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## The Advocates in Disability Award goes to

MEAF is proud to support the **Advocates in Disability Award** with [The HSC Foundation](#).

The Advocates in Disability Award program annually honors a young person with a disability between the ages of 14 and 26 who is dedicated to positively affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families in the United States. The program also supports an innovative project developed by the award recipient that benefits the U.S. disability community. The selected recipient is awarded \$3,000 in recognition of past disability advocacy and will receive up to \$7,000 in additional funding for a proposed project to benefit the disability community.

This year's winner is **Sara Luterman**.

*Sara Luterman's dedication to disability awareness in journalism began when she was diagnosed with Autism after graduating from the University of Maryland with a graduate degree in creative writing. By creating NOS Magazine, a blog about neurodiversity news, culture and representation, Luterman's initiative gives people with disabilities a platform to*

share their stories.

[Learn all about Sara here!](#)



### MEAF Supports Project SEARCH at APSE Conference

MEAF was glad to support Students for **APSE (Association for People Supporting EmploymentFirst)** at the 2016 APSE National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. This collaborative program with **Project SEARCH** was a two-day event for high school students with disabilities, their families, and transition teachers with a focus on independence and inclusive employment after school.

[Learn more about APSE](#)

[Learn more about Project SEARCH](#)



### Meet the 2016 USICD Interns

MEAF is a proud supporter of the **US International Council on Disabilities Youth in International Development and Foreign Affairs** eight-week internship program in Washington, DC that provides career exposure and opportunities for students with disabilities from across the United States.

*Pictured above: Kevin Webb, MEAF Sr. Director, Andrea Shettle, USICD, and three USICD interns.*

[Meet the 2016 USICD Interns](#)



### Meet the 2016 AAPD Interns

MEAF is happy to support and meet with the eight 2016 **AAPD (American Association of People with Disabilities)** Summer Interns.

*The AAPD Summer Internship program develops the next generation of leaders with disabilities. AAPD places college students, graduate students, law students, and recent graduates with all types of disabilities in paid 10-week internships in Washington, DC.*

[Meet the 2016 AAPD Interns](#)



### VISION Committee and Japanese Employees give back to local school

This summer, the **VISION**



### PEACE Committee volunteers with Miracle League of Plymouth

The **PEACE Committee** at



### MEMPHIS Committee creates St. Jude's Marathon Team

The **MEMPHIS**

**Committee** at MEAU/Vernon Hills, Illinois and MEAF showed 24 Japanese Expatriates the importance of philanthropy and giving back to your community. The volunteers visited SEDOL, the [Special Education District of Lake County's](#), Laremont School for a tour and helped weed the grounds and apply a fresh coat of paint in the school's gym. Afterwards, the school received a check for **\$750** to match the volunteer's time and talents.

Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America in Northville, Michigan raised **\$11,747** at their *4th Annual PEACE Committee Classic* golf tournament. The proceeds will benefit [Miracle League of Plymouth](#), a not-for-profit organization that provides children with mental and physical disabilities the opportunity to play baseball.

[Read about the event here](#)

**Committee** from Mitsubishi Electric Power Products in Memphis, Tennessee is forming a team for the [St. Jude's](#) marathon! Mitsubishi Electric employees who donate to the cause can have it matched through the Starfish Match program. Contact MEAF to learn more.

[Learn how to join or donate to the MEMPHIS team!](#)

Thank you for helping children fight cancer.

## M>PWR Deadlines and Reminders

### National Grantees

- Full Proposals due July 31
- Impact Reports due Aug 31

### Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees

- Quarterly Reports due July 8
- Employee Representative Nominations due August 3
- Starfishnet Call on August 10

## In the News

[Mitsubishi Electric supports people with disabilities affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake](#)

[Read about the MEAF supported film, Intelligent Lives, in Psychology Today](#)

[Attend Asperger's Are Us, comedy troupe, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC on July 17th.](#)

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