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**5/28/21**

### **Cleveland Sight Center Closed Monday:**

-Cleveland Sight Center will be closed on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day. The agency will be open on Tuesday, June 1st from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:**

-The Women's Social Group at The Weils of Bainbridge assisted living facility held a fundraiser last week with proceeds to benefit Cleveland Sight Center! They raised money through a "white elephant sale" among residents, resulting in a donation of \$2,013 to support scholarship opportunities to Highbrook Lodge in the future! Development Manager Haley Marblestone and Community Relations Specialist Alicia Howerton visited the group earlier this week to talk about Cleveland Sight Center, Highbrook Lodge and the agency's programs and services, including the Independent Living Older Blind program. Their Life Enrichment Coordinator is interested in a future presentation from the Outreach Team and requested information about Leisure & Lifestyle Services opportunities for their residents. They plan to bring a small group of residents to visit the Eyedea Shop and tour the agency in the near future.

-The Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) team concluded their series on Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI) last week with a presentation titled "CVI and Communication Skills. Throughout the five-program series, they had 75+ people attend at least one of the sessions – and many took in multiple sessions. The CYAS team hopes to offer another series, with new and different topics, possibly in the fall.

-Assistive Technology Trainer and Braille Specialist Dan Boggs, Community Relations Specialist Alicia Howerton, Switchboard Operator Cathy Javorsky and Case Manager/Share the Vision Coordinator Moreed Kamal visited the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections on Thursday for a demonstration on various voting equipment and election tabulation systems. CSC partnered with the Board of Elections previously in this endeavor to test multiple vendor platforms for accessibility and user experience. This follow-up demonstration focused on accessibility updates to the various systems.

-The Outreach team continues to stay engaged in community through social media, emails, mailings and telephone calls. At the request of Leisure & Lifestyle Services Manager Bobbie Szabo, Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer welcomed Hannah Taylor, who will be interning with the LLS team at CSC this summer. Hannah learned Human/Sighted Guide and how to properly interact with people who are blind or have low vision. Outreach is also working again this year with Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Patient-Based Program Manager for the Chronic Disease Field Experience program. CWRU's first-year medical students will interview CSC clients during the first week of August in hopes that they will gain empathy and learn how to better relate with their future patients.

## What's Happening at CSC:

Bright Futures Preschool held their End of the School Year Ceremony on Thursday, May 27th at 10:00 a.m. outside in the courtyard at CSC. Congratulations to our children graduating and moving on to kindergarten!

A preschool student wearing an orange cape and orange mask while gliding through the air on a swing

A preschool student smiling as he enjoys riding the blue swing

A picture of preschool graduation gifts including books, stickers, capes and masks along with a tote bag full of goodies



-Bright Futures Preschool Day Program is for children entering or returning to preschool and will begin Monday, June 14th and the ABC Day Program for children 5-8 years old begins Monday, July 12th. Both programs run for four weeks from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and include outdoor play, crafts, sensory and literacy activities and educational based therapies. We look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the children throughout the summer.

-The Leisure & Lifestyle Services department is excited to bring back Recreation Tuesdays at Cleveland Sight Center! This schedule begins June 1st and ends August 7th. For more information, visit the CSC website here. Clients need to RSVP by reaching out to Bobbie Szabo, at [bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org) or 216-658-4597.

## **Virtual White Cane Walk on Saturday, June 5th!**

-Just a reminder that White Cane Walk will be held virtually on Saturday, June 5, 2021 this year!

Please join us this year by donating, registering to walk (on a route 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 21 to receive the pre-event box. View the event page here: [whitecanewalk.org](http://whitecanewalk.org).

If you have any questions or would like help setting up a fundraising page please reach out to me (x4562) or Megan Sigler (x4568). Step-by-step instructions to create a team are available here. Let's make this the most successful White Cane Walk yet!

Thanks for your continued support of CSC!

## **Items of Note:**

-Beginning June 13, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) will implement changes in bus routes according to the 2019 System Redesign Study by Jarret Walker + Associates. The name of the bus system redesign is NEXT GEN RTA. The system redesign reflects the priorities of the community to add more frequent bus service but to continue serving all areas where RTA currently provides service. To view interactive maps and new NEXT GEN RTA bus schedules, visit RTA's website:<http://www.riderta.com/nextgen> NEXT GEN RTA does not include changes to RTA's Red Line or HealthLine service.

-As part of the NextGen RTA changes coming in June, all bus fares for all riders will be waived June 13th – 19th.

-From the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT): you are invited to participate in a survey about transportation access for people with disabilities in Ohio.

Who should take this survey?

- Ohioans ages 19 and older with a disability.
- A family member, friend, caregiver, or other person who is helping may respond on your behalf.
- Transportation providers who provide services to Ohioans with disabilities.

What will the survey ask you about?

- Types of transportation you use.
- Finding transportation to get where you need and want to go.
- How the COVID-19 pandemic has changed your transportation choices.
- (For transportation providers) Communities you serve and services provided.

Questions?

For questions or if you would like a paper copy of the survey to return via mail or to take the survey via telephone, please contact Ann Robinson at [Ann.Robinson@osumc.edu](mailto:Ann.Robinson@osumc.edu).

The survey can be located at: [go.osu.edu/B7XY](https://go.osu.edu/B7XY)

-WebAIM (Web Accessibility in Mind) is conducting a screen reader user study (their 9th). The following survey is a follow-up to previous WebAIM Screen Reader User Surveys conducted December 2008, September 2009, December 2010, May 2012, January 2014, July 2015, October 2017, and September 2019. This survey is primarily intended to collect new information and track updates/trends from previous surveys. By completing this survey you will help inform development choices for those creating accessible web content and web standards. All screen reader users, even those who use screen readers only for evaluation and testing, are invited to participate.

The survey will remain open through June 15th, 2021. No personally identifying information is collected. When submitted, your browser version and operating system will be collected. Results will be reported as aggregated summaries and will be published June 2021. Your participation is purely voluntary and you can choose to stop at any time. To read more and visit the survey site, [click here](https://webaim.org/projects/screenreadersurvey9/)  
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## Did You Know:

-Did you know no matter what nationality they are, "Aviation English" is the language all pilots must speak? Because pilots from all over the world make trips to international destinations, they must be able to communicate clearly with and understand other pilots and those coordinating air traffic. Therefore, they use "Aviation English", which is a 300-word language that senior aircrew are required to know no matter their origin or what their native language is.