

VSP Newsletter
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*Medtronic VSP
Retiree Group
Minnesota*

Learning – Connecting – Serving

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Medtronic's 75th Anniversary Meeting Scheduled for
April 29th, 2024



Join in to watch the broadcast of Medtronic's 75th anniversary celebration.

There will be two opportunities for viewing the broadcast via the Vimeo link located below.

Option 1: Monday, April 29 at 9:00-9:30 AM (CST)

Option 2: Sunday, April 28 at 10:00-10:30 PM (CST)

From the young child who received the first battery-powered pacemaker in 1957 to the 74 million patients served each year, the Medtronic 75th anniversary marks much more than just a point in time.

It gives us a chance to reflect on the transformative power of our Mission to alleviate pain, restore health, and extend life and honor the dedicated people – both then and now – who have put that Mission to work through extraordinary healthcare innovation.

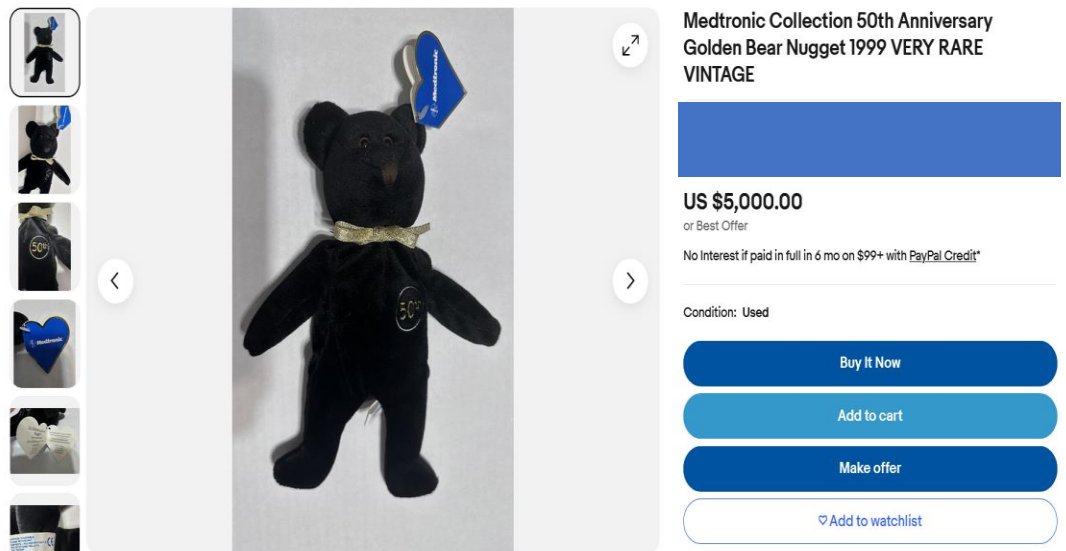
Please join Chairman and CEO Geoff Martha as we honor our incredible history and embrace our bright future with a renewed spirit of collaboration.

And, you won't want to miss Sally Saba, president of the Medtronic Foundation, who will join Geoff and make a very special announcement.

To access the broadcast, please use [Alternative Stream on Vimeo](#). (Ctrl+click on this link and it should open directly into the broadcast.) Please use Chrome, Firefox or Safari browsers.

Wanna see something funny?

Found this on eBay while researching MDT history. Not sure how long it's been on the site; although at that price, maybe since 1999. Makes me think I should dig mine out of the ratty ol' cardboard box it's in along with my "Out the Door in '84" and Black Fridays T-shirts from the late '80s.



The image shows an eBay listing for a "Medtronic Collection 50th Anniversary Golden Bear Nugget 1999 VERY RARE VINTAGE". The main image is a black plush bear with a gold ribbon around its neck and a blue tag on its ear. To the left is a vertical gallery of six smaller images showing different views of the bear and its tag. To the right of the main image is the product title, price, and purchase options.

Medtronic Collection 50th Anniversary
Golden Bear Nugget 1999 VERY RARE
VINTAGE

US \$5,000.00
or Best Offer

No interest if paid in full in 6 mo on \$99+ with [PayPal Credit](#)*

Condition: Used

[Buy It Now](#)

[Add to cart](#)

[Make offer](#)

[Add to watchlist](#)

Upcoming VSP Team Volunteer Events

The Food Group – Thursday, April 11 – Registration is Open.

To register:

1. Sign into the Retiree Medtronic Foundation Volunteer and Giving Website:
<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>
2. Click on Volunteer and search for “Medtronic Retiree Event – The Food Group”
3. Click “Sign Up”

Date: Thursday, April 11

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: 8501 54th Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55428

Global Health Ministries – Wednesday, May 15 – Registration is Open.

To register: See Your Cause link above

Search Term in Your Cause: Medtronic Retiree Event – Global Health Ministries

Date: Wednesday, May 15

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: 7831 Hickory Street NE, Minneapolis, Mn 55432

Note: If you would like to volunteer and have trouble accessing the Your Cause site, please contact Anne Coldwell at amc57@comcast.net

Recent VSP Team Volunteer Event

A number of our VSP members got together at a Feed My Starving Children volunteer event on March 13th. Our team helped fill 118 boxes with 25,488 meals, which will feed 69 children for a year. Thanks Team!



Sources of Retiree Information

As VSP Board Members, we get many questions from retirees as to where they can obtain information on their benefits, how to get Medtronic Foundation grants and charitable giving matches, or whom to contact if they have questions. Listed below are the key sources for that information.

A. Benefits

1. Go to benefits.medtronic.com
2. Click on **Retirees** on the top line of the page
3. If you have not done so, please register to create a username and password. This will give you access to the site and, also, your specific information.
4. Once you open the site, you will have access to multiple resources on retiring, health summaries, health plans, pre-65, post-65, etc. Specifically, if you open the **Retirement Planning Guide** (on left hand side of page, under **Resources**) and go to page 23, you will find a list of key phone numbers and websites for your use.

B. Medtronic Foundation –Volunteer and Giving Site

Note: As a retiree, you will need a new login to access MDT Foundation Resources. Your employee login will no longer work after you retire. To do this, you must go to:

<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>

Once you login, you will have access to the volunteer grant and charitable matching site which is managed by YourCause for the MDT Foundation.

- C. You also can gain access to these and other sites by using the **VSP website: mdtretirees.org** and clicking on **Benefits**

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