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An Update from Cleveland Sight Center

The security and safety of staff, clients, students, friends and volunteers at Cleveland Sight Center continues to be our highest priority.

We continue to experience a new world that finds us needing to physically distance ourselves from each other to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). Given the continued news and protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Ohio and Governor Mike DeWine, Cleveland Sight Center’s main office will continue to be closed through Friday, March 27, 2020.

In spite of COVID-19, our team members have found many new and creative ways of providing service to our clients while complying with CDC and State guidance. Our registration phones are ringing and being answered, client outcome questionnaires are being completed, authorizations from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) are being received and processed, Eyedea Shop orders are being filled, donors and clients are being called, Braille classes are happening remotely, Call Center Customer Service Representatives are taking calls and so much more is happening. The inventiveness of the entire CSC team is remarkably inspiring during these uncertain and challenging times.
Updates will continue to be made as available via our website, social media pages and phone:
• http://clevelandsightcenter.org/content/message-cleveland-sight-center
• https://www.facebook.com/clevelandsightcenter/
• 216-791-8118

In closing, these continue to be challenging times, but we will continue to provide service to clients as best we can and be flexible as these circumstances warrant. Thank you for your continued support of Cleveland Sight Center and I hope we will learn from our current situation to make when we return to more normal operations even better than before.

Best regards,

Larry Benders
President and Chief Executive Officer

An Update on Upcoming Events

-The New Staff Orientation scheduled for Thursday, March 26th has been postponed until further notice.

-The Diabetes Wellness Series, Senior Fair (April 28th) and Volunteer Appreciation Week Activities and Dinner (April 30th) have been postponed. Information about these events being re-scheduled, if possible, will be announced as future plans are solidified.

-University Circle, Inc.’s Parade the Circle and Circle Village scheduled for Saturday, June 13th has been canceled for 2020.

Braille Instruction Continues!

-Braille instruction continues through teleconference calls! Annette Jakse is providing group classes in contracted Braille with 8 individuals and she says the attendance is better than ever. Katie Lepis is also teaching Braille to clients individually over the telephone for the beginner Braille class. Clients are very eager and engaged and Annette and Katie are both happy to keep engaged with their clients through these difficult times!

Now Hiring for Highbrook Lodge: Camp Nurse

-Do you know any nurses who want an awesome summer job? Would they enjoy living in a Rustic Chic cabin, sipping lemonade by the pool, eating catered food, having someone else wash the dishes? If so, read on!
At Highbrook Lodge, our campers (aged 1-99), are individuals living with low vision or blindness. We believe that summer camps provide a unique environment that promotes lasting positive effects for the lives of our campers, including the space to make and maintain friendships; relax and play; develop further independence; be outdoors; and be unplugged. Programs and activities are designed to assist our campers in their vision rehabilitation process while providing a fun and safe outdoor environment.

The nurse will support the camp by providing nursing care to campers including routine daily care and emergency care. Daily care includes medication administration, routine nursing needs, diabetic care, seizure care, and supervision of dietary needs for campers (as required). Emergencies that arise may range from mildly acute to serious medical emergencies. Physician consultant available.

If your contact has any questions, please feel free to have them call Tina Pringpuangkeo (216-658-4534) in Human Resources or Camp Manager Jenny Schaeffer (216-658-4596). The application for the position can be found here: http://bit.ly/33hHhwk

-Check out and pass along this link for all of CSC’s open positions....we’re hiring! Job Postings can be found here: http://bit.ly/2KAHxsI

**Items of Note**

-Northeast Ohio foundations are collaborating on a $3 million coronavirus relief fund. Eighteen organizations, including the Cleveland Foundation, George Gund Foundation and United Way are working together to take donations for the COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund. The donations will pay the agencies in the front lines of responding to those in need during the pandemic. More information: https://bit.ly/2J4Gtva

-Did you know spring was originally known as lent, or the lenten season, which came from the Old English lengten, which means “to make longer or greater in length.” It was not until the 1300s that the term lent was replaced by springing time, since it was the time of year when most plants that had been dormant over the fall and winter finally began to grow again, or spring from the earth. The season went through a few more name changes over the two centuries that followed, becoming shortened to spring-time before arriving at what we now know it.