

# VSP Newsletter

## May 2017



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### ***Learning – Connecting - Serving***

#### **Join Medtronic Foundation's Global Kickoff to Volunteerism**

The Medtronic Foundation is launching Project 6, our annual global kickoff campaign to a new year of employee and retiree volunteerism. Demonstrate the sixth tenet of Medtronic's Mission, "To maintain good corporate citizenship as a company" from May 12 to July 14, 2017 by:

- Joining a Project 6 activity in your community;
- Leading a Project 6 activity in your community; or
- Logging your volunteer hours on the Mission in Motion website.

On April 25, the Medtronic Foundation hosted a training for retirees on Project 6, how to join an activity and how to log individual hours on the Mission in Motion website. To view this training, click [here](#).

**Join A Project:** Hundreds of volunteer activities are planned by employees in Medtronic communities around the world. Last year, 15,000 employees volunteered 62,000 hours in 48 countries serving 700+ charities. We encourage you to see volunteer activities are going on in your community.

**Lead A Project:** Organize a Project 6 activity of your own! Each Project 6 Activity must be created on the Mission in Motion website. Through this platform, you can recruit and communicate with volunteers, log volunteer hours and tell the story of your event after it is completed.

**Log Your Individual Volunteer Hours:** It is important for us to be able to tell a collective story of our global impact during Project 6. Report the hours you volunteered on your own on the Mission in Motion website. Please contact Katie Troyer at the Medtronic Foundation with any questions: [katie.troyer@medtronic.com](mailto:katie.troyer@medtronic.com)

#### **Medical Benefits**

As has been identified in a recent mailing from Medtronic Benefits, medical benefits for post-65 retirees will be changing on January 1, 2018. As such, the training and education portion for this change will be occurring in the upcoming months as follows.

**Week of May 30:** Mailing to post-65 / Medicare eligible retirees reminding them about the change and letting them know about onsite meetings/conference calls.

**Week of June 26:** Medtronic Corporate Benefits and private exchange vendor will hold introductory post-65 retiree meetings onsite in Minneapolis (TBD – and space will be limited) and via conference call.

Please note that there will be no changes to the medical plans for those under age 65. We will continue to provide information in future newsletters and on the retiree website as available.

## **VSP Annual Meeting and Luncheon 2017**

About 94 retirees and significant others attended the VSP Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon on May 10. Our delicious lunch was followed by a presentation by Mary Smith, Greater Twin Cities United Way, then Dave Ness shared his experiences with AHA. Judy Bergman, Ruel Carpenter and Ron Stuedemann all received Gift Life Hero nomination certificates for their roles from Debbie Fenhouse, American Red Cross. Linda Clark was the winner of a breakfast brunch for four, courtesy of Edinburgh USA. **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated items to the United Way's Cleaning Supply Baskets provided to people transitioning from homelessness and also cash donations of \$84. Check out photos of the event at: <http://mdtretirees.org/photo-gallery.html>.

## **Reminder: Retirement Celebration for New Retirees**

Many long-time MDT employees are retiring in May. A celebration will be held for these new retirees as well as current retirees at the Mermaid in Mounds View. The downstairs area of the Mermaid is reserved beginning at **4:00 on Wednesday, May 31**. Hotel rooms at adjoining AmericInn are available for \$86.40 that night (mention MDT event for that price). This is an employee-funded event and donations will be appreciated. Limited appetizers available at 5:00. Cash bar available throughout the night. Contact Guy Bistram, 763-526-9672 or [guy.bistram@medtronic.com](mailto:guy.bistram@medtronic.com) with questions. Let's show these new retirees how awesome retirement is!

## **Twins Game Outing**

Let's go out to the ball game on Monday, July 17. Join your fellow retirees to cheer on the Twins as they take on the always exciting New York Yankees. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> season the Twins will be playing at Target Field. Support the local boys, Joe Mauer and Paul Molitor, and others as they try to turn the team around. Come watch the Twins play and enjoy outdoor baseball. See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

## **Glensheen – A Minnesota History Theater Play**

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## **VSP VOLUNTEER REPORT**

Thank you to these VSP and family members for volunteering at Bridging on April 20: Sue Ahlstrom, Judy Bergman, Ann Cafferty, Karin Chisholm, Richard Dragovich, Andrea DuCharme, Jill Hatch, Roger Hatch, Rick Haws, Karen Kutzner, Kurt Kutzner, Lois Markie, Ann Minter, Christa Sagert, Diana Ursin and Tom Ursin. The group assembled furniture, sorted and bundled kitchen linens, hangers and silverware as well as tore strips to be used to bundle sheets.

## **FUTURE VSP TEAM VOLUNTEER EVENTS:**

- **Packaging Cleaning Supplies Baskets – May 17**
- **Feed My Starving Children – May 18**
- **The Link – FOCUS Project 6 – June 1**
- **Second Harvest Heartland – Project 6 – June 15**
- **Matter – July 8**
- **American Red Cross/Medtronic Blood Drive – July 17 - 20**

### **Packaging Household Cleaning Supplies for the Link, Wednesday, May 17**

**Registration is open\*!** In partnership with the FOCUS group we will be packaging the household cleaning supplies VSP members donated at the Spring Luncheon and FOCUS received from their drive. We will be packaging at two different locations from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Mounds View or
2. Plymouth Atria.

To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Packaging Household Cleaning Supplies for The Link.

