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Now Accepting Applications

The [Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation](#) is currently accepting applications for national projects that begin in January 2014 or later.

Proposed projects should respond to MEAF's vision to *empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives*.



The deadline to receive applications is **June 1st**.

[Learn about our priorities and guidelines, take the eligibility quiz, and apply for a National Grant!](#)

Supporting Inclusive Student Run Businesses

The [Tarjan Center at UCLA](#), in partnership, with [Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship](#), (SAGE) awarded funds to nine groups, including high schools and community based organizations, to launch inclusive socially responsible, student-run businesses.



On January 22, members from the *Step N Stones* student-run business in Manitowac, WI visited the **VISION Committee at MEAF/Vernon Hills**. Students toured the building, learned about various products, and even took turns controlling a robot! MEAF and the VISION Committee presented philanthropic efforts on a national and local perspective. The students presented on their business and their JobsFirst Campaign to help more students with disabilities become employed.

ASAN announces 2013 Summer Leadership Academy

The [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#), with support from the Mitsubishi Electric American Foundation, is inviting Autistic students to participate in the Autism Campus Inclusion project's *2013 Summer Leadership Academy* in Washington, DC June 9-15th.



If you are a current college undergraduate student who identifies on the Autism Spectrum, including Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified, with a strong interest in the Disability Rights and Autistic Rights movements, you are encouraged to apply for this leadership training. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a higher education institute or college in the United States (including the District of Columbia), with at least one year left after completion of the leadership training.

Deadline is March 15th.

[Apply for the ACI 2013 Summer Leadership Academy](#)



The **LOVE Committee** at MEUS/Suwanee, GA makes snowflakes to remember those lost at



Step N Stones Student Run Business visits the VISION Committee at MEAU/Vernon Hills, IL.

MEAF is proud to support these inclusive student-run businesses comprised of students with and without disabilities.

[Read the entire press release](#)

Bringing Heat to The Woodlands Foundation

Mitsubishi Electric volunteers have a history of helping their local non-profits when they are in need!

So, when the **HOPE Committee at MEPP/Warrendale** learned that [The Woodlands Foundation](#), an organization that provides recreational programs for children with disabilities, was in need of a new HVAC unit this winter they jumped at the chance to help them.



Brian Heery from MEPP/Warrendale, PA and Peter Clakeley from The Woodlands next to the new Mitsubishi Electric HVAC System.

Sandy Hook Elementary School.
Mitsubishi Electric Visual Solutions America and the **Hope Team** in Irvine, CA also donated 40 projectors to help the school in their time of need.

USICD Announces Youth Internship Program

MEAF is proud to support [US International Council on Disabilities \(USICD\)](#)'s new internship program, *Youth in Development*.

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 2012 graduates with a disability are eligible to apply.

Deadline to apply is February 18th.

[Apply Here to be a YiD Intern!](#)

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After site visits, measurements, equipment recommendations and discussing the needs with The Woodlands and their fellow employee volunteers from the **MEUS-HVAC group** and the **LOVE Committee at MEUS/Suwanee, GA** they were able to donate funding (which MEAF matched) for the new machine to be installed.

Now the folks at The Woodlands can continue helping children with disabilities while staying safe and warm in the winter chill.

USBLN Announces Mentoring Program

MEAF is proud to support the *Career Link Mentoring Program* with a two-year National Grant to the [US Business Leadership Network \(USBLN\)](#), in partnership with the [Employee Assistance and Resource Network \(EARN\)](#).

The program's goal is to provide 40-50 mentees with six months of career mentoring. An emphasis will be placed on students and recent graduates in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields and veterans with disabilities.



[Read the entire press release here](#)

Announcing 2 Inclusion Conferences

MEAF is a proud supporter of both the [National Inclusion Project \(NIP\)](#) and [Kids Included Together \(KIT\)](#), both leaders for including children with disabilities and past MEAF National Grantees. We are pleased to share information on their upcoming conferences in March and April!

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View our videos on **YouTube** 

KIT's 8th Annual *International Conference on Inclusion* will be held March 13-15th in San Diego, CA.



Attendees can learn how to accommodate a range of abilities, support positive behavior in new ways, communicate effectively with parents, teach social skills & encourage peer acceptance, develop an inclusive program, and make every child feel valued.

Early bird rates expire February 13th.

NIP's *Power of Play* to be held April 4-5th in Raleigh, NC.



Attendees will gain knowledge and resources on the latest inclusive practices and network with others in the field! The conference will include training on serving families effectively, building lifelong friendships for children, achieving positive behaviors, preventing and handling bullying, and creating accessible activities among other topics. This inspiring event is for all people who desire to ensure no child sits on the sidelines.

Reserve your hotel by March 6th.

[Register for NIP's Power of Play](#)

[Register for KIT's International Conference on Inclusion](#)

Deadlines and Reminders

National Grants

Applications due June 1st

Full Proposals due July 1st

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees

2013 Goals due February 8th

Starfishnet Call on February 13th

MEAF 2013 Workshop Names Due March 6th

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