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Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

-Members of the Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) team host a class of students from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (CVCC) in Brecksville this morning, who are visiting Cleveland Sight Center to gain knowledge about educating students with visual impairments. The CVCC students have an interest in a career in education and are currently studying students with exceptionalities. They are working on a project and research paper and hope to include knowledge gained from their program at CSC to include in their work. Team members Kristen Callahan (Manager, School Age Educational Services), Alicja Zapotoczna (Orientation & Mobility Specialist), Andrea Marley (Teacher of the Visually Impaired) and Jennifer Dean (Assistive Technology Trainer) present on a variety of topics, lead them in a human guide activity under blindfold, demonstrate various assistive technologies and share perspective as an individual with low vision and as a professional who services students who are visually impaired.

-Dr. Natasha Kesav from University Hospitals spent time observing Dr. Annalisa Schloss (Optometrist) perform low-vision exams on patients in the Low Vision Clinic this week. Alicia Howerton (Manager of Strategic Partnerships) gave a tour of the agency and shared what CSC does for clients on a daily basis. Dr. Kesav was pleased to realize what in-depth services and programming is available to those with vision loss and blindness.

What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:

-Did you know Cleveland Sight Center offers a variety of Accessibility Services?

Braille, Large Print, Tactile Drawings:

One area of specialization includes Braille, large print and tactile drawings. All of the agency's Braille transcribers are certified by the Library of Congress and can produce braille documents in single and double-sided formats, braille combined with print (single-sided only), and tactile drawings in several formats. Large print orders can be customized to meet an individual's needs. For more information please contact Jennifer Dean at braille@clevelandsightcenter.org or call 216-658-7357.

Accessible Websites and Documents:

Another area of specialization is making and ensuring websites and documents are in accessible formats. Accessible websites and documents are critical in today's world. Cleveland Sight Center provides professional and experienced Accessibility Testing for websites, PDFs, and software. The agency has over a decade of helping organizations with accessibility and Section 508-compliance.

Website Testing:

The accessibility testers use a blend of manual and automated testing to ensure they get the whole picture. Testers are experienced users of assistive technology and certified Assistive Technology Professionals. A detailed report with actionable information is delivered after testing has been concluded.

PDF Testing and Remediation:

Accessible PDF documents and forms are a must. Cleveland Sight Center can assess and remediate your PDFs making them Section 508-compliant. Forms, presentations, documents – CSC can do them all.

Software Testing:

Many companies today use proprietary software. While highly customized to the company's needs, these applications are not always accessible. If your company needs to know before – or after – you hire someone with accessibility needs, call Cleveland Sight Center at 216-791-8118.

-Recreation Tuesdays are BACK at Cleveland Sight Center starting next Tuesday, February 15th! The LLS team will be running programs from 11am-5:15pm and as a special treat, lunch will be provided! Join us for crochet, chatting, music therapy, piano, games, and yoga!

Please note: ***all participants MUST show proof of COVID-19 vaccination to attend any in-person programming.

Image is of a volunteer and client playing a game of cards

In-Person Schedule:

Weekly Programs (Tuesdays)

11am Crochet, Craft, & Chat

12pm Lunch Orders & Round Table Discussions (must be physically present to order food)

1:00pm Lunch

2:00pm Music Therapy (1st and 3rd)

Movie (2nd and 4th)

3:00pm Piano (weekly)

(Piano students must attend every week—space is limited)

Games (weekly)

Movie (2nd and 4th)

4:00pm Yoga (weekly)

Music Group (2nd and 4th)



-The following programs will be offered virtually through Leisure & Lifestyle Services until the middle of May. For information on how to participate and log in to these virtual programs, contact Gabriella Drago (Leisure & Lifestyles Specialist) at x4598 or gdrago@clevelandsightcenter.org.

