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October is Blindness Awareness Month:

-October is Blindness Awareness Month. From the website nationaltoday.com: Every October, Blindness Awareness Month brings a heightened focus on the blind and visually impaired community and the realities of living without sight. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), "everyone, if they live long enough, will experience at least one eye condition in their lifetime". The proof is in the numbers. An estimated 2.2 billion people around the globe suffer from some form of visual impairment or blindness - including everyone who simply wears corrective lenses. One billion of these cases could have been prevented or is yet to be addressed. So, we should all understand how to maintain optimal eye health and how to navigate life with visual impairments, whether for ourselves or loved ones. To read more, [click here](#).

Join Delta Gamma Cleveland Westshore Alumnae at Around the Corner in Lakewood to Benefit CSC!

-The Delta Gamma Cleveland Westshore Alumnae group has long been supporters of Cleveland Sight Center, through volunteering and financial support, as their foundation benefits Service for Sight. After having to skip the event in 2020, the group will be hosting their annual fall fundraiser "Night for Sight" at Around the Corner Saloon & Café in Lakewood this year! Members of the Delta Gamma group will be "celebrity bartenders" that evening and all "tips" made and profits generated from a 50/50 raffle will go towards CSC through the Delta Gamma Foundation. The event will be on Thursday, October 14th from 6-10pm at Around the Corner in Lakewood, OH (18616 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107).



If you're able, join some members of the marketing and development teams and stop by to support the Delta Gammas and CSC! Image of the invitation to the Delta Gamma "Night for Sight" event on October 14th

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).

What's Happening at CSC:

-The Coordinator of the Cleveland Division of Police Crisis Intervention Team contacted CSC this week regarding using proper language relative to someone who is blind or visually impaired as the department is reviewing and updating their policies and documents.

-Outreach met with staff at Middleburg Heights Community Center to provide CSC collateral for an upcoming event they're hosting and to give an overview of CSC's programs and services. In addition, Outreach presented the "Blindness Basics" training for 1st and 2nd year students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Bryant & Stratton College. The week concludes as Outreach visits the Westlake Community Center for an agency overview presentation, followed by a meeting at the Rocky River branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library with a librarian who is planning a Braille program for 2nd and 3rd grade level library patrons scheduled for early 2022.

-Students in Bright Futures Preschool will be participating in the 2021 Great Lakes Apple Crunch! On Thursday, October 14th early care centers, schools, hospitals, colleges and other organizations will be crunching into a local apple at noon local time for the 8th Annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch! All are welcome to help reach a goal of 1 million students, teachers and community members who will be crunching this year! Stay up to date on the Crunch count on the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch [facebook page](#) and the Ohio Farm to School [facebook page](#). Illinois is in the lead but Ohio is holding onto second place!

Students in class have begun a study unit on trees this week, investigating all the types of food that come from trees (like apples!) in preparation for next week's Crunch! They are planning a field trip to local farmers markets North Royalton Farms and Luther's Farm Market next week!

-Join the Eyedea Shop's Leah Griffith (Business Coordinator) in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium on Wednesday, October 20th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for a "Lunch & Learn" presentation on wearable low vision devices. Representatives from Envision and Advanced Low Vision will join 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. Interested staff members & clients can contact Leah at x8734 or email lgriffith@clevelandsightcenter.org to RSVP to the event. Be sure to pack a lunch!

If you can't make it...or just can't wait until October 20th...Leah is available for product demonstrations! Please contact Leah to schedule a demo.

-The following are upcoming in-service education opportunities open to staff members. For additional information or to sign up, contact Keith Filip (kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org or x8786).

October 28th: "The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints"

Presented by Tony Becker and Erin St. Denis of Cleveland Sight Center's Low Vision Clinic. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered?

November 18th: "The Importance of Visual Acuity"

Presented by Dr. Leah Steele, Optometrist with Madison Eye Care. The importance of visual acuity (Tier 1 of Dutton's frame work of cerebral) and Q&A.

Items of Note:

-Check out this article from Business Insider which highlights how the expansion of remote work has been an economic game-changer for a woman who is blind, being able to control her own work environment. For the article, [click here](#).

-Many users of Apple products may have noticed that some Siri functions have recently disappeared. These voice commands pertain to functions for accessing email, call history and voicemail. A tech-blog-user recently wrote to Apple Accessibility requesting that these capabilities be reinstated, to which Apple responded they are "working to reinstate some Siri Email and Phone actions, which were temporarily removed as part of updates to improve Siri. You will be able to ask Siri to write, send, and check unread emails in the coming weeks. Reinstating Siri actions to check call history and voicemail will take a bit more time, and we will bring back this functionality in an upcoming iOS software update."

-Join Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) for an accessible, family-friendly, outdoor movie night at Euclid Beach Park! We'll be showing a nostalgia-filled double feature, Casper (1995) and Beetlejuice (1988). Bring your own seating: camp chairs, blankets, cushions, wheelchairs, etc. Seating areas are concrete and grass, with some bench seating available. Free popcorn, candy, drinks and other fall treats, and activities will be provided! Use the discount code below for \$3 off general admission! CODE: [adaincle](#)

Did You Know:

-Did you know the highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado? Pennsylvania's highest point is Mount Davis with an elevation of 3,200 feet, which is about 100 feet lower than the lowest point in Colorado, located on the Arikaree River at 3,300 feet.