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Happy National Volunteer Week!

-Did you know that last year 187 Cleveland Sight Center Volunteers donated over 5,000 hours to CSC, even with many programs and services being done remotely? Thanks to our volunteers, we are able to offer unique and exciting recreation programming, provide fresh and updated programming for the radio reading network, connect with our clients to capture their voices through surveys, stay organized and so much more! As we recognize National Volunteer Week (also known as Volunteer Appreciation Week), THANK YOU, CSC Volunteers, for all of the ways you make our agency a better place!

Click here: <https://www.clevelandsightcenter.org/volunteer-spotlight> to read more about how CSC Volunteers make a difference every day. Be sure to thank a volunteer today!

-The Leisure & Lifestyle Services Department (L&LS) would like to celebrate and recognize our incredible team of volunteers for Volunteer Appreciation Week! Without the dedication and heart of our volunteers, we would not be able to offer the diverse array of programming that we do. Each and every one of our volunteers has created a special bond with our clients, and we are so thrilled to be able to build community and inspire new passions in this way.

To celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week, L&LS sent handwritten thank you notes to our 20+ volunteers, as well as highlighted many of them on the Highbrook Lodge Facebook page. Thank you once again to our wonderful, talented and empathetic volunteers!



HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK FROM LEISURE & LIFESTYLE SERVICES

Image is a collage of pictures of recreation and camp volunteers with a banner at the bottom saying "Happy volunteer appreciation week from Leisure & Lifestyle services"

-With summer around the corner, please reach out to Melissa Mauk with any requests for volunteers or volunteer groups. Melissa can be reached at mmauk@clevelandsightcenter.org or x4581 to request volunteer support or to schedule a meeting to determine which tasks in area might work best when using volunteers.

The Impact Donors Can Have on Clients:

-After receiving financial support and experiencing the benefits of the Empowerment Fund, a client was asked what she would say to Empowerment Fund donors. Her sentiments are a powerful testament to the impact of the Empowerment Fund, stating "I would want them to know how important their support is to making the world a better place for all people, and that their support helps make the world more accessible for us. It helps us get what we need so we can all make the world a better place together."

-A staff member recently shared this feedback with colleagues at CSC:

"(My client) has received his new glasses through the Empowerment Fund and expert care of Tony (Optician in the Low Vision Clinic). I saw (him) wearing his glasses during our visit and it was so exciting! Mom reports he tracks more, looks further away, is looking at faces, hands and is reaching for toys. (He) left his glasses on the entire visit and was observed looking at the light box for over 15 minutes, activating the spinner with both right and left hands. These are all skills he has obtained since he received his glasses. This is so big in terms of his development. Thank you all so much for your care, patience and funding opportunity. You have made a big difference in the life of a child!"

What's Happening at CSC:

-The Outreach team continues to look for innovative ways to create opportunities to talk with people about CSC's mission of empowering people through our programs and services. This week they talked with In-Home Care Providers about the value of their staff having CSC resources available to them so they can attend to and attract new clients who are blind or have vision loss. The end result of the conversation was that CSC would provide information about interacting with people who have vision loss or blind via mail for their staff and CSC programs and services collateral to be made available to their clients who have interest.

The Outreach team has been responding to inquiries regarding scheduling and logistics for virtual and in-person presentations during the months of April, May, June and July.

-As part of Cleveland Sight Center Network's (CSCN) ongoing devotion to providing compelling content and empowering services to the blind and visually impaired community, the Radio Reading team has updated their Mission and Vision statements and designed a new logo for the Radio Reading website and promotional materials!

Our Mission:

The goal of CSCN is to provide people who are blind or have low vision with convenient access to informative, entertaining media. Our program is built on listener feedback and the dedicated work of our volunteers.

Our Vision:

We seek to enact our mission by providing a voice and creating an enriching and diverse community for CSC volunteers.

Image is the CSCN logo which is the outline of a headset and microphone above the pages of an open book with "Cleveland Sight Center Radio Network" in text at the bottom



The purpose of the logo is to raise public awareness of CSCN's radio station, volunteer program and other services in order to increase the impact our services have on community we serve. As awareness grows, more people will tune in, and more listeners will be empowered to live their fullest lives! For more information on the Radio Reading program, connect with Glenn Wickline (x4582 or gwickline@clevelandsightcenter.org).

Virtual White Cane Walk on Saturday, June 5th!

-Cleveland Sight Center's 16th Annual White Cane Walk will be held virtually on Saturday, June 5th, 2021!

White Cane Walk is the agency's annual fundraiser to raise awareness and support for the blind and visually impaired community. We are excited to build on the success of our first virtual White Cane Walk last year in 2020 and reach even more people through this interactive virtual format.

Please participate in this year's event by making a donation, registering to walk (on a route and time of your own choosing) and/or creating your own fundraising team. If you are walking, a \$15 per person registration fee will qualify you to receive a pre-event box in the mail that includes a t-shirt and materials for our exclusive blindfolded activity! Walkers must register by Friday, May 21st to receive the pre-event box: whitecanewalk.org

If you have any questions or would like help setting up a fundraising page please reach out to Steve Frohwerk (x4562) or Megan Sigler (x4568). Let's make this the most successful White Cane Walk yet! To visit the 2021 event fundraising site, [click here](#).

Thanks for your support of CSC!

Did You Know:

-Did you know it takes 68 days (or longer) to swim the entire length of the Mississippi River? On July 4, 2002, Martin Steel, a marathon swimmer, started in northern Minnesota down the 2,348-mile Mississippi River in an effort to become the first person to swim the entire length of the river. On September 9, he reached his goal, ending up in the Gulf of Mexico in Louisiana after a 68-day journey...averaging about 34.5 miles a day.