



April - May 2016



## April is National Volunteer Month

This April, to celebrate **National Volunteer Month** and **MEAF's 25th anniversary**, as well as honor the 5th anniversary of the **2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami** in the Tohoku region, Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation's Program Officer, **Tara Havlicek**, journeyed to Japan. There she visited the Tohoku region and gave her respects to the people and land affected by the natural disaster. Tara shared information about the [impact MEAF has had over the past 25 years](#) in the US, and she learned about Mitsubishi Electric's philanthropy in Thailand from her counterpart at the Thai Foundation, who was also in Japan. Tara also learned about philanthropic and volunteer efforts in Japan, including relief efforts for the Kumamoto earthquakes that affected the region the day she arrived. She was fortunate enough to participate in an environmental conservation activity at Mt. Fuji where 70 Mitsubishi Electric volunteers worked to save trees and clean up debris from the forest (pictured above).

Tara is one of many volunteers that work to plant trees, feed children, and support inclusive programming for youth with disabilities during National Volunteer Month. Learn more about what other Mitsubishi Electric employee volunteers are up to below!



### Apply for a MEAF National Grant

MEAF is looking for innovative, model projects to fund in 2017 that are focused on empowering youth with disabilities so they can successfully transition into an inclusive workforce.

**Apply by June 15 to be considered.**

[Learn about our priorities and guidelines](#)

### MEAF Sr. Director Talks to International Audience

MEAF Sr. Director, **Kevin Webb**, met with Albania's Minister of Social Welfare and Youth - Mr. Blendi Kosi to discuss disability policy and promising practices in helping youth with disabilities successfully transition to competitive, integrated employment.

He was joined by **Judy Heumann**, Special Advisor for International Disability Rights, **Ambassador Floreta Faber** from the Albanian Embassy to the US, and **Rebecca Cokley**, Executive Director at National Council on Disability (pictured above).

### Mitsubishi Electric Assists after Kumamoto

On April 14 and again on April 16, Kumamoto prefecture in Southern Japan experienced several damaging earthquakes. The Mitsubishi Electric Group has responded by donating to the relief efforts and setting up a matching fund for employees to also contribute to the cause.

[Read about it here](#)



### LIFT Committee at Fight For Air Climb

The **LIFT Committee** from Mitsubishi Electric, US in San Diego, California participated in the Fight for Air Climb with the [American Lung Association](#).



### ECHO Committee Feeds Children in Need

26 volunteers for the **ECHO Committee** at Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America in Mason, Ohio went to Hands Against Hunger for a work day. Over the course of 3 hours and



### HOPE Committee holds Business Clothing Drive

The **HOPE Committee** from Mitsubishi Electric Power Products in Warrendale, Pennsylvania held a business clothing drive for [Life'sWork of Western Pennsylvania](#) to help make sure youth with disabilities

Mitsubishi Electric volunteers participate in climbs, walks, and marathons to give back to organizations in their communities while staying healthy, a win-win for all.

working with over 100 other volunteers, they were able to pack 125,064 meals for people in need!

This is just one of several ways the committee gives back in Ohio.

can dress for success at their upcoming interviews and places of employment.

Thank you for empowering youth with disabilities to lead productive lives.

## M>PWR Deadlines and Reminders

### **National Grantees**

- Concept Papers due June 15

### **Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees**

- Quarterly Reports due July 6
- Employee Representative Nominations due August 3
- Starfishnet Call on August 10

## Did you know?

Mitsubishi Electric employee volunteers are **ON THE M.O.V.E.**

In Memphis, TN employees are participating in the **St Jude's Marathon** and raising money to fight childhood cancer and help those fighting everyday.

In Vernon Hills, IL MEAU employee, Cindy **shaves her head for St. Baldrick's Foundation** and Scott hosts a **Cornhole tournament for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.**

Thank you to all the Mitsubishi Electric employee volunteers going above and beyond to make *changes for the better* for children in their community!

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