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Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumnae Donate Pumpkins for Clients!



-The Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumnae group has long been supporters of Cleveland Sight Center, through volunteering, fundraising (Night at the Races event every two years) and donations. This week, the group collected pumpkins from members and a connection at Holden Arboretum, which have been donated and delivered to Cleveland Sight Center for use in upcoming events! The pumpkins will be given to clients attending Youth Adventure Day and Fall Weekend at Highbrook Lodge, as well as Bright Futures Preschool students. Thank you, Delta Gamma Cleveland East!

Image of Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumna Chamois Williams smiling and holding a pumpkin, with a table full of pumpkins behind her

CSC Making an Impact:

-Some quotes shared by clients on the impact Cleveland Sight Center has made on them:

“Growing up, Cleveland Sight Center was a family environment. They inspired me, they motivated me to be a better person. To be independent. To learn how to adapt to different situations. They empowered me and they inspired me to be comfortable with my disabilities.”

“Because I have low vision, I could not find the numbers on my smartphone. But after training I can now use it with voice commands. Since I can't see small letters, I can now enlarge the print on my phone and I'm able to read again and teach at Sunday school.”

What's Happening at CSC:

Jassen Tawil (Vice President, Strategic Initiatives) was the guest speaker to the New Jersey Commission for the Blind's "Career Conversations" session on Thursday, October 21st. The "Career Conversations" host employers who discuss hiring needs, tips and tricks. The presentation was attended by 19 people - most of whom were job seekers. Yaser Z., who works in the Cleveland Sight Center Call Center as a Helpdesk Support Specialist, was the Call Center's first out of state employee. Yaser lives and works from home in New Jersey and was originally referred by the New Jersey Commission for the Blind.

-Leah Griffith (Business Coordinator) from the Eyedea Shop and Low Vision Clinic hosted a "Lunch & Learn" presentation on wearable low vision devices on Wednesday. Representatives from Envision and Advanced Low Vision joined Leah in presenting and demonstrating Envision Glasses, VisionBuddy and eSight 4 - three of the newest, most advanced products on the market for wearable low vision devices. Leah is available for product demonstrations for anyone interested in learning more who couldn't attend! Please contact Leah (x8732) to schedule a demo.

-Students in Bright Futures Preschool spent time learning about creatures who live in trees or in the woods this week. They were able to hold and inspect a real bird nest, learned all about spiders, investigated bats and went on a bear hunt! Thanks to alumnae of Delta Gamma Cleveland East, the kids took pumpkins home on Thursday so they can have more "orange" fun with their families over the weekend.

Image of a preschool student looking at a black bat on an orange background light board



-Get ready for the Trick-or-Treaters! Bright Futures Preschool is excited to announce their trick-or-treat parade at Cleveland Sight Center will be on Wednesday, October 27th around 12:30 p.m. If the weather is warm and dry, the preschoolers will parade through the courtyard and playground where there is plenty of space for any interested CSC staff members to pass out candy. If it is raining, students will assemble on the sidewalk under the enclosed area in front of the main entrance doors. Bright Futures Preschool teachers will request all staff members who would like to pass out treats to wear masks properly and maintain distancing as best as possible and will also be asked to use hand sanitizer shortly before passing out the candy. Plan for 8-10 students/siblings and there are no peanut or other nut allergies reported at this time. For questions, please contact Dorota Tomaszewska (x8778).

-Leisure & Lifestyle Services (L&L) is bursting at the seams with re-occurring programs, special events and even overnights! Every Tuesday, L&L hosts recreation programs like yoga, line dance, crochet, piano classes and more from 11:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. The full schedule can be found by calling the Leisure & Lifestyle Information Line at 216-658-4600.

-Clients enjoyed a festive Halloween Party at CSC on Thursday! Clients and staff came in costume and enjoyed activities, music, dancing and snacks as they monster mashed the morning away!

Some upcoming special events include:

- On October 23rd from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., we're bringing the Fall vibes to youth campers at Highbrook Lodge! Campers will be decorating pumpkins, making scarecrows and wearing their favorite costumes. This event is \$10, and is open to youth clients 12-20ish years old.
- The triumphant return of in-person Winner's Clubs! Join us to learn about amateur radio, eat a meal, and win prizes on November 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.!
- In December, we're bringing back Holidays at Highbrook (December 10th, \$10) and Shopping for the Holidays (December 17th, \$15)!

And finally, Fall Weekend is OFFICALLY BACK! November 12th-14th, we'll host 15 campers overnight at Highbrook Lodge. Our campers, volunteers, and staff will help solve the mystery of the Highbrook Ghost, who has been playing pranks on L&L Manager Bobbie, Camp Ranger Kevin, and even Director of Facilities and Transportation Chris! Clients who are interested can get an application packet from the front desk of CSC or request one via email or fax from Bobbie at bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org.

-Leisure & Lifestyle Services is also currently looking for volunteers for a multitude of opportunities—from one-time events like Winner's Club to weekly or bi-weekly opportunities like being a "Rec Runner", to overnights like at Fall Weekend! For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562).

Join Case for Sight for “Dinner in the Dark” to Benefit CSC!

-Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Case for Sight club is holding their annual “Dinner in the Dark” on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will dine in the dark in CWRU's Thwing Ballroom at this annual fundraiser for Cleveland Sight Center. Case for Sight has reserved two tables for Cleveland Sight Center and we want you to attend! If you would like more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Haley Marblestone (x4565).

Did You Know:

-Did you know pumpkins are botanically categorized as fruit, not vegetables? They are a part of the Cucurbitaceae family, along with other squash like zucchini and butternut. Fruits grow from the flowering part of the plant and hold seeds in their flesh, so although the pumpkins we see at Halloween aren't naturally sweet, they're fruit just the same.