

VSP Newsletter November 2016



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Learning – Connecting - Serving

US Bank Stadium Tour Recap

On November 10, 88 Medtronic retirees enjoyed a 90-minute tour of the new home of the Vikings. The tour included the Press box, Owners Suite, Locker Room, Interview Room, the impressive two-story Medtronic Club, and the opportunity to walk out onto the field.

[Click here](#) to see pictures of the event. Thanks to Bob Trafton for taking the photos and to Rebecca Carpenter for asking the VSP Board if this tour could be arranged. If you have an idea for an event or outing, please contact any of the VSP Board Members.

2016 Employee Holiday Program

You are cordially invited to the 56th Annual Employee Holiday Program on Friday, December 16, at Operational Headquarters.

11:00 – 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 - Pre-show music by the Medtronomes Choir

1:30 - Program hosted by Chairman and CEO Omar Ishrak

If you plan to join, please RSVP via email by December 10 to rs.medtronicemployeeholidayprogram@medtronic.com. If you plan to bring a guest, please include their name in your RSVP email. We look forward to seeing you there.

Annual VSP Holiday Social

Retirees and their guest are invited to attend the Annual VSP Holiday Social on Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 4-6 pm in the Coral Ballroom at The Mermaid in Mounds View. See flyer/registration information at the end of this newsletter. Please RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 1.

Children's Holiday Party – Attend and/or Volunteer!

The annual Medtronic Children's Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Operational Headquarters Conservatory. To make this a successful event, many volunteers are needed to help with set up Friday afternoon, 12/2, and for the Saturday 9am-12noon and 1-4pm holiday party sessions. Volunteer opportunities include: Crafts, Bingo, Animal walk (like cake walk), Tattoos, Spin Wheel, Registration, Santa Photo registration, Photo station helper, Snack table. Contact Kim Daninger, 763-505-2868 or kim.daninger@medtronic.com to help make wonderful holiday memories for the kids! See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for information on attending the party.

In Remembrance

Eileen Connors - <http://www.legacy.com/link.asp?i=ls000182256257>

Give to the Max Day

Give to the Max Day is one of the best times of the year to donate to area charities. In the past, this event was only one single day, but this year, giveMN.org (the event organizer) is accepting donations from November 1-17. Any donation received has a chance to turn into a lot of extra money for area organizations. For more information, check out the donation page for the event.

<https://www.givemn.org/donate>.

(Note: if you donate using the above website or directly to the organization, please remember to go to the Mission in Motion website and request the Medtronic match by recording it as an offline donation.)

VSP VOLUNTEER REPORT

Thank you to these VSP members for volunteering at the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon: Judy Bergman, Sue Harwood, Kurt Kutzner, Charles Lo and Maryanne Lo. The group assembled and/or handed out race packets.

Judy Bergman joined a group of current Medtronic employees at HCMC on October 19th to deliver greeting cards (members of the VSP help create) to the Pediatric Care Staff to distribute to their patients. We met several staff members and heard about the vital services they provide to help the patients in the pediatric care center cope with the fear of being in the hospital. We also volunteered at the food shelf at HCMC sorting infant supplies and various other donated items.



Thank you to these VSP members and current Medtronic employees for volunteering at Bridging on October 20th: Joanne Cramer, Andrea DuCharme, Karen Kutzner, Kurt Kutzner, James Larsen, Lois Marke, Ann Minter, Jeanne Morgan, Debbie Morrison, Gail Sidor, Maja Temim, Diana Ursin and Tom Ursin. The group sharpened and bundled over 100 knife sets and sorted and bundled over 100 silverware sets.

FUTURE VSP TEAM VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

- **Second Harvest Heartland – November 17**
- **Feed My Starving Children – December 12**
- **American Cancer Society Hope Lodge – January 23**
- **Medtronic/American Red Cross Blood Drive – January 30 – February 2**

Second Harvest Heartland – Golden Valley, Thursday, November 17

Event is full! We will be volunteering at their Golden Valley location at 6325 Sandburg Road, Suite 1700 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – 2HH – Golden Valley.

<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/yourcause-sso/contractorlogin.aspx?subdomain=medtronic>

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 Alison Stinar at astinar@yourcause.com.

Feed My Starving Children – Coon Rapids, Monday, December 12

Registration is open!* We will be volunteering at their Coon Rapids location at 401 93rd Avenue NW from Noon – 2:00 p.m. To register, please log into the Mission in Motion website using the below link and search for the event Retiree – FMSC.

<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/yourcause-sso/contractorlogin.aspx?subdomain=medtronic>

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American Cancer Society – Hope Lodge, Monday, January 23

Registration is open!* Hope Lodge (located at 2500 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis) is a place where cancer patients and their care giver 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.

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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 Alison Stinar at astinar@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)

Monday, January 30 – Mounds View

Tuesday, January 31 – Mounds View

Wednesday, February 1 – Mounds View

Wednesday, February 1 – Rice Creek

Thursday, February 2 – Mounds View

Thursday, February 2 – Rice Creek

(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

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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>

Greater Twin Cities United Way

Upcoming Community Kindness Projects!

Join us for these great opportunities to put kindness into action through volunteering.

Home for Good (Nov. 10 and Nov. 17)

Art for All (November and December)

To sign up for these projects and to find other year-round volunteer opportunities, visit:

<https://gtcuw.org/liveunited>

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 <http://medtronic.yourcause.com/yourcause-sso/contractorlogin.aspx?subdomain=medtronic>.

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 Alison Stinar at astinar@yourcause.com.



Medtronic VSP Group Holiday Social

When

Wednesday, December 7, 2016
4:00-6:00 pm

Who's Invited

All Medtronic retirees and their guest.

Where

The Mermaid
2200 Highway 10, Mounds View
Coral Ballroom

Hors D'oeuvres Provided
Cash Bar

Retiree & Guest Name Attending:

Contact Jan Miskowic by e-mail: miskojan@hotmail.com or
Phone: (763) 425-0508 or

RSVP by Thursday, December 1st



All Medtronic employees, badged contractors and retirees are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to the

Medtronic Children's Holiday Party!

- ❄️ **Music, dancing, crafts, games & snacks**
- ❄️ **Holiday photo** – complimentary photo for each family
- ❄️ **Company Store** – shop for holiday gifts
- ❄️ **Holiday gift** - for children, 11 and under

WHEN:

Saturday, December 3, 2016
9am-12pm or 1- 4pm

WHERE:

Operational Headquarters Conservatory

COST:

\$8.00 per person attending
(Party volunteers may attend event at no cost)

REGISTER AT:

<https://medtronic.cvent.com/2016ChildrensHolidayParty>

Deadline to register is Friday, November 18!

***Registrations are non-refundable/non-transferrable; all attendees must pre-register**