



Learning – Connecting – Serving

Medtronic VSP Retiree Group Fact Sheet – Fiscal Year Ending April 2016

A. Mission

1. To offer Medtronic retirees quality activities
2. To encourage retirees to actively contribute in their communities
3. To align activities with the Medtronic Philanthropy and ERG strategies when possible
4. To help retirees stay in touch with each other and Medtronic
5. To obtain and communicate information of particular interest to retirees
6. To build and maintain an effective organization
7. To conduct all activities consistent with the Medtronic Mission Statement

B. Activities

Volunteering Events – 16 events, 158 volunteers and 486 hours (Organizations in **bold** are new.)

- Feed My Starving Children (May, December and April) – Packed 446 boxes containing 96,336 meals. Enough meals to feed 266 children one meal per day for a year.
- Project 6 (June) – Assembled 800 greeting card kits. Employees took these kits and made greeting cards for HCMC patients.
- Second Harvest Heartland (June and January) – Packed 31,784 pounds of food which translates to 26,486 meals.
- Medtronic/American Red Cross Blood Drive (July and February) – 422 pints of blood was collected. This will save the lives of 1,549 individuals.
- The Food Group (August and March) – Packed 956 boxes of food which served 3,835 Minnesotans.
- Bridging (September) - Filled 14 bins with table linen, kitchen linen, and kitchen utensils. Tested many coffee pots and lamps.
- Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon (October) – Assembled race packets, handed the packets out to runners, volunteered at the Medtronic booth and at the water stations.
- **Matter** (October and February) – Sorted medical supplies into 72 boxes. One box impacts 170 individuals, so our efforts will help 12,240 individuals.
- **Catholic Charities – Dorothy Day Center** (November) - Made approximately 450 sandwiches and sorted approximately 30 boxes of food.
- Medtronic Children’s Holiday Party (December) – Helped set-up for and volunteered at the party.

Project Warm Hearts – This is a new on-going volunteer opportunity. There are currently 13 retirees/spouses who make items to donate to four organizations. Time spent making these items counts as volunteer hours and are eligible for the \$500 grant once the 25-hour threshold has been

met. To-date the group has spent 1,689 hours making 817 items to donate. Grants have been distributed to Bridging (3 for \$1500), Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (5 for \$2500), Life Haven (3 for \$1500), and People Serving People (2 for \$1000)

2. Lunch and Learn Events – Four events with 110 attendees

- a. Your Cause and Medtronic Philanthropy Overview
- b. Baby Boomers, Millennials, and Aging
- c. World's Smallest Pacemaker
- d. Medtronic-Covidien Integration – Part 1

3. Social Events – Thirty to Seventy attendees per event

- a. Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon (May)
- b. Professional Sports Events – Twins (July)
- c. Ice Cream Social (August) – featured Tom Halloran, Medtronic retiree who was formerly General Counsel and President of Medtronic
- d. Wisconsin Tour (October)
- e. Holiday Social (December)
- f. Plymouth Playhouse Theater (February)

4. Organization

- a. Membership – 450
- b. Medtronic Liaisons – (Cynthia Shasky –GIDE, Noi Keothammakhoun-Philanthropy, Jan Erickson-Executive Sponsor)
- c. Bylaws/Strategic Plan
- d. Monthly Newsletters/Website
- e. Point of Contact for Medtronic Retirees

5. Major Accomplishments in FY 2015-2016

- a. Assisted Medtronic in providing information to retirees on Medtronic's acquisition of Covidien
- b. Grew our membership
- c. Second Harvest Heartland Volunteer Award Winner
- d. Supported Retiree need for financial and estate planning
- e. Continued support for our community with significant increase in volunteer hours.
- f. Work with Medtronic Philanthropy on the 2015 "Intro to Project 6" Video

6. Strategic Emphasis

- a. Work more closely with Medtronic Philanthropy
- b. Work more closely with and support other Medtronic Employee Resource Groups
- c. Grow our Membership
- d. Reach out and become more connected with retirees beyond the Twin Cities area
- e. Be an advocate for retiree causes
- f. Assess and consider our role with Covidien retirees
- g. Provide visibility and support Earl Bakken's "Live On, Give On" Vision