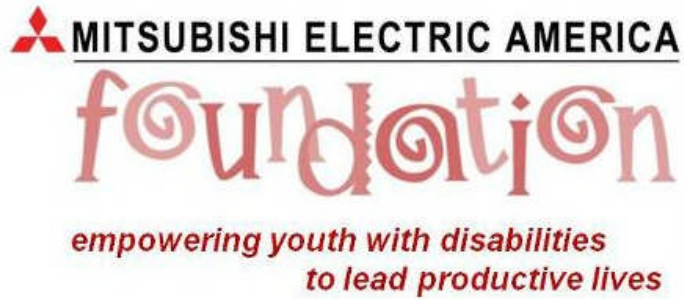


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AAPD Summer Internship Program

MEAF is a proud supporter of the [American Association of People with Disabilities \(AAPD\) Summer Internship Program](#) that places college students with disabilities in internships on Capital Hill and federal agencies. Students can experience the workplace firsthand and demonstrate that it is what they CAN do that matters.



AAPD is currently accepting applications for the 2013 Summer internship program and the deadline is **January 11, 2013**. Encourage any college students you know to apply for this unique opportunity.

[Learn more about MEAF's Involvement with SIP](#)

Happy Holidays from MEAF

As 2012 comes to a close, we at MEAF would like to thank Mitsubishi Electric's employee volunteers for all they do the whole year through -- from Hallway Golf to Disability Mentoring Day -- to *empower youth with disabilities to lead productive lives*.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our grant partners and disability/inclusion advocates around the country for making *Changes for the Better* in the lives of youth with disabilities.



MEAF Staff, Tara Havlicek and Kevin Webb (center), pictured with Chisato Kobayashi and Mio Hiraoka, Philanthropy Representatives from Mitsubishi Electric Corporation in Japan

Warmest wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday and a Joyous New Year,
Kevin and Tara

[Apply for the Summer Internship Program](#)



The ECHO Committee at MEAA/Mason, OH presents a check to [Ohio Valley Voices](#) after their Hallway Golf Tournament.

Japanese Volunteers Give Back

On November 29th, Japanese Expatriates from Mitsubishi Electric US companies came together to give back to the community and children with disabilities.



Mitsubishi Electric Volunteers at the Hope School

The expatriates learned about MEAF, employee volunteer committees, and the importance of giving back while participating in a volunteer project at the [Hope School](#) in Buena Park, CA where volunteers helped prepare the facility for a holiday decorating project. Following the project, MEAF presented the HOPE School with a **\$200** donation matching the volunteer hours given by these employees.

Note: The MEAF office will be closed December 22nd-January 1st.

Hallway Golf Raises \$58,000

Over the past year, employee volunteers at eight locations, along with vendors and students from the community teed up to play in the 5th annual, company-wide **Mitsubishi Electric Hallway Golf Tournament**. The event raised more than **\$58,000** for 10 special education schools and non-profit organizations.

To encourage friendly competition and recognize committees for their hard work, MEAF awarded trophies for the *Most Creative Hole* and *Most Money Raised*. The winner of the *Most Money Raised* (in a neck to neck race) was the **PEACE Committee at MEAA-Northville, MI!** In a close vote, the winner of the *Most Creative Hole* contest was the **ACTiVE Committee at MEUS-Cypress, CA** for their Beach inspired hole complete with a sandcastle, surfboard, and working elevator!



The winning Beach hole from ACTiVE Committee at MEUS-Cypress, CA.

Congratulations to the PEACE and ACTiVE Committees and all the committees/employee volunteers for their dedication, hard work, and creativity. Most importantly, thank you for helping make changes for the better in the lives of youth with disabilities.

[Learn More about Mitsubishi Electric Employees on the M.O.V.E.](#)

I am Norm - 2012 Youth Summit

Hurricane Sandy Relief

Mitsubishi Electric employees and their families have a history of reaching out to those in need when disaster strikes.

Since the passing of Hurricane Sandy, Mitsubishi Electric employees and volunteers have raised money, volunteered their time, and sent personal donations to help those impacted by the superstorm.

MEAF also supported the [Disability Funders Network Disaster Rapid Response Fund](#), which helps people with disabilities impacted by disasters.

To date, Mitsubishi Electric employees and the Foundation have donated nearly **\$12,000** to support those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

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In January 2010, twenty middle and high school students with and without disabilities participated in a MEAF-supported Youth Leadership Summit and the [I am Norm](#) Campaign was born!



MEAF was proud to support *I am Norm's* second Youth Leadership Summit at the [TASH](#) Conference in Long Beach, CA on December 1st in partnership with [Kids Included Together](#) and the [National Inclusion Project](#).



Participants at the I am Norm 2012 Youth Leadership Summit

Over twenty new and returning students with and without disabilities came together to discuss the next steps in the campaign to ensure kids with disabilities are included in school clubs across the country.

[Learn More about MEAF's involvement with I am Norm](#)

Deadlines and Reminders

National Grants

Applications Open January 1, 2013
Final Reports Due January 31, 2013

Mitsubishi Electric Volunteer Committees
Quarterly Reports Due January 9th
Start thinking of 2013 Goals and Project Ideas!

Mitsubishi Electric Employees
We will start accepting Starfish Matches for
donations made in 2013 beginning in January

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