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## **Educating the Community:**

-Laurie Zebrasky (Manager, Early Childhood Services) and Zoe Perrier (Early Intervention Specialist) hosted Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) professor Elizabeth Short, PhD this week. Dr. Short is Director of Developmental Master's and Early Intervention (EI) Programs at CWRU and visited to discuss collaborating with CSC for their EI students to learn more about low vision and blindness in infants and toddlers. Zoe, who recently graduated from CWRU's program, will be assisting Laurie to develop some training and educational experiences for future CWRU Early Intervention students. Dr. Short was very interested in learning about assessments, interventions, diagnoses and risk factors that are necessary to consider when providing EI services to infants and toddlers with visual impairments. Dr. Short toured the building with Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) so she could have a better understanding of all services at Cleveland Sight Center.

-Meet Jordan! 28 years old, determined, funny and becoming a master at Braille in record time. At 25 years old, due to a genetic medical condition, he lost almost all of his vision and his hearing in one ear. Read more about Jordan and his goal of helping people: <https://bit.ly/3sWi9IX>



Image of Jordan seated at a table reading braille

-Outreach continues to respond to inquiries, make connections with retirement communities and senior care providers to coordinate future presentations and to provide collateral to medical referral sources.

## **What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center**

-Did you know Cleveland Sight Center has its own radio station?

The goal of the Cleveland Sight Center Radio Reading Network (CSCN) is to provide news and other intentionally-crafted content for people who are blind or visually impaired on a daily basis. Each day of the week follows a unique

schedule which is filled with entertaining and informative programming. Volunteers read aloud and record newspapers, magazine articles and stories to keep listeners up to date with important events happening in local communities and the world.

Each day of the week has its own unique broadcast schedule, which is updated regularly to accommodate changes in content and programming. You can find the schedule [here](#). To hear a sample broadcast of a poem, please [click here](#).

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For more information on CSCN including a variety of ways to tune in, [click here](#) or contact Glenn Wickline (Radio Reading Coordinator) at x4582 or [gwickline@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:gwickline@clevelandsightcenter.org).

-Members of the Children & Young Adult Services team participated in a virtual session titled "CVI - Evolution, Current Philosophy and Assessment Areas" last Friday presented by staff at Perkins School for the Blind. CVI is Cortical Vision Impairment and is now considered the leading cause of pediatric visual impairment in developed countries. Increasing numbers of infants and young children who have experienced birth trauma, extreme prematurity or other brain damage are being diagnosed with CVI by ophthalmologists and neurologists in the medical community. Cleveland Sight Center has a team of qualified professionals that can evaluate children with suspected or diagnosed CVI in order to help

families and educators better understand the child's level of visual functioning and identify specific CVI strategies and adaptations to make the child's home and or school environment more visually accessible.

-With students off school on Monday for Presidents' Day, it was a short but very busy week in preschool. Students began to explore buildings and started with learning what is special about the CSC building, so they visited the Low Vision Clinic where Dr. Annalisa Schloss (Optometrist) showed the students what the eye looks like inside the head. She let the students explore some of the medical tools and devices she uses when working with patients. Students also explored what other buildings are in the neighborhood around CSC, taking a walk and then making a bulletin board that represents the area including the fire station, bank and drug store across Chester Avenue. They also learned about keeping their teeth healthy and enjoyed learning about coyotes from virtual special guest visitor Ranger Woody from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Image of a preschooler using a yellow toothbrush to brush toothpaste on a piece of paper with a large tooth drawn on it  
Image of the bulletin board made by preschool students and staff showing the CSC building and surrounding buildings



-The classroom is looking for any kind of items related to building, construction and remodeling. Do you have any leftovers around the house that you would be willing to let the class borrow for a few days? If you do not want the materials, consider donating them to the preschool for use again in the future! Here is a list of items - but contact Dorota Tomaszewska (x8778) if you have questions or ideas about other items!

Requested items:

- Bricks
- Cinder blocks
- Wood planks
- Piece of house siding
- Any types of paint brushes or painting rollers (with a tray)
- Samples of roof shingles
- Samples of carpet or pieces of wooden flooring
- Blueprints
- Nuts, bolts and fasteners
- Sandpaper

Measuring tapes  
Door or furniture handles  
T-square  
Carpenter's ruler  
Tool belt  
Work helmet  
Small hammers  
Pieces of PVC pipe (no sharp edges)

-It was an exciting and fun "Recreation Tuesday" at Cleveland Sight Center this week! Attendees created tactile collages out of popsicle sticks and puffy stickers, learned how to play the "C" scale on the keyboard, watched a Trevor Noah comedy special, jammed on instruments and did yoga! Image is of a client at a keyboard with the piano instructor clapping her hands in the background



-Leisure & Lifestyle Services is happy to welcome campers to Highbrook Lodge for a Winter Day Trip on Saturday, March 19th! The plan is to enjoy the end of winter...and hopefully ushering in spring! As always, vaccination against COVID-19 is required. The trip is \$10. To register, please call Gabriella Drago (Leisure & Lifestyles Specialist) at 216-658-4598; registration is now open; a confirmation call will be made when someone is successfully registered.

-Highbrook Lodge is hiring for seasonal staff members! We're looking for empathetic, dynamic, creative individuals to guide our campers and programs.

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

To read more or to apply, [click here](#).

-Highbrook Lodge is home to hungry, hungry campers! We're looking for a Head Chef, Support Chef, and Kitchen Aids to help run Highbrook's commercial-grade kitchen over the summer - including ordering food, meal planning, cooking and serving for about 40 people. Interested or know someone else who might be? Reach out to Bobbie Szabo (Leisure & Lifestyle Manager) at [bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org) or 216 658 4597.

## Items of Note:

-In iOS 14.5, Apple adds new voices to make Siri sound more like you. The original female Siri voice is no longer the default. Now you can choose from a more diverse range of voices that reflect the intonations of more people, thanks to Apple's tech. To read more, [click here](#).

## Did you Know:

-Did you know Theodore Roosevelt was the first president to ride in a car while in office; Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Theodore Roosevelt's fifth cousin, was the first president to ride in an airplane; and Ulysses S. Grant was given a speeding ticket for riding his horse and buggy too fast down a street in Washington, DC.