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On special assignment as coordinator of Medtronic's economic development partnerships with underserved communities in North Minneapolis and Cedar Riverside.

Sylvia Bartley is a lifelong seeker of spiritual enlightenment and inner peace. She strives to hold these values in all aspects of her life, both as Global Director at Medtronic and in her community-service work. In both of these areas Sylvia Bartley is known for bringing people together and making things happen. In her last 15 years with Medtronic, she has convened cross-functional teams across the globe to develop, improve and disseminate neurosurgical techniques and best practices, primarily for Deep Brain Stimulation therapy. In every position she has held, Sylvia has exceeded strategic goals and developed high-value, replicable business, education and training models that benefit the company, its patients and physician customers. She is now on special assignment as coordinator of Medtronic's economic development partnerships with underserved communities in North Minneapolis, a position that perfectly blends her business acumen, influential leadership style and dedication to community service.

Since moving to Minneapolis in 2010, Sylvia has devoted much of her free time to improving the health, education and economic status of underserved communities. She has assumed board leadership roles for six prominent non-profit organizations, including the African American Leadership Forum, The Harvest Network of Schools and incoming board member to Black Women's Health Imperative. Her community service and leadership abilities have been recognized with a 2014 Bush Foundation Fellowship, awarded for extraordinary achievement and potential to lead change and strengthen the community. She also received the 2013 *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal's* Diversity in Business Award for her outstanding contribution to education reform in the Twins Cities and her work at Medtronic as well as the PM360 2014 Trailblazer Initiative Award and Medtronic's Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) Excellence Award for her exceptional work with Medtronic's Deep Brain Stimulation Therapy.

A native of England, Sylvia has since become a true global citizen. She has lived in three countries and worked in 18 more. She is the proud parent of Andrew, who resides and works in UK, and Portia, a performing arts graduate in Los Angeles.