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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

-October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which celebrates workers with disabilities and educates employers on the value of including them in the workforce. Find more information and resources for accommodating workers and complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act by clicking [here](#).

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community

-Cleveland Sight Center's Low Vision Clinic will offer a continuing education program for optometrists on Monday, November 4th at CSC. The program is titled "An Innovative Approach to the Treatment of Low Vision" and has been approved by the Ohio Vision Professionals Board. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

-Melissa Mauk and Megan Sigler represented CSC at last week's annual "Anchor Splash" event hosted by the Case Western Reserve University chapter of Delta Gamma. The event raised over \$3,600 which will be donated to Cleveland Sight Center and the Delta Gamma Foundation. Thank you to all the DGs and participating fraternities and sororities who participated in the fundraiser!

-The Outreach team presented an update on agency activities, programs and services along with an abbreviated version of "Blindness Basics" to a group of over 25 Delta Gamma alumnae on the east side Tuesday evening. Outreach presented the "Blindness Basics" program to staff members from the City of Cleveland's Department of Aging on Thursday and to a group from the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland on Friday. They conclude this week with another "Blindness Basics" presentation at CSC on Saturday to the Foundation Fighting Blindness where they will be joined by Jim Hlavaty who will present on "the Psychology of Vision Loss." In addition, several guide dogs in training from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind will be in attendance at the event.

-CSC partners with the City of Cleveland Department of Aging for their annual Disability Awareness Day luncheon on Tuesday, October 15th at Fairhill Partners. The event is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will feature a special performance by a group of CSC line dancers who will perform to the song "New Found Freedom" by Taylor Hicks, using their white canes as part of the dance!

-Tuesday, October 15th also marks White Cane Awareness Day. For more information on White Cane Awareness Day, [click here](#).

What's Happening at CSC

-Four new volunteers were trained in ClientCare this week to support important transitions needed in the system. ClientCare volunteers Lisa, Nettie, Sanjana and Prerna will assist with entering information into the system as well as conducting VFQ and VFQ follow ups. CSC is so excited and grateful to have these volunteers onboard to help with this project!

Picture of Sanjana and Nettie smile with Steve Sharrock before training on ClientCare



-Don't forget that CSC is currently recruiting volunteers! Be sure to connect with friends, neighbors and family to tell them about the many meaningful ways to engage with CSC. For more information about current opportunities, [click here](#) or call Melissa Mauk (x4581).



-Jenny Schaeffer and Vince Williams traveled to Muskoka, Canada to attend the "Making a World of Difference" international learning retreat hosted by CNIB Lake Joe and LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The five-day retreat was designed specifically for camps like Highbrook Lodge and it afforded our camp team the opportunity to participate in workshops and learning sessions. Both Jenny and Vince returned from the retreat with tons of ideas, innovative solutions and excitement for Highbrook's future.

Image of Lake Joe, waterfront trees, the edges of two of the cabins and a canoe rack

-Did you hear that? Students in Bright Futures Preschool made a loud "CRUNCH" on Thursday as they participated in the 2019 Apple Crunch. Participating schools across the Great Lakes region helped celebrate "National Farm to School Month" by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at noon on Thursday, October 10. Last October 1,564,367 students, children, teachers, and good food supporters across the region crunched. For more information on the 2019 Apple Crunch, [click here](#).

Bright Futures Preschool students spent time this week investigating, playing and having fun with apples bought from Dave's Market and Sunny Slope Orchard. Dave's Market has apples from Bauman Orchards in Rittman, Ohio...so they are very locally grown! Sunny Slope Orchard is in Navarre, Ohio own and operated by an Amish family.



Picture of Bright Futures preschoolers and staff members take a bite out of their apples



Picture of A preschooler enjoying her apple

-This week's Tuesday Social Recreation Day was quite the party as everyone in attendance loved the comradery and socialization. To sum up the activities, it started with a line dance party, then between lunching and crochet attendees "got their recreation on", followed by Book Discussion Group reviewing Kiss the Girls by James Patterson. After, Chess Club was happening all the while Yoga was in session.

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Holiday Cards

-Summer is over and fall has arrived! It's time to think about the upcoming holidays. With that in mind, the Cleveland Sight Center Holiday Cards are a wonderful addition to your holiday traditions. The cards are now posted on the Eyedeas Shop website for you to view and consider...[click here](#). There are three new designs and some returning favorites, proudly featuring some cards designed by artists who have low vision. Each card has the artist's biography on the back so you can learn about each artist and their story. The cards are \$1.00 each. Pre-orders for cards can be placed via the website or by calling or visiting the store and printed cards will be arriving soon. Sending holiday cards especially to out of town friends and family is a wonderful way to stay in touch during this busy time of year. Check one thing off your "to-do" list early and order your holiday cards today!



"Ice Skaters"
by Owen McCafferty



"Winter Wonderland"
by Bright Futures Preschool
Class



"Snowfall in Winterland"
by Owen McCafferty

Items of Note

-The Supreme Court cleared the way this week for people who are blind to sue retailers if their websites are not accessible. The justices turned down an appeal from Domino's and let stand a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling holding that the Americans With Disabilities Act protects access not just to restaurants and stores but also to the websites and apps of those businesses. To read the full article, [click here](#).

-There will be an Advocacy in Motion Public Policy Community Forum sponsored by the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) on Wednesday, November 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the WRAAA's headquarters at 1700 East 13th Street in Cleveland. John Corlett, President and Executive Director of The Center for Community Solutions, is the keynote speaker and will present on "Trends and Predictions for an Aging Tomorrow." Other public policy issue briefs to be covered include: Older Americans Act Update, the 2020 U.S. Census and What You Need to Know During Medicare's Open Enrollment. The forum is free and open to the public. Two CEUs are available for Social Workers and Nurses. Registration is required and more information is available [here](#).

-Area alumnae of Delta Gamma are hosting their annual celebrity bartending event at Around the Corner in Lakewood on Thursday, October 24th from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.