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What's Happening at CSC

-CSC’s Board of Trustees meets at the agency on Monday, February 24th. The meeting begins at noon.

-The Call Center team held an in-service day on Monday, February 17th that featured training, call campaign updates and team meetings. Tuesday was a busy day on the phones as Customer Service Representatives on the Ohio Secretary of State and Ohio Department of Taxation campaigns fielded over 1,200 calls on those two projects alone!

-Board Chair Howard Lichtig introduced some friends to the agency this week, as they enjoyed a tour of CSC and meeting with Larry Benders.

-TLC Plus is a continuing support group for people new to vision loss or low vision. The group met at CSC on Wednesday, February 19th and welcomed friend of CSC Regina Dorfmeyer back to the agency, as Regina discussed how she is able to successfully enjoy being an artist with her low vision. Regina led the group in a painting project with the focus on art being an outlet for coping with emotion.

-Recent newcomers to CSC’s Tuesday Recreation activities returned for more fun and socialization this week and expressed how they are looking forward to more fun-filled days at CSC. This week’s activities included Line Dance, Crochet, Game Day, Music Group and Yoga.
Students in Bright Futures Preschool had lots of fun celebrating Valentine’s Day at CSC... playing peek-a-boo, fishing for number hearts, making friendship bracelets and other crafts, dancing, sorting and stacking heart-shaped candies and enjoying a pizza party lunch.

The Outreach Team presented their “Tips Talk” Euclid Veterans Auxiliary Club and invited the group to attend the upcoming Senior Fair (more information below) and White Cane Walk. Upon completion of the program, the Club presented CSC with a check to support White Cane Walk. Outreach also attended the Soprema Senior Center network group to discuss programs, services and Senior Fair and finished the week at a meeting with ADA Cleveland as event planning for a 30 year ADA Celebration have begun. They arranged for CSC collateral to be displayed and available at three upcoming Anthem Clinic events around Cleveland.

It’s a Date

-Cleveland Sight Center, in partnership with the Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, will host the annual “Sight Center Day at the Statehouse” in Columbus on Tuesday, March 31st. The day will include meetings with state officials, legislators and staff members along with a reception to continue the agency’s advocacy work.

CSC will host a Senior Fair on Tuesday, April 28th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The morning will feature three presentations including “The Aging Eye: Common Eye Conditions” presented by Dr. Annalisa Schloss, “When Glasses Are Not Enough” presented by Bryan Manthey and Erin St. Denis and “Don’t Get Tripped Up: Safety Tips and Avoiding Falls in Your Home” presented by Taylor Volrich and Katie Lepis. Various departments and programs of the agency will be on hand with information and attendees will have the opportunity to visit the Eyedea Shop. For more information on the program, contact Susie Meles (x8747).
The Outreach team began actively promoting the Senior Fair event this week by phone, email and in person at events and when visiting facilities. Tom Sawyer talked to staff at Emerald Village in North Olmsted, The Renaissance in Olmsted Township, East and North Park Retirement Centers in Brook Park about the upcoming Senior Fair on April 28th. Groups are already reserving seats!

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at CSC on Thursday, April 30th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Melissa Mauk (x4581).

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, May 7th at Corporate College East. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The 15th Annual White Cane Walk will be held on Saturday, June 6th at CSC. The one mile walk will be at 10:00 a.m. and information about how you can get involved with this year’s event will be available soon.

CSC is Hiring!

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to CSC’s Call Center or to one of the summer programs at Highbrook Lodge or Summer Youth Work Experience? CSC is hiring to fill many positions. To view all open positions, click here: http://bit.ly/2KAhxsl

From the Eyedea Shop: A Useful Item Now on Clearance!

The Eyedea Shop’s featured item of the week is a talking watch. It is a two-tone expansion watch that will verbally tell you the time. The store offers a men’s version and a ladies version. The original price was $55.00, but the clearance price is only $35.00! Quantities are very limited so if you or someone you know needs a talking watch, stop in soon.

Image of two gold watches

Items of Note

The Foundry VIP Sailing Program is offering informational meetings for anyone interested in learning to sail. This fun free program is tailored for people who are blind or have low vision. No sailing experience is necessary. Just come to The Foundry on either Saturday, April 11th (10:30 a.m. – Noon) or Saturday, April 18th (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.) to learn more. The Foundry is located at 1831 Columbus Road in Cleveland. Contact Cindy Newpher at 440-804-4028 for more information.

Did you know Lake Erie has its very own mythical lake monster (named Bessie) that was first sighted in 1793. Unfortunately, it’s likely nothing but a very large Lake Sturgeon. It’s also been said that while Lake Erie contains only 2% of the total water of the Great Lakes, it contains 50% of the fish.