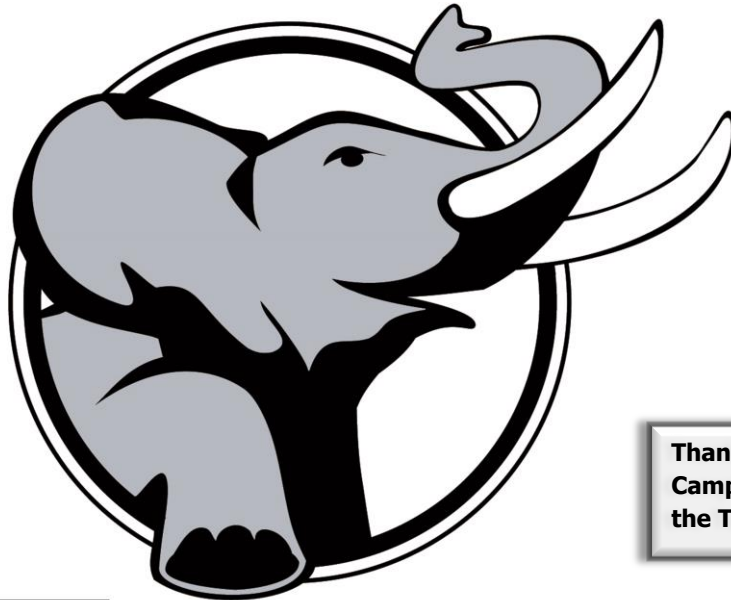


# TantorGives! News

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Thank you Mike  
Campbell for designing  
the TantorGives! logo.

# Tantor *GIVES!*

## Mission Statement

The mission of TantorGives! is to provide opportunities to give back to the community through fun, charitable initiatives, and to foster a spirit of teamwork and volunteerism among Tantor employees.

We believe:

- Giving of our time, talents, and means benefits our company and the community.
- Helping others through philanthropy reflects positively on Tantor by branding ourselves as a company that cares, and gives us name recognition and visibility in the community.
- Promoting and encouraging participation in acts of kindness elevates team spirit, builds morale and instills a sense of pride in our Tantor company family.
- Teamwork builds inter-department communications and friendships that make both work and volunteering fun and effective.
- We enjoy working with like-minded colleagues who share our beliefs that we can make a difference in our world.
- Reaching out to those in need in the communities that we live and work is the most direct and effective way to make a positive change in our world.

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."*

–Charles Dickens

## Committee Members Needed for Wounded Warrior 5k

In May, TantorGives! will be heading up Tantor's participation in the Wounded Warrior 5k, located in New London. If you would like to help organize our Tantorious team, please email [tantorgives@tantor.com](mailto:tantorgives@tantor.com).

## Upcoming Fundraising and Charity Events:

- **March 2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** : Totes of Hope Drive (Pg 2)
- **March-June**: "Pop Tops" for Ronald McDonald House Charities (Pg 2)
- **April 9**: Bake Sale to support Wounded Warrior Project (*more info to come*)
- **May**: Wounded Warrior 5k (*more info to come*)
- **November**: Thanksgiving Food Drive
- **December**: Holiday Mittens

## Who We Are

TantorGives! consists of the following Tantorians:

**Pam Mentone**: Editorial Assistant  
**Anne McCarty**: Audio Production Manager  
**Deborah Fleet**: Audio Proofer  
**Jason Otrin**: IT Manager  
**Kara Boucher**: Acquisitions Assistant  
**Laura Colebank**: Advisor

**Have an idea for TantorGives! ? Submit to [tantorgives@tantor.com](mailto:tantorgives@tantor.com).  
 We look forward to hearing from you!**

## Totes of Hope Drive

Many of you may remember the Red Cross's Totes of Hope drive organized last year by Leslie Jones. Well, she's doing it again and TantorGives! wants this to become an annual event! The Totes of Hope drive supports local homeless veterans. The goal of this drive is to fill tote bags with donated care items and distribute them to the VA hospitals in the area.

**Please bring in toiletries for the drive between March 2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.** There will be donation boxes set up in both the warehouse and office buildings.

Here is a list of the type of toiletries needed:

- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Hand sanitizer
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Combs/Brushes
- Rain Poncho
- Flashlights with batteries
- Pocket Tissues
- Antibacterial ointment
- Deck of Cards
- Pocket mirror
- Fleece Throws
- A Note of Thanks to the veteran who will receive a tote!

**\*ONLY NEW ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED\***



*"Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give."*

—Ben Carson

## "Pop Tops" for Charity: The Ronald McDonald House in New Haven

Starting now, we are asking Tantorians to bring in any aluminum can tabs, "pop tops," to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. This effort was brought to TantorGives! attention by Joan Carlson.

These tabs can be taken off of cans, ranging from soda, beer, cans of soup, to even cat food. The Ronald McDonald House will only accept 100% aluminum tabs. If the top does not come off with three to four gentle wiggles, then the tab is not aluminum.

The Ronald McDonald House Charities are found within close proximity to the hospital where a child is receiving care for a very serious illness. The home provides a free place for family members to stay so that they can get to the hospital. These homes come complete with bedrooms, kitchen, laundry, telephone, internet, television, play room, family room, library, and the companionship of other families who are dealing with similar circumstances.

"Pop Tops" will be collected in containers, which will be set up in both buildings in early March. In **June**, at the end of the first collection period, Joan will take the tops to the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. We will continue to collect pop tops into the foreseeable future as well!

### Fun Facts About "Pop Tops"

**1 pop tab = 1 inch of aluminum**  
**12 pop tabs = 1 foot of aluminum**  
**63,360 pop tabs = 1 mile of aluminum**  
**1,267 pop tabs = 1 pound of aluminum**  
**1 million tabs = 730 pounds**  
**730 pounds of aluminum = \$511**

## Thank You Tantor!

"Thank you for your recent donation of 295 lbs. of food given to The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries. This donation will go a very long way to help those in need. We appreciate your generous giving.

We are grateful for your kindness and support in helping to feed our community."

*Laura Dean-Frazier*

-Laura Dean-Frazier

Pantry Manager, Old Saybrook



Food Drive (November 2014)

L to R: Donna Ciarfella, Kara Boucher, Laura Colebank, Pam Mentone, and Jason Otrin

## TantorGives! Successes

At the end of 2014, TantorGives! committee was formed and with just two months left in the year, Tantor employees contributed to two successful TantorGives! initiatives.

In November, Tantor collected a total of 295 pounds of food, which was donated to Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries' Old Saybrook location. This beat the previous year's total of 269 pounds.

In December, Tantor donated over 100 gifts to 17 children. The gifts were delivered to the Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services Department and to the Connecticut Family Support Network.

The TantorGives! committee looks forward to continuing with more initiatives this year and is grateful for the participation of the Tantor community!

"On behalf of Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Social Services Department and the Department of Police Services, we would like to extend to you our sincere gratitude for your contributions to our 2014 Holiday Giving Program...**Together**, we successfully served the holiday needs of nearly 125 Old Saybrook families and made the holidays a little brighter for over 250 children!"

-Wendy Mill, Jodi Kelly  
Program Coordinators

Heather McNeil, LMFT, LADC  
Director

Susan Consoli, MA, LPC  
Social Services Coordinator

*Thanks so much for your  
generous contributions*

*Tantor Rocks!!*



Toy Drive  
(December 2014)

L to R: Laura Colebank, Pam Mentone, Kara Boucher, Jason Otrin, and Kevin Colebank