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## **Last Chance to Register for the Golf Classic Fundraiser!**

-The annual Cleveland Sight Center Golf Classic will be held at Topgolf in Independence on Thursday, August 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Topgolf is set up like a driving range, but has a lot of interactive options that appeal to golfers and non-golfers alike. Whether you are an experienced golfer or picking up a club for the first time, you will be sure to enjoy hitting the ball, food, drinks and fun! Join us in this new twist on the golf experience!

Bays (the lounge-like area each group has for the event) are filling quickly, so reserve your spot today!

Registration is available online:

<https://www.clevelandsightcenter.org/2022-golf-classic>

Any questions or for additional information, please contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562 or [sfrohwerk@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:sfrohwerk@clevelandsightcenter.org)).

Proceeds from this event allows Cleveland Sight Center staff to provide the blind and visually impaired community with the tools and trainings through the Empowerment Fund, a donor-funded client financial assistance program.

## Annual Educators Workshop Scheduled for August 11th:

-Cleveland Sight Center and the Children & Young Adult Services team hosts the annual Workshop for Educators at Cleveland Sight Center on Thursday, August 11th. The workshop is designed for professionals (general education, intervention specialists, administrators, therapists, and support staff) who will be working with children with low vision, cortical visual impairment and/or blindness during the 2022-23 school year. The presentations and topics are aimed to equip educators with the knowledge, resources and strategies to help them meet their students' needs. The event will begin with a general introduction and overview of working with students with low vision and blindness. Areas of the expanded core curriculum will be introduced, along with information about recreational, pre-employment and transitional services for students with low vision and blindness. To view the sessions offered including topics along with registration information, click [here](#). For more information or questions, contact Kristen Callahan at 216-658-8774 or [kcallahan@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:kcallahan@clevelandsightcenter.org).

## What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:

-Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) presented a CSC agency overview with programs and services which included Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities funded Independent Living Older Blind programs for individuals and groups at Neighborhood Alliance in Oberlin. Neighborhood Alliance Mobile Senior Program is open to all active seniors looking to socialize with peers and learn about services they may qualify for. They are collaborating with First Church in Oberlin United Church of Christ to provide activities and meals for seniors on Mondays every week from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. In addition, as a team effort, Tom presented a "Tips Talk" and Barbara Piascik (Retail Manager) coordinated the event and staffed a pop-up shop at The Normandy in Rocky River.

## Items of Note:

-The Biden-Harris Administration launched a new initiative on June 23rd to expand the availability of testing options that are more accessible for people who are blind or have low vision. If you are interested in ordering Covid tests for you and your family, please go to:  
<https://acl.gov/covid19/tests-people-who-are-blind-or-have-low-vision>

A few things to know:

Each order now includes 12 rapid-antigen tests that are more accessible for people who are blind or have low vision. These will ship in six separate packages, each with two tests. Each package will have a separate tracking number. Orders will ship free, while supplies last. To use the tests you must have a compatible Bluetooth-enabled smartphone and download and install a free app from the Apple App Store (for iOS) or Google Play Store (for Android). The test works with the app to provide audio step-by-step instructions for administering the test and audio test results.

-Google has taken on user feedback to make Android easier for braille readers to use. The multinational technology firm is building out-of-the-box support for users of braille displays so that they can navigate Android devices more easily, thanks to helpful user feedback. Available in Google's next Android 13 Beta, which is due to be released very soon, the firm is building support for braille displays in TalkBack - Google's screen reader within Android. TalkBack speaks the user's screen aloud, navigates through apps, and facilitates communication with braille, voice and keyboard input. The screen reader is designed for people who are blind or visually impaired to read emails, share social media, order delivery, write music, and much more. To read more, [click here](#).

-Windows 11: Microsoft aims to put accessibility first. Already one of the richest OSes when it comes to accessibility options, Windows 11 enhances its tools for vision, hearing, and mobility disabilities, making them easier to find and use. To read the full article, [click here](#).

## **Did You Know:**

-Did you know on August 4, 1922, phone service across the United States and Canada was suspended for one minute to honor Alexander Graham Bell's funeral with a moment of silence.