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Save the Date!

-Save the Date for these 2020 events:

**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**
Thursday, April 30th
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland Sight Center

**White Cane Walk**
Saturday, June 6th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cleveland Sight Center

**Golf Classic presented by Westfield**
Monday, July 20th
11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Westfield Country Club
CSC’s Call Center is Hiring

-Do you have low vision or blindness and would enjoy working in an inbound call center position? Do you know someone who might be a good fit? CSC’s Call Center is looking for motivated difference-makers to join the team! Applicants who are part of the community we serve are preferred, but all are welcome to apply. Learn more: clevelandsightcenter.org/call-center/working-here

Construction of New Storage Building Begins

-Construction of the new storage building at the north end of CSC’s parking lot began this week as crews began clearing the area, leveling the grounds and preparing for pouring of the concrete pad. The frame of the building should start to go up next week. For questions, please contact Chris Gruber (x4540).

Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge

-CSC hosts Adult Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge starting this evening through Sunday, February 9th. Campers will enjoy activities including arts and crafts, group games, songs in front of the fireplace, music activities and snowman construction! The team anticipates 18 campers in attendance - and all can’t wait to be snowed in with all of our favorite camp friends.

-Just recently published, the Highbrook Lodge Newsletter is available to view online! The newsletter will be published three times a year and will contain everything you need to know about upcoming Highbrook Lodge events and activities. Check it out: http://bit.ly/399qtTH

What’s Happening at CSC

-The Outreach team visited St. Christopher’s School in Rocky River to educate about blindness awareness with a large group of very inquisitive and engaged 2nd graders and presented a hybrid talk on tips, programs, services and more to the Kendal at Oberlin assisted living facility. Tom Sawyer spoke with office staff and presented CSC collateral materials at Cleveland Clinic’s offices in Independence and Strongsville, Cleveland Eye Clinic’s Independence and Brecksville offices and Retina Associates offices in Strongsville and Middleburg Heights this week.

-CSC’s auditors have been on site this week to review and verify the 2019 fiscal year. The team will then prepare reports for CSC’s Fiscal team, which will be reviewed and then presented to the Finance Committee at the end of March. These financials will then be listed in the 2019 Annual Report, which is currently moving into the design phase after the Marketing team prepared content, quotes and facts and figures the last few weeks.
- A group of volunteers from Medicore Achievement Center recently visited CSC to help deep clean Bright Futures Preschool – an important task, especially during cold and flu season. Thank you Medicore volunteers for taking the time to keep toys and games clean and ready for learning!

*Group photo of volunteers in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium as they complete their tasks at CSC*

-New groups of volunteers for the Adult Literacy program and Employment Services department participated in volunteer orientation sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. We welcome all new volunteers to the CSC family!

- Thursday, February 6th marked the first session of CSC’s Ballroom Dance class taught by the wonderful volunteer team of Fred and Dianne Discenzo. Clients spent two hours learning about the history of varying ballroom styles and practicing the moves themselves. There will be two more session of this program, with potential to continue with enough client interest!

*Photo of volunteer teacher, Dianne observing two ballroom dance class attendees as they step together*

-The next meeting of CSC’s Board of Trustees will be Monday, February 24th at 12:00 p.m.

-The Winner’s Club winter gathering will take place on Thursday, February 27th. February is a month of LOVE and what a perfect way to celebrate the love we have for our clients than at our next Winner’s Club gathering. We need YOUR help to make it happen! If you are willing and able, please share a story or a reason why you love our clients and how they make CSC the place it is. Please send to Vince Williams at vwilliams@cleveland sightcenter.org by Friday, February 21st. We will be sharing our “love notes” to our clients during the event. Thank you!
February is Low Vision Awareness Month

-February is Low Vision Awareness Month. Low vision refers to vision loss that cannot be corrected by eyeglasses, medicine or surgery. Low vision symptoms may include difficulty reading, using a computer or tablet, writing, watching television, recognizing faces, seeing dials or other mechanical controls, seeing the board at the front of a classroom, shopping and driving a car.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology has a webpage dedicated to resources and links for people with low vision. Categories include children, audio book and magazines, large print materials, technology, national organizations, vision rehabilitation self-help materials and more. Visit www.aao.org/eye-health/diseases/low-vision-resources.

Items of Note

-The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) and American Council of the Blind (ACB) recently announced they are jointly offering scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $7,500 for students who are blind or visually impaired attending a technical college or as an entering freshman, undergraduate or a graduate student. Students will be awarded scholarships to help with post-secondary education financial needs such as tuition, fees, room and board and other additional costs associated with using adaptive technology. More information: acb.org/acb-afb-partner-scholarships

-Did you know if you ate at a new restaurant every day in New York City, it would take you 22.7 years to get through them all.