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Now Accepting Applications

The [Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation](#) is currently accepting applications for national projects that begin in January 2015 or later.

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



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

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

Mitsubishi Electric Corporation Commits to Philanthropy

[Mitsubishi Electric Corporation](#) issued a new philosophy and policies for philanthropy. The policies focus on giving

M>PWR Chicago

On April 2nd, the **Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation** held its first M>PWR event at [Inspiration Kitchens](#) in Chicago, IL in partnership with [Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities](#) (MFPD) and the [Special Education District of Lake County](#) (SEDOL).

M>PWR Chicago

This interactive work session brought together national and local grantees, local employers, HR professionals, community organizations, teachers/vocational facilitators, and youth to discuss barriers to employment for youth with disabilities and strategies for success. MFPD and SEDOL also presented on their success story models like the Bridges from School to Work program, student-run businesses, and job shadow days.



back through community based activities to benefit social welfare and global environmental conservation while focusing on today's youth and tomorrow's future by supporting science and technology, culture and the arts, and sports.

[Read the article here](#)



The [HOPE School](#) in Buena Park, CA dedicated a sensory room in **Mitsubishi Electric's** name for all the support our California volunteers have provided over the years.



Volunteers from the **LIFT Committee** at **MEUS/San Diego** participated in the [Fight for Air Climb](#) benefiting the [American Lung Association](#).



Meet Lenny, a Bridges from School to Work participant.

Click on the photo to watch his story.

[Register for the Illinois Association for People Supporting EmploymentFirst \(APSE\) conference on Friday, May 2nd in Grayslake/Carbondale.](#)

[Follow the M>PWR Initiative](#)

MEAF Advisor Appointed to National Council on Disability

MEAF is pleased to announce that one of our advisors, **Dr. Katherine D. Seelman** has been appointed by President Obama to the **National Council on Disability**. Dr. Seelman is an Associate Dean and Professor at the University of Pittsburgh and long-time advisor and friend.

She joins another MEAF advisor, [Ari Ne'eman](#), president and co-founder of the **Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)** on this distinguished council.

[Learn more about the National Council on Disability](#)

National Volunteer Month Begins

Every April, Mitsubishi Electric employees, family members, and friends across the US participate in volunteer projects to benefit children with disabilities and the environment.

LOVE Committee volunteers, friends, and family from **MEUS/Suwanee, GA** showed their support for the [Georgia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals \(SPCA\)](#) in their Run for the Rescues event.



MEAF staff, **Tara Havlicek**, completes her first American Sign Language (ASL) Class at the Special Education District of Lake County's [John Powers Center](#)!

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VISION volunteers at Sunrise Lake
Top: Team Beehive
Bottom Left: Clean-up Crew
Bottom Right: Accessible Flower
Garden

On April 11th in honor of Global Youth Service Day, the **VISION Committee** from **MEAU/Vernon Hills, IL** volunteered at [Sunrise Lake Outdoor Education Center](#).

This dedicated group weeded, planted, helped with the beehive building and built an accessible flower garden.

Thank you to these employee volunteers for ensuring that ALL students can enjoy this camp.

[Learn more about Global Youth Service Day](#)

Autism Acceptance Month

April is not only National Volunteer Month but it is also Autism Acceptance Month! MEAF's current national grantee, [Autistic Self-Advocacy Network \(ASAN\)](#) has a website dedicated to this month. They also announced three 16 week paid internship opportunities for autistic applicants with Freddie Mac in DC.

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[Learn more about Autism](#)

[Share the Freddie Mac Internship Opportunity](#)

Deadlines and Reminders

National Grants

Applications Due June 1
Full Proposals Due July 1

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees

MOVE Award Nominations Due May 6
Starfishnet Call - May 14
Workshop - June 5-7

M>PWR Initiative

Cincinnati, OH - June 5th
Long Beach, CA - July 1st (tentative)