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USICD Accepting Internship Program Applications

MEAF is proud to support US International Council on Disabilities (USICD's) internship program, Youth in International Development and Affairs.

The program will bring students with disabilities to Washington, DC for a nine-week summer internship focused on international affairs.

College or graduate students and recent 2013 graduates with a disability are eligible to apply.

Happy Holidays from MEAF

As 2013 comes to a close, we at MEAF would like to thank Mitsubishi Electric's employee volunteers for all they do the whole year through - from Hallway Golf and innovative fundraising to Disability Mentoring Day and internships - to empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our grant partners and disability/inclusion advocates around the country for making Changes for the Better in the lives of youth with disabilities.

Warmest Wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday and a Joyous New Year,
Kevin and Tara

Note: The MEAF office will be closed December 24th to January 5th.

Hallway Golf Raises $40,000
Deadline to apply is **January 29, 2014.**

Apply here to be a USICD Intern

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**Installing Solar Panels with Grid Alternatives**

The **ACTIVE Committee** and **Green Team** (a volunteer group committed to helping the environment) at Mitsubishi Electric, US with the support of MEAF partnered with **Grid Alternatives** and **California State University Long Beach Disabled Student Services** to install donated solar panels on a North Long Beach home.

Mitsubishi Electric volunteers and University students installed the solar system.

Students with disabilities took part in the solar installation training and helped install Mitsubishi Electric solar panels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help a family save money to send their daughter to college.

MEAF was proud to support this unique project, which exposed students with disabilities to STEM careers, benefited the environment, and supported neighbors in the community.

Read the entire press release here.

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Over the past year, employee volunteers at five locations, along with vendors and students from the community teed up to play in the 6th annual company-wide **Mitsubishi Electric Hallway Golf Tournament**. The event raised **$40,000** for six special education schools and non-profit organizations.

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ECHO Committee at MEAA-Mason, OH

To encourage friendly competition and recognize committees for their hard work, MEAF awarded trophies for the Most Creative Hole and Most Money Raised. This year both awards went to the **PEACE Committee at MEAA-Northville, MI**. Their interactive role-playing hole had volunteer golfers acting as firefighters to put out a fake fire with their golf balls. Talk about a hole in one!

The winning Firefighter hole from the PEACE Committee at MEAA-Michigan

Congratulations to the PEACE Committee and all the committees and employee volunteers for their dedication, hard work, and creativity. Most importantly, thank you for helping make changes for the better in the lives of youth with disabilities.
Bracelets for the Philippines

Mitsubishi Electric employees and their families have a history of reaching out to those in need when disaster strikes.
The ECHO Committee at Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America in Mason, OH sold these bracelets that say "Philippines 2013" and raised $1,116 to help those affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Deadlines and Reminders

National Grants
Applications Open January 1, 2013
Final Reports Due January 31, 2013

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees
Quarterly Reports Due January 8th
Start thinking of 2014 Goals and Project Ideas!

Mitsubishi Electric Employees
We will start accepting Starfish Matches for donations made in 2014 beginning in January.

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Check out MEAF's new social media sites.

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