



### **Charles D. Kownacki, Kando Wellness founder**

Inventor and engineer Charles “Chuck” Kownacki has spent his impressive career developing and designing innovative products using the most efficient methods, materials, and processes. The decades of engineering experience he brings to Kando Wellness as a co-founder has spanned from developing items for Marvel Entertainment and SpectraStar to overseeing revolutionary projects that have included designing and building mechanical systems for Sophia, a humanlike bi-ped robot with AI, as a Senior Product Design Engineer for Hanson Robotics.

While a Product Design Engineer at Spinmaster, Kownacki worked for Advanced Concept Technology Group to find and develop new technologies that could be applied to toys for such renowned brands as Disney Cars, Microsoft Halo, Disney Tron, and other proprietary licensed brands. Kownacki also spearheaded the engineering and design of Aqua Tank, AT-ST Walker, Dancing Princess, and Aqualiens, a collapsible basketball poolside hoop, for Spinmaster. In addition, he has designed several battery-operated ride-on vehicles for the 2- to 4-year age group and an adjustable child’s highchair with prototyped full-size models while at Toy Biz/Combi.

Armed with a Mechanical Engineering Technology degree from Penn State Behrend College, Kownacki has been issued 31 US patents. His accolades include winning an Erie Innovation Design award for Barefoot Decking and SeaStorm Docking in 2014 as well as a “Best of What’s New Award” from *Popular Science* in 1998 while working with Spinmaster Toys.