

VSP Newsletter

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Medtronic Foundation Retiree Survey Holiday Experience Winner

The Medtronic Foundation is excited to announce the winner of the *Medtronic Employee Program Giveaway*, Gary Fredrick of New Brighton, MN. This experience included VIP seating at the 2016 Medtronic Employee Holiday Program, a one-night hotel stay in Minneapolis and dinner and breakfast at local restaurants. Gary was entered into the giveaway for his participation in the Foundation's retiree volunteerism and giving survey. Gary later shared about the experience he and his wife Elaine had at the December 16 event:

"I have had the privilege of attending many of these events, but I don't think I have ever been able to adequately translate the event to Elaine. We were both humbled by the passion of the patients."

The Medtronic Foundation conducted an in-person focus group in Minneapolis in August 2016 and later offered an online survey to Medtronic retirees in order to learn about their philanthropic passions to help determine how the Foundation can shape future opportunities for retirees. Approximately 200 Medtronic retirees from 19 states and 4 countries participated in the survey. We look forward to sharing more about the survey results soon.

Photo (Left to right): Elaine Fredrick; Jennifer Chavez Rubio, Senior Director of Global Engagement; Gary Fredrick, Medtronic employee for 30 years; Jacob Gayle, Ph.D., President, Medtronic Foundation.

Feb. Social Event - Million Dollar Quartet

You will be tempted to sing along at this musical which brings to the stage the extraordinary twist of fate that brought Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever! Mark your calendar for **Wed., Feb. 15**. Details at the end of this newsletter. [Register by February 1!](#)

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Foundation Important Updates

Effective January 1, 2017, the website has a new look! The newly renovated site has an updated look and is mobile-friendly! With the renovation comes a new access point. Please update your internet bookmarks with this new URL: <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>. Your login information will be the same.

2016 Guideline Change Reminder: Matches need to be requested within 90 days of the donation date. This guideline went into effect as of May 1, 2016. Please ensure you request your matches in a timely manner. The new website allows you to take pictures of your receipts from your smartphone/iPad and upload the photo directly into the site for your match request.

Program Services Update: Alison Stinar will be leaving YourCause, effective January 13, 2017. For continued customer service for the Matching Grants and Volunteer Grants program, please reach out to the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at medtronic-support@yourcause.com or **866-751-6031**. You can also contact Noi Keothammakhoun (noi.keothammakhoun@medtronic.com) or Leticia Babcock (leticia.babcock@medtronic.com) at The Medtronic Foundation if needed.

Here is an updated [how-to guide](#) for the new Mission in Motion site.

VSP VOLUNTEER REPORT

Thank you to these VSP and family members for volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on December 12th: Jim Ahlstrom, Sue Ahlstrom, Judy Bergman, Ruel Carpenter, Joanne Cramer, Andrea DuCharme, Sue Harwood, Rick Haws, Kurt Kutzner, Kathy Larson, Ann Minter, Diana Ursin, Tom Ursin and Sarah Wronski. The group helped pack 163 boxes containing 35,208 meals. This will feed 97 children one meal per day for a year.

FUTURE VSP TEAM VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

- Second Harvest Heartland – Maplewood – January 17
- American Cancer Society Hope Lodge – January 23
- Medtronic/American Red Cross Blood Drive – January 30 – February 2
- Habitat for Humanity – February 9
- American Cancer Society Daffodil Days – March 7
- The Food Group – March 22

Second Harvest Heartland – Maplewood, Tuesday, January 17

Registration is open*! 3 more volunteers needed. We will be volunteering at their Maplewood location at 1140 Gervais Avenue from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – 2HH – Maplewood. <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>
If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

American Cancer Society – Hope Lodge, Monday, January 23

Registration is open*! 4 more volunteers needed. Hope Lodge (located at 2500 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis) is a place where cancer patients and their care givers stay at no cost while they are undergoing treatment. January 23rd is National Pie day and to help brighten up their day, we will be delivering and serving pies to the guests at Hope Lodge. We need five (5) volunteers to purchase and serve the pies from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – ACS Hope Lodge. <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>
If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

Medtronic/American Red Cross Blood Drive – Monday, January 30 – Thursday, February 2

Registration is open*! Two greeters are needed at each location each day. Shifts are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Plan to arrive by 8:45 a.m.

