



Net zero carbon – Taking care of Michigan and future generations

September 2019 certainly didn't start the discussion on climate change, but it did help move it forward.

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Alumni United

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the DTE Alumni Network partnered with United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Alumni United group to share some details on how DTE Alumni can get involved in Southeast Michigan! Learn more about this fun group.



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Bettering our communities and ourselves

Volunteerism is embedded deep in our company culture. We dedicate more and more of our time each year bettering local communities and supporting important causes.



Serving with energy



Alumni Spotlight — DTE Alumni and students make an IMPACT at Cody High School

Spending a summer vacation at your high school may not sound appealing to many students, but for 38 Cody High School students, it was a way to gain work experience by working directly with DTE Alumni, make money and get exposure to a variety of energy careers.



Check it out



Alumni Happenings

The DTE Alumni Network met with the Ann Arbor Retiree Club on Wednesday, Oct. 16 in Dexter, Mich. Molly Luempert-Coy, Corporate and Government Affairs regional manager, shared some updates about the system improvement projects happening around Ann Arbor and Washtenaw County. We heard information



about two new substations, the Gas Safety station in Ann Arbor, the Broadway site redevelopment, and gas main renewals. Additionally, the group shared food and celebrated a birthday with Bud (Leroy) Witter (pictured) who turned 100 years old this year! We also met the Filgos, who have a family legacy of 102 years working at DTE. Rich Filgo, retired in 2008, and his wife Debra Filgo, retiring in February 2020, will be the last of three generations of Filgos that have worked and retired at DTE. The club meets two times per year at the American Legion Club in Dexter, Mich. Ed and Chris Martin continue to provide a fantastic luncheon for retirees to catch up with old friends and learn more about the company. If you are interested in joining the next meeting, please contact Ed and Chris at martin3415@comcast.net.

Get involved with Care Force!

Here are few opportunities to give back.

Central United Methodist Church – Meal Prep

Pack lunches and serve meals to community members in need.

This takes place at the Central United Methodist Church on Thursday, November 7th. Prep and serving runs from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Crossroads of Michigan Pantry

Help pack clothing and food for Crossroads of Michigan. This takes place at 2424 West Grand Boulevard in Detroit on Friday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Feel the energy as middle school teams compete in the 2019 FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC)

Experience the excitement as teams bring their best efforts to compete across Michigan Be part of the only sport where every player has the opportunity to GO PRO! Roles vary from Skills-Based when Judging to being 200% Accountable with Safety Glasses and Crowd Control. Links and directions are available in Care Force for all 26 events/locations across Michigan.

2-Step Volunteer Registration:

1. Register here for volunteer opportunities FIRST Volunteer SWI (1.1 background check required, lasts for 5-years at all FIRST events)
2. Register at Care Force to capture DTE hours More information on FTC Job Descriptions found here.

Check out our new Care Force portal!

dteenergy.yourcause.com

If you do not have an account with Care Force, please sign up to volunteer at www.dteenergy.com/alumni for access to our volunteer portal.



Q&A

What gifts does the DTE Foundation match?

United Way: Retiree gifts receive Foundation match which is equal to approximately \$0.50 on each dollar for gifts made as pension deductions or one time gifts.

Holiday Matching Gifts: Around the winter holidays, the DTE Energy Foundation enacts its Holiday Gift Matching program, which matches employee and retiree gifts to pre-selected nonprofits that provide food, shelter and clothing to community residents. *(Via website that launches when program opens)*

Educational & Cultural Matching Gifts: Support includes educational and cultural organizations that play an important role in improving the quality of life in the communities where we live and serve. *(via this form)*



Healthy Living: Recipe of the Quarter

Sweet Potato Soup (in a Flash!)

Makes 1-2 servings

Ingredients:

1 cup mashed sweet potato (from a baked sweet potato)

½ cup chicken or vegetable broth

½ cup soy milk (can substitute with almond or regular milk)

Add to Taste:

Orange zest (a pinch)

Salt (3 pinches)

Chipotle powder (1/2 tsp)

Garnish:

¼ cup diced avocado
2-3 tortilla chips (crushed)
Dash of seasoned chili salt

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Bake sweet potato until tender
3. Remove the potato skin and add to the blender along with broth and non-dairy milk. Blend on low until smooth.
4. Taste a drop to see that it is slightly black at this point,.
5. Add the salt and spices to taste.
6. Serve with garnish or avocado and crushed chips on top.
7. Note: The hot potato should warm the soup enough to be served as is, or you can warm on the stove or microwave until hot enough to suit your taste buds.
8. Enjoy all the aromas and rich taste of sweet potato.

Nutrition Facts:

Calories: 259
Fat: 3g
Saturated Fat: g
Cholesterol: mg
Sodium: TBD
Carbohydrates: 47g
Fiber: 2g
Protein: 7g

Source: lunchboxbunch.com

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