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

*If you have questions about this volunteer event, please contact Genevieve LaVoi at [genevieve.l.lavoi@medtronic.com](mailto:genevieve.l.lavoi@medtronic.com).*

*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](mailto:medtronic-support@yourcause.com)*

### **Feed My Starving Children, Thursday, May 18**

**Event is full\*!** We will be volunteering from noon – 2:00 p.m. at their Coon Rapids location – 401 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue N.W. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – Feed My Starving Children.

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

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### **The Link – Minneapolis, Thursday, June 1**

**Registration is open\*!** This is a FOCUS Project 6 volunteer event. We will be partnering with FOCUS on delivering the cleaning supplies baskets to The Link. While there we will be volunteering for a cooking event from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at their Minneapolis location – 1210 Glenwood Avenue. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Food Preparation for The Link.

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

*If you have questions about this volunteer event, please contact Genevieve LaVoi at [genevieve.l.lavoi@medtronic.com](mailto:genevieve.l.lavoi@medtronic.com).*

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### **Second Harvest Heartland – Golden Valley, Thursday, June 15**

**Registration is open\*!** This is a Project 6 volunteer event. We will be volunteering from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. at their Golden Valley location – 6325 Sandburg Road. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – 2HH Golden Valley – Project 6.

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

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### **MATTER – St. Louis Park, Saturday, July 8**

**Registration is open\*!** We will be sorting medical supplies from 9:00 a.m. – noon at their St. Louis Park location – 7005 Oxford Street. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – MATTER.

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

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*the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team at 866-751-6031 or [medtronic-support@yourcause.com](mailto:medtronic-support@yourcause.com).*

### **American Red Cross/Medtronic Blood Drive, July 17 – July 20**

**Registration is open\*!** Volunteers will check in blood donors and manage the flow of donors to the bloodmobile. We will be volunteering from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Two volunteers are needed at each location.

Monday, July 17 – MECC

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Tuesday, July 18 – Mounds View

Wednesday, July 19 – Mounds View

Wednesday, July 19 – Rice Creek

Thursday, July 20 – Mounds View

Thursday, July 20 – Rice Creek

To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – American Red Cross/Medtronic Blood Drive.

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

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### **OTHER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS:**

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

We are looking for retirees and/or spouses to become part of a crew that regularly volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. To be part of a regular crew, Habitat for Humanity expects a minimum of 1 volunteer day per month during the months of September – May. The volunteer day is from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and the crew size would be 8 – 12. We are also looking for a crew leader who would communicate with Habitat for Humanity to schedule shifts and communicate to the rest of the crew. If you are interested in being part of the crew and/or the crew leader, please contact Judy Bergman at [bergmanj3@comcast.net](mailto:bergmanj3@comcast.net) or (651) 295-4507. **(Please note: no special skills are needed to be part of the crew or the crew leader.)**

#### **The Food Group**

The Food Group has individual volunteer shifts on select Tuesdays from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. To see dates available and RSVP go to [www.thefoodgroupmn.org/tuesdays](http://www.thefoodgroupmn.org/tuesdays) or contact Dan Johnson at [djohnson@thefoodgroupmn.org](mailto:djohnson@thefoodgroupmn.org) or 763-450-3889.

**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](mailto:noi.keothammakhoun@medtronic.com) or *the YourCause Customer Advocacy Team* at 866-751-6031 or [medtronic-support@yourcause.com](mailto:medtronic-support@yourcause.com).



**VS**



**Monday, July 17, 2017**  
**Game time 7:10 pm**  
**\$34 per Ticket**

Join your fellow retirees to cheer on the Twins as they take on the always exciting New York Yankees. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> season the Twins will be playing at Target Field. Support the local boys, Joe Mauer and Paul Molitor, and all the young guys as they try to turn the team around. Come join in the fun and watch the Twins play and enjoy outdoor baseball.

All of the seats in the Overlook Section #137 have been reserved for Medtronic VSP members and their guests. The seats are located between first and second base in the right field directly behind the Target Plaza entrance – Gate #34.

**Transportation will not be provided. If you would like to ride the North Star Line ([www.metrotransit.org/northstar](http://www.metrotransit.org/northstar)) to Target Field you can board it at the Fridley Station which is located at 61st Avenue & Main Street NE (one block east of East River Road). The train leaves the Fridley Station at 5:38 and arrives at Target Field at 5:55. An extra north bound trip leaves Target Field 30 minutes after the last out.**

**Tickets will be mailed to you during the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to Medtronic VSP and mail with completed form to:**

**Denise Corbett, 1601 Rice Creek Road NE, Fridley, MN 55432**

**Deadline to Register – Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$34.00 each    Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

The MEDTRONIC VSP GROUP offers  
**A Minnesota History Theater Play**



## Glensheen

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**  
2:00 pm

1977. An heiress, kind and generous, is found dead in her bed. Her night nurse, lying lifeless on the staircase. A robbery? A clumsy break-in? A conspiracy? A scandal! The Congdon family tragedy splashed across the headlines of every newspaper in Minnesota. But what really happened on that fateful night at the Glensheen Mansion? Whodunit?

Witness this dark musical that tackles the tale with wicked dialogue and evocative music.

Our VSP fall outing is being planned to Duluth, which will include a tour of the Glensheen Mansion. This play is a great way to get a feel for the event's that took place on that unforgettable night.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$35.00 each    Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_    Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Tickets will be mailed to you the week of June 26.** Make checks payable to: **Medtronic VSP** and mail with completed form to:

**Denise Corbett, 1601 Rice Creek Road NE, Fridley, MN 55432**

**Car Pooling: Transportation is not provided. If you wish to car pool (drive or ride) contact Jan.**

A limited number of tickets have been reserved –register early  
Deadline to Register – Thursday, June 1, 2017

Questions – Call Jan Miskowic (612) 801-5649