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**Now Accepting Concept Papers**

The [Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation](#) is currently accepting concept papers 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!](#)

**Boston Strong - Mitsubishi Electric US Employees Give Back**

**Happy National Volunteer Month!**

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

On April 15th, the **ECHO Committee from MEAA/Mason, OH** visited [Stepping Stones](#) a camp that is *making pathways to independence for people with disabilities*.



ECHO Committee members volunteer at Stepping Stones

This group of energetic volunteers spent their time painting and doing yardwork to clean up the grounds for the next group of children to visit, learn, and explore.

[Learn about Global Youth Service Day - Another National Volunteer Month Success Story](#)

Last month, we brought you the story of **Jim Goss** a Mitsubishi Electric US employee from the **LIFT Committee** in **San Diego** who was running the Boston Marathon to raise money for [Voices for Children](#)--a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program in San Diego. Their efforts raised \$1,000 for this worthy cause.

Jim did run. He completed the Marathon less than an hour before tragedy struck. Jim is safe, but our hearts go out to those who were not so fortunate and their families.

A special thanks to emergency personnel and volunteers who responded to this tragedy and those who dedicate their lives to helping others every day.

Employee volunteers at **Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories** in **Cambridge, MA** are also pitching in by donating blood at local hospitals, and donating to [One Fund Boston](#).

One Fund Boston is a new charitable organization set-up by the Governor of Massachusetts and the Mayor of Boston to help those impacted by the attack. Mitsubishi Electric US employees interested in donating to One Fund Boston, may be able eligible for a starfish match from MEAF. Contact Tara Havlicek for more information and save proof of your donation.

### **Boston Strong!**

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### **Disability Studies Conference - University of Pittsburgh**

We are pleased to announce that the **Students for Disability Advocacy at the University of Pittsburgh (PittSDA)** will be hosting a disability studies conference, *The Disability Experience*, on October 31st to November 1st, 2013 at the University of Pittsburgh. The conference will showcase panel presentations by students with faculty respondents highlighting arts and research pertaining to the disability experience.

## **Autism Acceptance Month**

April is not only National Volunteer Month but also Autism Acceptance Month. In honor of this, MEAF's current national grant partner, [Autistic Self Advocacy Network \(ASAN\)](#) launched a new website, released an e-book featuring essays of Autism Acceptance, and announced two PSAs.



[Watch the Videos](#)

[Visit the Website](#)

[Buy the e-book](#)

## **Let's Plant a Tree**

Our employee volunteers not only give back to children in their community, they also help the environment by planting trees and gardens each year to celebrate Earth Day.

The **HOPE Committee** at **MEPPI/Warrendale, PA** continued their annual tradition of planting Sakura Trees.



The deadline to submit an abstract to present at this conference is **July 1st**.

[Learn more about this Unique Opportunity](#)



MEAF staff, **Tara Havlicek**, visits the [SEDOL \(Special Education District of Lake County\)](#) Mart and orders tea from one of the students working there! A big Thank You to the **VISION Committee at MEAU/Vernon Hills** for helping the store get its start!

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### HOPE Committee Volunteers Plant Sakura Trees

This month **Mitsubishi Electric US** also expanded and opened two new buildings. MEPPI opened an office in Memphis, TN and MEUS opened a new office near Atlanta, GA. MEAF Director, **Kevin Webb**, was on site in Atlanta to witness **Mr. Takamiya**, President of MEAF and MEUS, and **Mr. Yamanishi**, President of Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in Japan, plant a new tree in front of the MEUS building. This important act demonstrates their commitment to the environment and the communities where the company operates.



Mr. Takamiya (left) and Mr. Yamanishi (right) plant a tree at the new MEUS-HVAC facility in Suwanee, GA.

## Deadlines and Reminders

**April is National Volunteer Month!**  
*Remember, April volunteer projects can receive \$15/volunteer hour matches (instead of the usual \$10)*

### **National Grants**

Applications due June 1st  
Full Proposals due July 1st

### **Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees**

MOVE/PSA Award Nominations due May 7th  
Starfishnet Call on May 8th

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