Monday, January 30 – MECC (new location) 2 volunteers needed

Monday, January 30 – Mounds View – 2 volunteers needed

Tuesday, January 31 – Mounds View - Full

Wednesday, February 1 – Mounds View – 2 volunteers needed

Wednesday, February 1 – Rice Creek - Full

Thursday, February 2 – Mounds View – 2 volunteers needed

Thursday, February 2 – Rice Creek – 1 volunteer needed

(Note the Red Cross will not be at OHQ)

To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree - Medtronic/ARC Blood Drive <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>

If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

Habitat for Humanity – North Minneapolis, Thursday, February 9

Registration is open*! We will be volunteering at a home in North Minneapolis doing some form of interior finish work from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Water and lunch will be provided. The specific address will be given to the volunteers before the event. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – Habitat for Humanity. <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>

If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

Medtronic/American Cancer Society Daffodil Days – Tuesday, March 7

Registration is open*! One of the first flowers of spring, the daffodil is a symbol of hope. To the American Cancer Society, this flower represents the hope we all share for a future where cancer is no longer a life-threatening disease. Two volunteers are needed at each location to hand out preordered Daffodils. Shifts are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Atria Office/Medtronic (legacy Covidien) – 3033 Campus Drive, 5th floor, Plymouth
Berkshire Office/Medtronic (legacy Covidien) – 2300 Berkshire Lane North, Suite #5, Plymouth
Medtronic Operational Headquarters – 710 Medtronic Parkway, Fridley
Medtronic Mounds View – 8200 Coral Sea Street NE, Mounds View
Medtronic Rice Creek – 7000 Central Avenue NE, Fridley

To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree - Medtronic/American Cancer Society Daffodil Days

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

If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

The Food Group – New Hope, Wednesday, March 22

Registration is open*! We will be volunteering from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at their New Hope location. 8501 54th Avenue. We will be packing food in their warehouse. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – The Food Group. <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>

If you do not have computer access, please call Judy Bergman at 651-295-4507 to register. If you need help with the website, please contact the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

OTHER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Habitat for Humanity - ReStore

Volunteers needed to help run ReStore, the Habitat building supply consignment shop. Building supplies are donated to Habitat by local construction companies. There are two locations – New Brighton and South Minneapolis. Hours of work are flexible to the volunteer’s schedule. For more information or to volunteer go to the following website: <http://www.habitat.org/restores>

American Cancer Society – Road to Recovery

Donate your passenger seat to help save lives. Volunteer to drive cancer patients to treatment. One of the biggest roadblocks to cancer care is transportation. That’s why the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program helps provide patients with free rides to treatment. For more information or to register go to <http://www.cancer.org> or call 1-800-227-2345.

OTHER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES: Please check the following websites for other individual and small group volunteer opportunities:

<http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/index.jsp?r=20.0&aff=&l=Minneapolis%2C+MN%2C+USA&o=recency&s=11>



MEDTRONIC FOUNDATION GRANTS
(VOLUNTEER AND MATCHING DONATIONS)

To log your hours for the 25-hour annual Volunteer Grants *and* to match your monetary donations to qualifying charitable organizations dollar for dollar through Medtronic Foundation's Matching Grants program, go to the Mission in Motion website at <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/basic>

If you have never used the site before, fill out the Retiree Registration form here: <https://medtronicfoundation.wufoo.com/forms/medtronic-retiree-registration/>. Submit your e-mail address. Within 48 hours, you will receive login credentials for the Mission in Motion community accessed above through Google, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer. For questions about this process or website, contact Noi Keothammakhoun at noi.keothammakhoun@medtronic.com or *the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031* or medtronic-support@yourcause.com.

The MEDTRONIC VSP GROUP offers

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

THE MUSICAL

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A true story set on December 4, 1956, when an extraordinary twist of fate brought ELVIS PRESLEY, JOHNNY CASH, JERRY LEE LEWIS and CARL PERKINS together at Sun Records for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET brings that legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock hits including “Blue Suede Shoes”, “Fever,” “That’s All Right,” “Great Balls of Fire,” “Walk the Line,” “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On,” “Who Do you Love?” “Sixteen Tons.” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “Hound Dog” and more. Run length of show is 1:45 with no intermission.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Open seating, doors open at 1:00 pm – Show begins at 1:30 pm

For your convenience, transportation will be provided. Musical and transportation is \$30 per person.

- Bus leaves at: **12:15 pm**
- Pickup Location: **Target (694/Central Ave.) Fridley MN (Park in in SE corner of the lot)**
- Return time: **Approximately 4:30 pm**
- Registration deadline: **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**
- Direct questions to: **Jan Miskowic 612-801-5649 or e-mail – miskojan@hotmail.com**

Make checks payable to **Medtronic VSP** and mail with completed form to:

**Denise Corbett,
1601 Rice Creek Road NE
Fridley, MN 55443**

Registration: **Name (s):** _____

_____ (number) of attendees @ \$30.00 each = Total enclosed \$ _____

_____ # riding the bus to Old Log Theatre

_____ I/we will be driving on our own.

Please provide a cellphone number so that we can contact you on the day of event _____

If you would like to receive an e-mail confirmation, please provide your e-mail address below:
