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Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community

-Ohio Senate Bill 135, passed in 2018, allocates funding to all 88 Ohio counties for the purchase of voting systems. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections this week contacted CSC to provide feedback for the purchase of new election equipment. A group of CSC staff members will spend time with other user groups on Friday, January 10th for a meeting with the vendors, see and touch the equipment, ask questions and provide comments to assist the County in their decision-making process. Vendors will showcase precinct scanners and ADA ballot marking devices. For more information, click [here](#).

-A group of students from Hawken School visited CSC this to learn about the agency's programs and services from the Outreach Team, with special thanks to Moreed Kamal for sharing his personal story with the group. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer visited the Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School to talk with 25 kindergartners about the five senses and learn about how to use their other senses to see things in a different way, along with discussion around "myths & facts" about blindness.

What's Happening at CSC

-Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) hosted the annual "Cookies with Santa" event this past Saturday for more than 55 families...and over 225 people visiting CSC! Crafts, cookie decorating, sensory activities, snacks, and of course, time with the "Man in Red" were highlights of the morning. Each child received a candy cane and specially chosen gift. Thanks to all departments who helped make this another memorable event for the agency's youngest clients and their families!



A group of kids smile with Santa Claus



Volunteers from Delta Gamma take a photo with Santa Claus

-Keeping in the holiday spirit, staff members at CSC enjoyed some time together for food, games, socializing and fun during lunch on Thursday. The CSC team enjoyed a catered lunch catered by Stancato's Italian Restaurant, holiday games, raffle prizes and what is becoming the annual "open mic" hour which included musical performances, trivia, sing-a-longs and many talents and laughs. Thanks to the Holiday Lunch planning committee for putting together a wonderful afternoon: Melissa Mauk, Stephanie O'Donnell, Angela Sciara, Megan Sigler, Ali Thomas, Vince Williams and Steve Frohwerk.

Image of Preschoolers stopping by the Recreation Room to say hello to Santa during the CSC Staff Holiday Lunch





Catered lunch from Stancato's including chicken, roast beef, pasta, stuffed shells, mixed vegetables, pizza and salad



Randy Knapp at the keyboard as he performs "Silent Night"



Attendees in a full Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium enjoy their lunches

Items of Note

-“Lookout” is an Android app that uses computer vision to assist people who are blind or have low vision in gaining information about their surroundings. “Lookout” uses the camera and sensors on your device to recognize objects and text, and then gives you spoken feedback, earcons, and other signals to inform you about what it sees. “Lookout” doesn’t speak everything in your view, but looks for important things that you might care about. “Lookout” is designed for extended use (1-2 hours or more). With the camera facing outward, the device can hang from a lanyard around your neck, sit in a shirt pocket, or be held in your hand. To read more, [click here](#).

-CSC will be closed on Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25th) and New Year’s Day (Wednesday, January 1st). The agency will be open normal business hours on December 24th, December 26th, December 31st and January 2nd.

-Did you know a “spoonerism” is the transposition of initial or other sounds of words, usually by accident, as in a “blushing crow” for a “crushing blow.”