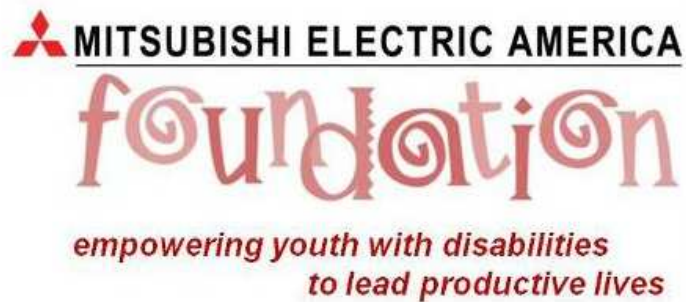


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### Learn about the Bridges Program

MEAF is proud to support the [Bridges from School to Work](#) program through **Marriott Foundation for Youth with Disabilities**.

Each year, Bridges helps thousands of young people with disabilities across the US transition from school to the workplace.



Gianna, Bridges Youth, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Watch Gianna's Story](#)

[Learn More about Bridges](#)

## Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)

October is **National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)** and it's a time when businesses open up their doors to allow students with disabilities an opportunity to learn about different career paths.



**LOVE** Volunteers present to students from the **Special Needs School** during *Disability Mentoring Day*

This year, Mitsubishi Electric US companies have been opening their doors throughout the year instead of only in October! In April, we shared how **Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs in Cambridge, MA** hosted presentations for students from [Partners for Youth with Disabilities](#), and in May we learned about **Mitsubishi Electric Automation** and their **VISION Committee in Vernon Hills, IL** hosting students from [North Suburban Special Education District](#) for a job shadowing event.



Jason from the **ECHO Committee in MEAA/Mason, Ohio** volunteers at the [4 Paws for Ability](#) walk, an organization that trains service dogs for children with disabilities.



MEAF staff, **Tara**, walks with her husband to support the [SEDOL Foundation](#) in Libertyville, Illinois!

This August, volunteers from the **LOVE Committee/MEUS - Heating and Air Conditioning Division in Suwanee, GA** hosted 7 students from the [Special Needs School](#). The students learned about basic air conditioning 101, where products are sold along with customer service, purchasing, training, and front desk operations and how each division is important to the business.

[Learn More about DMD](#)

[Learn More about NDEAM](#)

## ASAN Announces New Toolkit

MEAF is a proud supporter of the [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#) and their Autism Inclusion Leadership Training which brings youth with autism to DC to learn about advocacy skills on college campuses.



ASAN recently unveiled a new toolkit to ensure people with disabilities have access to integrated home and community based services. If you are a person with a disability, an advocate, a family member, or an administrator this one is for you.

[Learn about the Toolkit](#)

## ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Mitsubishi Electric volunteers answered the call and participated in the [ALS Ice Bucket Challenge](#) this summer to raise awareness! MEAF staff also participated along with



Volunteers from the **PEACE Committee at MEAA/Northville, MI** participate in a run to support [Special Olympics](#).

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numerous Mitsubishi Electric friends and family across the country.



The **ECHO Committee from MEAA/Mason, Ohio** kicks off the ALS Ice Bucket challenge!



The **PEACE Committee from MEAA/Northville, Michigan** also joins in!



Finally, the **LOVE Committee from MEUS/Suwanee, Georgia** adds pool toys to the mix to get involved with the cause.

[Learn More about ALS](#)

## Deadlines and Reminders

**Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer  
Committees**  
Quarterly Reports due October 7

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