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Case for Sight's "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" this evening. CSC will have two tables filled with representatives of the agency, including Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) and Haley Marblestone (Development Manager), who will be speaking about the agency's impact on those we serve.

CSC Making an Impact:

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

"Cleveland Sight Center has helped me for the past 20 years of my life gain independence and learn skills that I need for success. Without CSC, I do not think I would be where I am today (in college)."

"Within an hour of being at the Sight Center, I knew that I had found family and had found my place."

Working Together to Secure Employment: Allen's Story

-Allen Leftridge came to Cleveland Sight Center through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities looking to find and maintain employment. Mr. Leftridge was connected with Hugh Littleton (Employment Services Training Specialist) in early April and they began working together.

Mr. Leftridge's journey to employment proved to be challenging both personally and professionally. He encountered multiple setbacks from loss of family members, personal health issues leading to vision loss and having a stroke. Thankfully, he is now recovering!

However - through it all, Mr. Leftridge never gave up. He went through the job development plan process, interview training and resume updates with the help of Hugh coaching him along the way. Because of this, Allen is now happily employed with J8 Security as a Security Guard.

He expressed his deepest gratitude to Hugh Littleton and Dawn Jones (Manager of Employment Services) for all of their support in helping him find employment. Mr. Leftridge stated that he never thought he would find employment - especially with the personal and professional adversities he experienced. He is eternally grateful for Cleveland Sight Center. He now believes in the statement that Hugh would say to him frequently: "It is not about what you CAN'T do - it's about what you CAN do."

What's Happening at CSC:

-Tony Becker (Optician, Low Vision Clinic) and Erin St. Denis (Occupational Therapist, Vision Rehabilitation) presented "The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints" on Thursday. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered? Tony and Erin addressed these topics and more in an informative and engaging in-service session for staff.

-Various members of the Cleveland Sight Center team were interviewed for the "Our Aging World" radio program scheduled to air Friday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. on WINT Integrity Radio 101.5 FM and 1330 AM. The hour-long program will be devoted exclusively to CSC with Erin St. Denis (Occupational Therapist) talking about smart phones and iPads, Katie Lepis (Vision Rehabilitation Specialist) discussing smart home technology, Alicia Howerton (Manager of Strategic Partnerships) talking about advocacy and strategic partnerships and Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) giving some tips on blindness etiquette and the Eyedea Shop's products, offerings and pop-up shops. In addition, CSC was featured in The Senior Years newspaper November edition for Lorain County seniors through an article that explains various eye diseases and ways to potentially reduce the risk of being diagnosed with an eye disease, while informing readers CSC is a great community resource to those with vision loss.

-Highbrook Lodge hosted Fall Adventure Day for Youth on Saturday, October 23rd! A group of awesome youth campers painted pumpkins donated by the Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumnae and Holden



Arboretum, created scarecrows from hay donated by friend of Highbrook Lodge Chris Freeman, and competed in a scavenger hunt around camp! Campers said the day was “dope”, and that it “came in clutch”—which in teenage speak is a resounding success! We’re looking forward to getting our adults back out to camp in just two short weeks! Images are group photos of the youth campers and CSC staff members Broadies Hayes and Bobbie Szabo sitting on hay bales surrounded by corn stalks and a sign stating “Fall Adventure Day”



-The 2021 Bright Futures Preschool Halloween Parade was a huge success! The students were extremely happy and the parents were overwhelmed with appreciation for the amount of love and attention the kids received from CSC staff! Congrats to the Bright Futures Preschool classroom crew for helping to make this day special for the families. Thank you all for joining the festivities and all sweet treats passed out to the children. Happy Halloween! Images of the students in their costumes trick or treating for candy.



-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.

-Winner's Club makes its triumphant return next Thursday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC! Get ready to learn all about amateur radio from Jeffrey Meyer, a licensed ham of 44 years. Mr. Meyer was a recipient of the LASED award for assistance provided during the 1985 Mexican Earthquake, and has reported on tornadoes in three different U.S. states. Enjoy a meal of meat loaf, mashed potatoes and salad, followed by an opportunity to win exciting prizes—such as gift cards, wooden carvings made by Larry Benders (President and Chief Executive Officer) and more! To RSVP, contact Bobbie Szabo at bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org or 216-658-4597; this event will be capped at 25 people.

-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).

Items of Note:

-Check out this recent feature on friend of Cleveland Sight Center Wilbert Turner, courtesy of Spectrum News 1. The human-interest story is featured as part of their coverage of National Blindness Awareness Month. To access the article and video, [click here](#).

-Mastercard Inc. is introducing a new card for people who are blind or have vision impairment, the company said. Different varieties of the card, which will become available in 2022, will use physical notches to help people use touch to distinguish among them and discern the correct way to insert them into scanning machines, according to Mastercard. The debit card will have a squarelike notch, the credit card will have a rounded notch, and the prepaid card will have a triangular one. Some banks and other card issuers already offer designs with a notch on the side and other features. Barclays PLC provides a notched debit card, for example, with a bright stripe and arrow to indicate which way to insert the card. Mastercard wanted to expand on existing designs without overcomplicating them. To read more, [click here](#).

-A former science teacher who's been blind for 16 years became able to see letters, discern objects' edges — and even play a Maggie Simpson video game — thanks to a visual prosthesis that includes a camera and a brain implant, according to American and Spanish researchers who collaborated on the project.

The test subject had the implant for six months and experienced no disruptions to her brain activity or other health complications, according to an abstract of the study that was published this week in *The Journal of Clinical Investigation*. To read more, [click here](#).

-Already a self-described Paralympic athlete, musician, motivational speaker, skater and surfer, the prolific Anthony S. Ferraro added one more title to the list: husband. The content creator, who is blind, recently took to social media and shared footage from his wedding to Kelly Anne Ferraro. The video highlighted key moments from the special day and included one notable detail—the bride's "tactile" wedding dress. To read more, [click here](#).

Did You Know:

-Did you know a dentist invented cotton candy? Dentist William Morrison partnered with a confectioner named John C. Wharton in 1897 to devise a machine that used centrifugal force to turn sugar into cotton-like strands. The result of their work was cotton candy, which they called "Fairy Floss."