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Check Out What’s Happening at CSC:

So far life in Bright Futures Preschool is busy and a little bit unpredictable as we navigate the current times to get the school year started. The staff is getting ready for school’s soft opening on Tuesday, September 8th. Staff members will be working to deliver loaned technology devices to the students along with supply boxes so Preschool Teacher Melissa Kraus can conduct an at-home visit for each student and family. Ms. Kraus will coach parents on how to organize learning spaces, review daily routines to incorporate remote learning and how to connect with CSC staff for tele-services and virtual classroom instruction to begin the school year.

This week the preschool staff members are meeting the students by appointment at the agency to reassess them, since most of them were last seen in person in March. The teachers also have to collaborate with parents to prepare and sign Remote Learning Plans that describe how the IEP (Individualized Education Program) services will be delivered in the remote setting.

The team has had to develop many new strategies, new organization of the school year and create many new and lengthy documents in a short amount of time, but they remain very optimistic and look forward to a great new school year!
Image of supply kits that include crayons, scissor, glue sticks and other supplies

-Showing off a variety of ways to get involved with Cleveland Sight Center, CSC’s Volunteer Services team has redesigned the organization’s volunteer page of the website. Check out the refreshed page, updated with pictures and fun ways individuals can be involved by clicking here: https://www.clevelandssightcenter.org/volunteer-opportunities

-CSC welcomed three individuals to the agency’s volunteer ranks. Welcome to Tim P. (Radio Reading) and to Nedra J. and Freddie R. (Share the Vision).

-The Outreach Team engages activity coordinators, program directors, assisted living facilities, senior centers and more with interesting “Myths & Facts About Blindness” as a way to garner interest in CSC. Some more of them include:

According to the law you must yield the right of way to a person using a white cane. FACT

You should speak louder when talking to people with vision loss or who are blind. MYTH

People who are blind or have vision loss never go to movies or the theater. MYTH

Never surprise or make sudden loud noises around people who are blind or have vision loss. FACT

-Are you interested in having any program materials translated to Spanish? Contact Haley Marblestone (x4565) for details.
Items of Note:

As was announced in late July, the first Presidential debate of the 2020 election season will be in the neighborhood of Cleveland Sight Center, at the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion of the Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday, September 29th. This building is just west of the agency on Chester Avenue. CSC has been informed by Chief Repicky of the University Circle Police Department that our building will be in the inner ring of security September 28th – 30th for the debate. In light of this, the decision has been made to close the building to client services for those three days. As the debate draws closer and more logistics are revealed, plans for staff presence in the building for those three days will be announced.

Did you know the first ATM (automated teller machine) was introduced in the United States on September 2, 1969? The machine was located at Chemical Bank in New York’s Rockville Center.