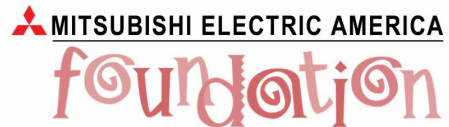


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July-August 2016



The MOVE Award for Outstanding Volunteer Project goes to

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation is proud to have so many dedicated Mitsubishi Electric employee volunteers and the 12 volunteer committees across the nation that give back to their local communities with fundraisers, volunteer projects, and donations.

Every year, MEAF recognizes an outstanding volunteer project with the M.O.V.E. award. This award consists of a crystal trophy for the volunteer committee to put on display and a \$1,000 check for the non-profit they worked with. This year, we are proud to announce that the 2016 MOVE Award was presented to the **VISION Committee from Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc in Vernon Hills, IL** for their *Global Youth Service Day* event at [Sunrise Lake Outdoor Education Center](#) in Bartlett, IL.

This project demonstrated not only great corporate citizenship with 47 volunteers and 376 volunteer hours but also hosted a variety of projects like interviewing students with disabilities to help them prepare for the workforce. VISION's long term relationship with Sunrise Lake and continued creativity with activities made them a favorite this year.

MEAF would like to extend a thank you to all 12 of the Mitsubishi Electric volunteer committees in the United States for their efforts to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities and their local communities.

[Read more about VISION receiving the MOVE Award!](#)



Americans with Disabilities Act Turns 26

MEAF continues to empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives through increased employment, which is in line with the mission of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). That is why MEAF continues to support the [Greater Washington Internship Coalition](#) and the [National Youth Transitions Collaborative](#) - providing employment preparation and leadership opportunities for youth with disabilities.



NCIL Representatives visit Japan

MEAF was happy to support the [National Council on Independent Living's](#) visit to Japan where young leaders with disabilities could talk about inclusion, accessibility, disability rights, and the independent living movement. Japanese advocates with disabilities attended ADA events in Washington, DC in July for the second year in 2016.



National Disability Mentoring Coalition

MEAF is a proud supporter of the [National Disability Mentoring Coalition](#), which honors outstanding mentors in the disability community every year.

MEAF continues to believe in the power of mentoring relationships to empower youth with disabilities and supports mentoring opportunities with organizations like [US Business Leadership Network](#) and [Do-IT with University of Washington](#).

[Meet the 2016 Inductees](#)



MEAF and AC/DC Committee Visit PETS

This summer, MEAF's Sr. Director, **Kevin Webb**, and his family had a chance to visit [PETS](#) (Progressive Equestrian Therapeutic Services) with the **AC/DC Committee** from Mitsubishi Electric, US in Lanham, Maryland.

PETS provides an equestrian therapeutic program for children and adults with disabilities.



PEACE Committee makes PECS books

The **PEACE Committee** at Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America in Northville, Michigan assembled 100 PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) books for [The Children's Center of Wayne County](#).

PECS books help children on the Autism Spectrum enhance their vocabulary and communication skills.



LOVE Committee cheers for Lekotek

The **LOVE Committee** from Mitsubishi Electric US in Suwanee, Georgia had fun cheering on runners at the Lekotek run.

[Lekotek of Georgia](#) uses adapted toys, educational materials, computer equipment and iPads, to provide opportunities for kids to have fun and learn along the way.

M>PWR Deadlines and Reminders

National Grantees

- Final Decisions Reached by December 1
- Final Reports due January 31

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees

- Spend/Commit Deadline is September 30
- Quarterly Reports due October 5
- Starfishnet Call on November 9

National Disability Mentoring Day is October 19th

Help Bring the Message of INCLUSION to SXSWedu 2017

Vote for **Torrie Dunlap**, CEO of **Kids Included Together**, to present on inclusion at the upcoming SXSWedu Conference in Austin, TX, March 2017. The panelists will include **Kings Floyd**, Youth Transitions Fellow at NCIL, **Diego Mariscal**, 2gether-International, and **Drew Goldsmith**.

Instructions: Participating in the voting process is simple. Visit panelpicker.sxsw.com and login or create a free account. Once logged in, navigate to the "Search/Vote" section to begin browsing through the submitted proposals. In the search box, type in proposal name "What Youth with Disabilities Want from Education" and click on the proposal.

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