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Job Seekers Attend Hiring Event

- Deborah Dalton, Hubert Littleton and Judith Post along with 14 clients and job seekers attended an Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County (ECCC) sponsored hiring event located at FirstEnergy Stadium on Thursday, February 27th. In addition to assisting job seekers with registering for the hiring event, CSC Employment Specialists assisted their clients with distributing resumes and speaking to potential employers throughout the day. This was the first of three events throughout Cuyahoga County that CSC and ECCC will host and partner on this year.

What's Happening at CSC

- Students in Bright Futures Preschool studied different kinds of pets this week. They learned what pet makes a good classroom pet. After having Guide Dog Lee visit with Miss Andrea, the students decided it is too much work to keep a dog in a classroom. Then Ms. Monica brought in her bird Bing but the students determined again too much work and noise. Finally they decided a fish is a great pet so they went to the pet store and got five glow fish! The fish are the newest friends to the classroom! Since the class is getting ready for “Read Across America” week which begins Monday, March 2nd, they invited their fathers to stop by and read in classroom.

- Dr. Lidija Balticunas of CSC’s Low Vision Clinic will present a “Lunch and Learn” for Cleveland Sight Center’s Board of Trustees and interested staff members on Tuesday, April 7th from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Dr. Balciunas will present case studies which will demonstrate the process of low vision exams and discuss how the Low Vision Clinic networks with other Cleveland Sight Center departments and outside referral sources.

**Educating and Impacting the Community**

-Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer presented the “Blindness Basics” program to a group of 40 actors and staff at the Cleveland Playhouse in preparation for working with a visiting actor who is blind and will be performing in their next theatre production, “Antigone.” Megan Sigler attended the training to collect photos and video for future marketing use while providing additional support during the training.

-Some feedback from a recent Outreach presentation to the Cleveland Ophthalmological Personnel Society (COPS) received included:

“it was very helpful having someone really living in the low vision world explain some of her experiences.”

“Listening to how a person with low vision functions day to day was very interesting. Very helpful.”

“The presentation was very helpful and will help me in the office with working with patients.”

“I liked the part about aids and appliances. Details and images were very interesting.”

“The explanation about different types of magnifiers was very helpful.”

-Tom Sawyer made visits to University Hospitals Euclid, Ophthalmic Physicians Inc. in Mentor and the Corrective Eye Surgery Centers in Willoughby Hills and Richmond Heights this week where Tom spoke with staff and left CSC information packets about programs, services and referring to CSC.

-Alicia Howerton attended a presentation at Mercer School in Shaker Heights in follow-up to an interview and presentation about blindness the students made with her earlier in February.

**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).
- Tom Sawyer visited The Weils in Chagrin Falls, Woodside Village in Bedford and Villa of St. Josephs in Garfield Heights to promote the upcoming Senior Fair on April 28th. Spread the word – RSVPs are coming in and seats are filling fast!

- 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.

From the Eyedia Shop

- The Eyedia Shop’s featured item of the week is a CSC-branded hot/cold tumbler! Trying to keep that coffee or tea hot or at least warmer? Maybe the water you are trying to drink more of on your better health journey needs to remain chilled longer. Check out the new CSC hot/cold tumbler in the Eyedia Shop! The 20 oz. tumbler is made of stainless steel construction and is a beautiful blue with a silver Cleveland Sight Center metallic logo engraved on it. Insert a straw or just sip your favorite beverage. Support your employer and all we do at Cleveland Sight Center by getting a new insulated tumbler today! The price is $20.00 while supplies last!

Image of blue tumbler with engraved CSC logo

Items of Note

- A patient of the Low Vision Clinic who utilized CSC’s Transportation Department recently wanted to let the team know how pleased she was with the service. She sent a special thank you to Scott Ford for driving her home earlier this week. She said she felt very safe, even with the bad weather. “He’s an excellent driver!” she said, adding “he’s got a great personality and he’s very lovely to talk with.” The patient could not be happier with the Transportation Department and is “very grateful that they provide such a nice service.”

- Did you know lake-effect snow is a weather phenomenon created when cold, dry air picks up moisture and heat by passing over a relatively warmer lake, such as one of the Great Lakes. The most likely time of year to get organized lake-effect snow bands is from late fall into early winter when lake temperatures are at their warmest, relative to the colder air spilling over them. Once the lakes freeze over, the moisture and heat source is lost and lake-effect snow has a very hard time developing. As of Monday, February 24th, ice coverage on Lake Erie sat at just 0.4%!