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Cleveland Sight Center Hosts Virtual Statehouse Day

-Cleveland Sight Center, in partnership with the Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, hosted a virtual Statehouse Day for Ohio legislators and their staffs on Monday, June 8th. Representatives of the three agencies provided impactful information and client testimonials to state senators and representatives, highlighting a variety of vision rehabilitation programs and services including Early Intervention, Employment and the Call Center. Our partner Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), also on the call, spoke highly of the state’s sight centers. We are thrilled for the opportunity to continue advocating on behalf of our clients. Image of screen shot of virtual Statehouse Day participants
Virtual Trivia Night Hosted by The Visionaries

-Thanks to all Trustees, Staff and Friends of CSC who joined The Visionaries, CSC’s Associate Board, for a night of virtual trivia on Thursday evening. Over 60 participants made up 10 teams for the event, which raised over $1,500 for Children & Young Adult Services!

CSC Department Spotlight: Registration

-Registration is the entry way for clients to begin a journey toward empowerment and independence. The Registration team at Cleveland Sight Center plays a critical role and is making a difference in the lives of clients and the professionals who are providing critical services to clients.

The Registration team is the first point of entry or contact for many; calls from a social worker from a home health care facility seeking assistance to better serve a patient with Macular Degeneration and various health issues; or a client who called just to vent, satisfied to know we are still here and available to listen and support. Members of the Registration team, Ralph Johnson, Kimberley Hudson and Angela Sciara, even through COVID-19 and the stay at home order, have remained poised, informed and ready to assist.

Registration recently received a call from a home health care social worker seeking services for a patient with Macular Degeneration. A CSC Registration Coordinator began to discuss how the agency could help improve the life of the patient by reviewing services CSC could offer to help the patient become safer and more independent at “home”.

This call to Registration provided an opportunity to introduce CSC’s Low Vision Clinic and the important resource for medication management (Script Talk). The social worker stated that during the course of her career “no one has ever spent the time going over services in such detail. Thank you, this is the most helpful information that anyone has ever given me”. The patient was registered for Independent Living services and assigned a CSC case manager.

CSC professionals understand that in order to deliver best practices and remain client-focused, they have a duty to educate community professionals about CSC in order for them to deliver best practice to the clients served.

What’s Happening at CSC

- Summer Youth Foundations, a new OOD (Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities) program option for young adults, is beginning in a remote format on Monday, June 15th. Goals of the program are to provide the basics of career exploration and job seeking skills. The Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) and Employment Departments will be working together to provide the instruction in this program.
The Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) Department is excited to announce that their summer sessions for younger children begin on Monday, June 22nd with Melissa Kraus as the lead teacher for both the Bright Futures and ABCs programs. Playground time, individual therapy sessions and instruction will be provided either individually or in very small groups.


Beginning the week of June 22nd, the Leisure and Lifestyle Services Department will be unveiling some additional virtual programs for CSC clients. Some of the activities will include yoga, coffee chats, guest speakers and more! Contact Vince Williams at vwilliams@clevelandsightcenter.org for more information.

Book Discussion Group’s next session will be July 14th and will be a virtual tea party to decide on the 2020-2021 book readings. Come join the fun by expanding your love for reading! Need more information please contact Alicia Howerton at 216-658-4587 or by email at ahowerton@clevelandsightcenter.org to learn more.

It’s Back! The Eyedea Shop’s Featured Product of the Week

The Eyedea Shop’s featured product of the week is back! We are kicking off summer with a return mention of the Cleveland Sight Center travel mug/tumbler. It is a 16 oz. travel mug in royal blue stainless steel with lid. It keeps cold beverages cold and hot beverages hot. Engraved with the Cleveland Sight Center logo on it, this must-have is only $22.00 (unfortunately there is no employee discount on this product). Come in and check it out...the store has a good quantity of these tumblers stocked but they may go fast. Stay hydrated this summer or enjoy that coffee or tea during your day at work or at home. Image of blue tumbler with silver CSC logo

Items of Note

Are you interested in a face mask with the Cleveland Sight Center logo AND helping raise funds for CSC? Check out this opportunity organized by Andrea Marley in which a portion of all proceeds from the purchase of the face masks will be donated back to CSC. Click here for the link: https://bit.ly/2Aj9Aud

Amazon Smile customers can now support Cleveland Sight Center in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile:
- Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device
- Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
- Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process
*If you do not have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app, update your app. Learn more: smile.amazon.com

- The Academy of Music for the Blind (AMB) recently announced the debut of AMB ONLINE, a nationwide Saturday Music and Performing Arts Program for musically-talented youth who are blind. To learn more, click here: http://ouramb.org/

- The sidewalk on East 105th Street (on the CSC property side) remains closed as repair work continues and is expected to remain closed until further notice. The Facilities department will keep informed of any updates and when the sidewalk is re-opened.

**Did You Know?**

- Re-arranging the letters in William Shakespeare’s name can be made into “I am a weakish speller.”