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In Memoriam: Thomas W. Cristal

Thomas W. Cristal passed away July 7th, 2020. Tom served on Cleveland Sight Center’s Board of Trustees from 1977-2018. Tom served as CSC’s Board Chair from 1987-1989 and was recognized as a Trustee Emeritus in 2019, an honorary title conveyed to recognize exemplary service and bestowed upon Trustees who have served as ambassadors of the organization.

To view the obituary, please click here: https://bit.ly/2DaysSd. A virtual service is scheduled on Sunday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom; please contact Marcia Houston (x4530) for additional details.

[Image of Thomas W. Cristal]
Golf to Support CSC at Westfield Country Club on July 20th

The annual Cleveland Sight Center Golf Classic, presented by Westfield, is planned for Monday, July 20th at Westfield Country Club. A modified schedule and format than years’ past is in the works but we are excited to offer this annual fundraiser for CSC. To register as an individual golfer, foursome of golfers, sponsor a hole or make a donation to the event, click here: clevelandsightcenter.org/golf-classic-registration. Contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562) for additional information.

White Cane Walk is Now a Virtual Event on Saturday, August 8th

White Cane Walk, scheduled for August 8th, is going virtual! With ongoing uncertainty among COVID-19, physical distancing requirements, restrictions on group gatherings plus our own unique challenges like sighted guide, hands-on activities and possible at-risk populations, we believe converting to a virtual event is best at this time.

While this year poses unique challenges to being together physically, we are excited for everyone to come together, in a different way, to show support for Cleveland Sight Center’s programs and services.

Over its 15-year history, White Cane Walk has raised over $750,000 in support of CSC. Fundraising is vital to the continuation of programs and services, now more than ever, as many of our traditional funding sources have changed.

Participants can show their support in many different ways.
1. Get outdoors and take a walk the week of August 8th. Tell your neighbors and friends you are walking to support Cleveland Sight Center!
2. Make a donation online at www.whitecanewalk.org to support the services we provide clients with vision loss.
3. Start a fundraising team. It’s easy to do...see the attached digital toolkit: https://bit.ly/2BWLm9Q that includes sample social media posts and photos to share with family, friends and personal networks and encourage them to join us in your fundraising efforts. Details for virtual activities on August 8 will be available soon online.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider participating in the ways outlined above.

If you have any questions or would like help setting up a fundraising page please reach out to me (x4562) or Megan Sigler (x4568). It is quick and easy!

Thanks for your continued support of CSC!
What's Happening at CSC

-Monica Owen, an Occupational Therapist and Early intervention Specialist in CSC’s Children & Young Adult Services Department, has been recently published! The article is titled “Interprofessional Occupational Therapy and Music Therapy Piano Keyboard Intervention for Preschoolers with Visual Impairments: A Non-Randomized Pilot Case Study” and was based on a project completed several years ago with preschool children attending CSC’s Bright Futures Preschool. To read the article, click here: https://bit.ly/3gjLNDp

-The Employment Services Department held its first Virtual Job Fair this week, working with representatives from Giant Eagle to interview CSC job seekers through an online format. Candidates interviewed for a variety of positions including stocking, merchandising and food preparation. The team is thrilled to share one of the candidates had a second job interview with Giant Eagle’s Beachwood store on Wednesday and they are hopeful that others interviewed will also move forward in the interview process. The representatives of Giant Eagle were very pleased with the process and quality of candidates and are excited to explore future events like this. For more information, please contact Dawn Jones (x7354) or Hugh Littleton (x7347).

[Image of Hugh Littleton listening across the table as an interviewee participates in the virtual job fair]

-Updates and improvements at Highbrook Lodge continued this week as repairs have been made to the camp pool, fallen trees have been removed from the property, debris has been cleared from the walking trails and several cabin improvements are underway.

[Image of fallen tree limbs and debris blocking a walking trail at Highbrook Lodge]
-Calling all projects! With COVID-19 taking a toll on in-person programming, Volunteer Services is working to engage people in unique ways, recruiting individuals to support projects that can be completed from home or from a distance at CSC. Volunteers can be used for many projects. From building or creating items for client use such as a train table for Children & Young Adult Services or the music mobile featured last week, to analyzing data, repairing donated technology or adapting materials, Volunteer Services can work with you to recruit the right kind of volunteer you need to make progress in your area in a way that continues to spread awareness about the agency’s mission. Contact Melissa Mauk at mmauk@clevelandsightcenter.org or x4581 to learn more or request support today.

-Calling all Cleveland Sight Center Network (CSCN) Radio Reading Listeners! CSCN is hosting our very own sweepstakes! Clients who are listeners of the radio can call in for a chance to win a prize of one of 4 Amazon gift cards! To learn more about contest entry, rules and details visit: https://bit.ly/2zcrCx4

-Yoga via Zoom technology continues on Tuesdays along with a new offering - Zoom dance lessons with Volunteers Fred and Diane on Tuesdays, and Coffee Conversation continues on Wednesdays. One participant of the Coffee Conversation was so appreciative of the virtual platform, considering she lives a great distance away from the agency and cannot attend on-site activities but is now able to attend many of the recreation and socialization offerings this way.
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.

The Eyedea Shop’s Featured Product of the Week

-Here we are again in the midst of summer. The sun is wonderful but can cause problems for those who have issues with the glare it can cause. The Eyedea Shop has many styles and price ranges of sunglasses and fit overs. Starting at $18 through $60, choose from several different lens colors and styles. Some of which are amber, grey, rose, plum, and even yellow for those who drive at night and have a problem with oncoming headlights. If you or someone you know suffers from migraines, the store also carries glasses from Eschenbach that can help reduce that discomfort. The Eyedea Shop offers no medical claims but certainly the less glare the better! So stop in to see what’s in store and perhaps find a pair of glasses that make your summer a bit more enjoyable and comfortable.

[Image of a display featuring a variety of sunglass styles and colors.]

Items of Note

-July 26th marks the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To learn more, click here: https://www.adaanniversary.org/ and stay tuned for more information on local activities associated with ADA Day Cleveland!

-A recent article online by Forbes discusses how spatial audio can impact people who are blind. Read more: https://bit.ly/2ZWWYS7

-Face masks in colors including black, grey, blue and pink with the CSC logo in white are available for purchase through July 13th. A portion of each sale is donated back to Cleveland Sight Center! To check out the selection or place an order, please click here: https://bit.ly/2NuK73F

[Image of Andrea Marley wearing a white face mask with the CSC logo on it]
The change machine in the first floor vending area is out of order. CSC’s vending partner will not be able to continue providing bill changes and the machine will be removed from CSC in the near future.