



**MEAF e-NEWS**

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**MEAF 2013 Year in Review**

MEAF is pleased to share our 2013 year in review, which includes highlights from Mitsubishi Electric employee volunteers and our national grantees.

Thank you for making *Changes for the Better* in the lives of youth with disabilities.

[MEAF 2013 Year in Review](#)

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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*.



**MEAF announces  
\$1.5 Million in  
Grants!**

Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation announces \$1,457,242 in new and continuing grants, as part of its national **M>PWR Initiative** designed to empower youth with disabilities and veterans with disabilities so they can lead productive lives.

**M>PWR  
INITIATIVE**

Check out the article below to learn more about the Initiative, and read the press release to learn more about this year's national grant projects.

[National Grant Press Release](#)

**M>PWR Initiative**

MEAF is pleased to announce the launch of the **M>PWR initiative** focused on *empowering* youth and veterans with disabilities to obtain competitive employment.

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

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

### **ASAN Announces 2014 Summer Leadership Academy**

The [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#), with support from the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, is inviting Autistic students to participate in the Autism Campus Inclusion project's 2014 Summer Leadership Academy in Washington DC June 8 - 14.



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 Disability Rights and Autistic Rights movements, you are encouraged to apply for this leadership training program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a higher education institute or college in the United States, with at least one year left after completion of the leadership training.

Deadline is **February 22**.

[Apply for the ACI 2014 Summer Leadership Academy](#)

Over the course of the next three years in lead up to the Foundation's 25th anniversary, MEAF will bring together a network of: students, colleagues from local non-profits identified by Mitsubishi Electric Employee Volunteers, representatives from our National grantee projects, as well as local employers and community leaders to participate in regional M>PWR Summits to share best practices for securing inclusive employment.



The first regional summit will be hosted in Chicago, Illinois in April 2014 featuring the [Marriott Foundation for People with Disabilities Bridges from School to Work](#) transition program, along with the [Special Education District of Lake County](#) mentoring and student-run business employment preparation programs.

The goal of the summits is to get one step closer to a day when hiring someone with a disability in the workplace is standard practice and not the exception.

[Learn more about M>PWR](#)

### **Spreading Holiday Cheer**

As 2013 came to a close Mitsubishi Electric Employee Volunteers gave back to their local communities and spread holiday cheer by donating toys to children in need.



Tayla, an intern from [Partners for Youth with Disabilities](#), returned to **Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs** to work over the holidays!



**MASH volunteers from MEAA/Maysville, KY** raise money for [CASA \(Court Appointed Special Advocates\)](#) with their Holiday Cheer baskets!

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PEACE Committee - MEAA / Toys for Tots

The **PEACE Committee** from **MEAA/Northville, MI** collected toys for [Toys for Tots](#). MEAF staff, **Tara Havlicek**, and her family also joined in the fun donating to Toys for Tots in Illinois!



LIFT Committee - MEUS / Promises 2 Kids

The **LIFT Committee** from **MEUS/San Diego, CA** collected toys for [Promises 2 Kids](#) with donations from employees and customers.

The **HOPE Team** at **MEVSA/Cypress, CA** and the **VISION Committee** at **MEAU/Vernon Hills, IL** also donated toys and gift cards to local organizations to bring cheer to children of all ages.

## **Deadlines and Reminders**

### **National Grants**

Applications Due June 1  
Full Proposals Due July 1

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**Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees**

Workshop Participant Names Due March 5

**M>PWR Initiative**

Chicago, IL - April 2nd

Cincinnati, OH - June 5th (tentative)

Long Beach, CA - July 1st (tentative)