community service and financial support program that over the years has benefited women abuse support centers, organizations for children with special needs, health clinics, housing stabilization services for the homeless, education assistance and addiction recovery programs.

Community Share solicits grant proposals from local organizations and then develops unique fundraising events and service opportunities in which Gentex team members can participate. Gentex employees can also financially contribute directly to Community Share through payroll deduction, and a generous corporate matching program boosts the overall yearly gifting amount. This past year, Gentex raised $207,000 between employee and corporate donations!

In 2018, Community Share financially supported over 20 different community organizations, including children’s camps, recovery services, homeless initiatives and hospice care, among others.

2018 COMMUNITY SHARE PARTNERS

» Arbor Circle
» Boys and Girls Club of Grand Rapids
» Boys and Girls Club of Holland
» Camp Sunshine
» Center for Women in Transition
» Children’s Advocacy Center
» City on a Hill Ministries
» Community Action House
» Compassionate Heart Ministries
» Evergreen Commons
» Good Samaritan Ministries
» Holland Rescue Mission
» Hope Network
» Hospice of Holland
» Kids Food Basket
» Ladder Homes
» Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity
» Lakeshore Toys for Tots
» Midtown Counseling Services
» Ottagon Addiction Recovery
» Ready for School
» The Bridge Youth Center
A Great Place to Work

Our ongoing efforts to care for others and create an innovative, healthy, productive work culture have been recognized, most notably, by our own employees. For seven years running, Gentex has received a regional “Top Workplaces Award,” which is administered and sponsored by Workplace Dynamics in conjunction with the Detroit Free Press. The award is based on the results of employee surveys conducted anonymously that evaluate critical workplace measures such as organizational health, corporate direction, values and ethics, employee job satisfaction and engagement. As a result of our continued success, Gentex was inducted into the Detroit Free Press Top Workplace Circle of Excellence — a class of companies that are highly rated by their employees year after year.

In 2018, Gentex was ranked 9th among large companies and 1st in the High Technology Electronics sector as one of the best places to work in Michigan, now for the 8th consecutive year.

A complete list of top workplaces for 2018 can be found here: https://www.freep.com/pages/interactives/freep/top-workplaces-2018/
Legal Compliance and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

In compliance with local, state and federal laws and regulations, Gentex takes part in ongoing and thorough audits of our facilities and manufacturing process to ensure continued excellence.

Gentex is committed to conduct business in accordance with the letter and the spirit of all applicable laws, rules and regulations as set forth in our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.