Keeping you In THE KNOW. Cleveland Sight Center

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CSC Making an Impact:

-The parents of a young client recently shared this feedback about their experience:

"Cleveland Sight Center helps us so much. We were really, really scared when we found out our daughter's condition, but coming here has put so much ease on learning things, and there are other parents experiencing the same thing we are. The staff members explain to us so we can help our daughter and her development has progressed so much."

-A client in the Rehabilitation Services program said this about CSC:

"Cleveland Sight Center understands what your vision situation is and how it affects how you're able to go about your daily work. I don't know what I would do without CSC. I really don't know. I have become so dependent upon the availability of their knowledge to meet my needs. They know how to respond to a need and they are able to give you the confidence to adjust to it."

What's Happening at CSC:

-Tuesday, September 14th was a very exciting afternoon at CSC as clients stopped by at the Carnival hosted by the Leisure & Lifestyle Services department, enjoying games like "Duck Pond" and "Bean Bag Toss" and making crafts, as well as enjoying tons of treats including popcorn and an ice cream stand!

Special thanks to a group of volunteers from the KeyBank branch across the street (at East 105th Street and Chester Avenue) and students from the Case for Sight service program at Case Western Reserve University for their help setting up and running the games and activities at the Carnival – everyone had a blast!

Image of an attendee throwing a bowling ball and watching the bowling pins fall over Image of the volunteers from KeyBank in front of the welcome sign in the front lobby



-CSC's Outreach department is attending the Northeast Ohio Aging and Disability Summit being held today, Friday, September 17th. The Summit is being presented in partnership with Division of Senior and Adult Services in Cuyahoga County, the MetroHealth System and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. In addition, Outreach made a new connection with Bryant & Stratton College, resulting in a "Blindness Basics" training in October for students enrolled in their Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

-Please note the date for Fall Weekend at Highbrook Lodge, originally scheduled for September 24th – 26th, will be pushed back to later in the fall – exact dates are to be announced. For more information, contact Bobbie Szabo (x4597 or bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org).

-For more information on Leisure & Lifestyle Services programming, check out the Recreation Hotline at 216-658-4600.

-CSC's fiscal year runs January 1 - December 31st. The Fiscal team is preparing to begin the 2022 budget process. More information to follow as departments begin planning for next year.

-Does your department have a donor, volunteer, client or family that you would like to spotlight with a success story feature? Let the Marketing Department know! We would love to share their story on our social media, website and "In The Know" as well as provide some creative and engaging marketing materials for your team. Please send your ideas to Megan Schaefer (mschaefer@clevelandsightcenter.org or x4568).

In-Service Education Opportunities:

-Keith Filip (Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Preschool) has planned in-service education opportunities for the Early Intervention team over the next three months. All staff members are welcome to attend if the topic is of interest and with supervisor approval. The in-service presentations will be via Zoom starting at 8:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30-40 minutes. Meeting links will be shared in the near future. For additional information or to sign up, contact Keith Filip (kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org or x8786).

September 23rd: "When is Cortical not Cortical?"

Case study presented by Angela Roumie, Barb Williams and Keith Filip. Angela had a client, who should have had cortical vision impairment, but she had questions...provoking thoughts on cortical vs cerebral, which is a current trend.

October 28th: "The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints" Presented by Tony Becker and Erin St. Denis of Cleveland Sight Center's Low Vision Clinic. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered?

November 18th: "The Importance of Visual Acuity"

Presented by Dr. Leah Steele, Optometrist with Madison Eye Care. The importance of visual acuity (Tier 1 of Dutton's frame work of cerebral) and Q&A.

Items of Note:

-What's New in JAWS, ZoomText and Fusion 2022? Freedom Scientific is offering public beta testing on these soon-to-be-released products and opportunities to provide feedback and bug reports. To learn more, <u>click here.</u>

-Vispero, the global leader for assistive technology products for the blind and low vision community, has been selected by McDonald's to assist in providing customers with an accessible kiosk experience. Vispero's product, JAWS Kiosk, has been deployed to select McDonald's US company-owned restaurants, as well as newly deployed kiosks in US franchise locations.

Creating an accessible and usable kiosk experience for McDonald's customers required an understanding of McDonald's robust self-order kiosk interface and a plan for making the extensive McDonald's menu easily navigable and intuitive for customers who are blind. To read the full article, <u>click here.</u>

Did You Know:

-Did you know raspberries are a member of the rose family? So are apples, cherries, apricots, pears, plums, peaches, strawberries and blackberries. These types of fruits typically have flowers with five equal petals arranged around a central core. Unlike many other fruits though, once picked, unripe raspberries do not ripen.