Virtual Schedule:

Weekly Programs:

Yoga Tuesdays 4pm

Coffee Chat Wednesdays 10am

Meditation Wednesdays 11am

Trivia Wednesdays 4pm

Monthly Programs:

Book Discussion

Second Tuesdays 10:30am-12pm

Think Tank

First Thursdays 10-11am

Ted Talks

Second Thursdays 10-11am



What Do You Know?
Third Thursdays 10-11am

Poetry w/ Shayna
Fourth Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Sing It Out
Third Wednesdays 6-7pm

-Check the L&L Information Line at 216-658-4600 for most recent information; call 216-658-4598 with any questions and to register for the Highbrook trip!

-Share the Vision, a 30-year-old peer-to-peer mentoring program designed to connect new clients with trained volunteers to discuss the anxieties and fears associated with vision loss, is looking for volunteers to join the program! The volunteer should be well adapted to vision loss and will provide one-on-one support to the client to foster hope, encouragement and independence for life after vision loss. Through monthly telephone calls, participants will receive education, insight and shared experiences on how to adjust to losing their eyesight. For more information, contact Jessica Suckart (x4681 or jsuckart@clevelandsightcenter.org).

-Students in preschool finished their music unit in class this week and also prepared for their upcoming Valentine's Day celebration next week. They also spent time enjoying winter and playing in the snow. The students welcomed a new friend Emmett to class this week, cooked a delicious (pretend) vegetable soup with Ms. Monica and had a field trip St. Stanislaus church in Cleveland to listen to and play music on the organ inside the church. Image of preschoolers sitting at the organ inside St. Stanislaus church while the church organist plays some of the keys. Image of three preschoolers smiling while sitting in the snow in the courtyard



Highbrook Lodge is Hiring:

-Highbrook Lodge is hiring for seasonal staff members! Please pass the opportunity on to anyone you think would be a good fit.

Want to enrich the lives of campers, young and old, who have vision loss and blindness? Highbrook Lodge wants you!

We're looking for empathetic, dynamic, creative individuals to guide our campers and programs. We're looking for those who are able to lead by example, and for those who want to make a difference instead of just a "summer job".

Working at Highbrook Lodge will mold you into someone with marketable knowledge, skills, and attitudes while giving you the most meaningful experience possible: the opportunity to expand the world of our clients, help promote their independence, and become a part of a life-long community who believe in equity and accessibility.

Highbrook hosts overnight and day sessions for campers 0-99+ who are blind or have low vision at our 63-acre property in Chardon, Ohio. Our staff live at camp from mid-June until early August, with time off built into the daily and weekly schedule. All staff will receive a stipend for the summer PLUS a sign-on and end-of-summer bonus!

Get ready for a summer full of playing games, singing songs, experiencing nature, making friends, and laughing endlessly, as well as intense work, responsibility, and opportunities for growth—all the while increasing your circle of family and friends, and making a difference.

Positions include: Leadership Team (Staff Coordinator, Camper Coordinator), Aquatic Supervisor, and Specialty Areas (Marketing, Environment/Survival/Conservation, Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Athletics, Food Service, etc.)

must be available to live at Highbrook Lodge in Chardon, OH from June 11th, 2022 - August 7th, 2022 (staff will have time off, during which they can leave camp grounds)

Items of Note:

-New treatments and surgeries are transforming the glaucoma landscape. Advancements in medications and lasers bring better adherence and outcomes. As the most common cause of irreversible blindness worldwide, glaucomatous optic neuropathy is well known to optometrists, and clinicians are comfortable diagnosing and managing it. For years, the standard algorithm has changed little: treat patients with topical medications until the disease becomes severe enough to consider incisional surgery. In the past decade, however, this strategy has been dramatically upended by the introduction of several new medications, a new understanding of the role of lasers, and the rapid growth of low-risk microsurgeries. To read the full article from The Optometry Times, [click here](#).

-A new technology allows tennis fans who are visually impaired to experience tennis live. A pioneering audio system featured at the Australian Open seeks to translate live ball position data from tennis matches into spatial sound effects to make it easier for fans who are blind or have low vision to follow the action. To read more, [click here](#).

Did you Know:

-Did you know the original name for the search engine Google was Backrub. It was renamed Google after the googol, which is the number one followed by 100 zeros.