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"Elevating Philanthropy" Workshop Inspires ALL

On June 14-15th, employee volunteers from across the United States, including philanthropy representatives from Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in Tokyo, Japan gathered to discuss ways we can raise awareness, lift leadership, and elevate employment for youth with disabilities and engage our very own employee volunteers!

The start of MEAF’s 20th anniversary workshop!

The ACTIVE Committee, MEUS-Cypress, CA hosted MEAF’s 20th Annual Volunteer Leadership Workshop in Surf City, CA where 50 employees heard from inspiring speakers on mentoring, the power of partnerships, and internships. Participants also brainstormed ways to increase management involvement, share leadership, and communicate impact. The workshop included a local volunteer

LIFT Committee wins MOVE Award for KIT

MEAF is pleased to announce that the LIFT Employee Volunteer Committee at MEUS-San Diego, CA has been selected by a panel of judges to win this year’s M.O.V.E. Award in recognition of their outstanding Over the Edge Fundraiser benefiting Kids Included Together (KIT).
In August 2012 MEUS' LIFT Committee decided to participate in KIT's Over the Edge Fundraiser (rappelling 33 stories) as their first volunteer event as a newly formed committee! Their efforts raised over $3,000 for KIT and the inclusion of children with disabilities.

LIFT Committee Members with MEAF Director, Kevin Webb, Employee Representatives and KIT CEO, Torrie Dunlap

The award consists of a trophy for the committee and a $1,000 grant for KIT to continue their inclusion work!

Six other committees nominated outstanding projects for this year's M.O.V.E. Award competition. Congratulations to all the committees for their efforts to help make Changes for the Better.

Read all about our previous award winners

Celebrating 20 years of MOVE Awards!

Thank you to our speakers:

Stacy Cervenka - MEAF Advisor, American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) Summer Intern Alum
Elaine Touch - MEUS Intern Alum, California State University - Long Beach
Torrie Dunlap - Kids Included Together
Mylene Padolina - USBLN
MEAF would like to congratulate the SAGE (Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship) team at City Charter High in Pittsburgh for their recent first place finish at a national competition. MEAF is proud to support this inclusive team comprised of students with and without disabilities!

Anita Wright - USBLN Career Link Mentoring Program Mentor
Sheila Kington - USBLN Career Link Mentoring Program Mentee

along with our Mitsubishi Electric volunteers!

Read all about the Workshop Highlights
Listen to Mentoring Advice from MEAF Advisor Stacy Cervenka

Inclusive Workforce Summit

On May 31st, MEAF Director Kevin Webb joined leaders from foundations, corporations, and federal agencies across the United States at Building a More Inclusive Workforce: A National Summit to Boost Education & Employment Outcomes for Americans with Disabilities organized by Governor Jack Markell, Chair of the National Governor’s Association.

Kevin shared information on Preparing Youth with Disabilities for the Workforce, citing examples from MEAF’s 20+ years of empowering youth with disabilities to lead productive lives.

Meet the Interns

The US International Council on Disabilities (USICD) welcomed the 2013 class of seven summer interns with disabilities. MEAF is proud to support this program and the next generation of leaders.

"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."
-- Scott Hamilton, Olympic Gold Medalist

MEAF Board Member, Bruce Brenizer, presents Jim Debbeler from the ECHO Committee, MEAA-Mason, OH with his Presidential Service Award honoring his dedication to the committee and community.
Eileen Diamond from the VISION Committee at MEAU-Vernon Hills, IL shown here receiving her Presidential Service Award honoring her commitment to youth with disabilities and The Kids Equipment Network (TKEN)

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These seven interns were chosen from over 130 applicants to participate in a nine week summer internship focused on disability inclusion and foreign affairs.

In May, we introduced you to the 2013 class of interns for the Summer Internship Program, a MEAF supported program through the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). Now, you can learn where they will be working this summer!

Stay tuned for more information regarding these talented students as the summer continues!

Meet the 2013 USICD Class
Follow the USICD intern blog
Get the scoop on where the AAPD interns work

Deadlines and Reminders

National Grants
Full Proposals due July 15th

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees
Quarterly Reports due July 9th
Employee Representative Nominations due August 2nd