



Keeping you “In the Know...” 12/2/16

Giving Tuesday Raises \$10,076!

- Cleveland Sight Center participated in Giving Tuesday on November 29th, an international day where charities, families, individuals, businesses, communities and more around the world come together for a common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. Gifts received for this year’s campaign totaled \$10,076, the highest in three years of CSC’s participation! Gifts totaled \$2,540 in 2015 and \$850 in 2014. Thank you to those who made a gift or passed along CSC’s message to help make this year’s Giving Tuesday the best yet.

Creating Awareness and Strengthening Partnerships for CSC:

- [Larry Benders](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) traveled to Columbus on Wednesday, November 30th where they had appointments with seven legislators in both the House and the Senate. The sessions included new members, senior staff and Senate leadership. The objective was to thank the legislators for their support of CSC through House Bill 390 and to continue to tell the CSC story at the Statehouse.
- A group of 9th graders from Hawken School visited CSC on Wednesday, November 30th where they learned about the agency and technology from [Lisa Cellura](#), [Andrea Marley](#) and [Erin St. Denis](#).
- Camp Manager [Lindsay Svarovsky](#) and Therapeutic Recreation Specialist [Mollie Evans](#) attended the 12th Annual Disability Awareness Luncheon at Cleveland Public Auditorium on Wednesday, November 30th. This year’s focus was on “Athletics for All” and featured information and local agencies who provide adaptive sports and

recreation to individuals with disabilities. Keynote panel speakers included three Cleveland-area Paralympic athletes including swimmer Nelya Schasfoort, 2015 Parapan American Games silver medalist in the 50m butterfly (pictured below with [Lindsay](#) and [Mollie](#)). Nelya's silver medal even has braille on the back!



Lindsay Svarovsky, Nelya Schasfoort, Mollie Evans

- A group of seniors recently attended a Computer and Adaptive Technology class sponsored by CSC's [Rehabilitation](#) department. The class, conducted in two parts, had a one-day educational session with [Jennifer Dean](#) and a second day in the computer lab where the attendees had a chance to work with different settings and be assessed for need by [Jennifer Dean](#) and [Randy Knapp](#). As a result, several seniors have had their home computers configured for their needs. Others are going to learn to type and use the computer in future CSC classes.
- [Job Club](#) will host a variety show featuring clients and staff on Thursday, December 15th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). Led by Master of Ceremonies, Rapmedian and local legend Cool TLC, come see who will light up the stage and who will get the gong. Partake in some holiday fun, enjoy refreshments and share some laughs. All are welcome! Don't miss out – RSVP to [Nicole Kahn](#) (216-791-8118) or nkahn@clevelandsightcenter.org to save your seat!

CSC Receives Excellent Report:

- A representative of the agency's insurance company was at CSC on November 30th for a Loss Control visit to update and gather information specific to operations relative to controlling property and general liability losses. The representative toured the building and reviewed various systems including electrical, roof, heating, sprinkler and fire protection among others. As has been the case in the past, CSC is far above average relative preventative maintenance practices and housekeeping throughout the facility was again excellent. No recommendations for improvement were offered. Congrats to [Chris Gruber](#), [Scott Malone](#) and the [Facilities](#) department for their continued hard work and another great report!

Last Chance to Register for Holiday at Highbrook:

- Today, December 2nd marks the registration deadline for next week's [Holiday at Highbrook](#). Spend the day getting ready for the holidays the camp way! Depart CSC by bus at 9:00 a.m. and head to holiday shopping in Geauga County followed by lunch at [Highbrook Lodge](#). Then spend the afternoon by the fire making holiday arts and crafts and singing holiday songs. The bus will return to CSC by 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 and RSVP by calling 216-791-8118.

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- Looking for a beautiful way to present your gift of a bottle of wine this holiday season? The [Eyedeas Shop](#) is featuring beautiful homemade wine bottle/gift bags for the holidays crafted by [Sylvia Snyder](#). There are several patterns to choose from and the bags are made of cloth with a ribbon pull tie. Only \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00, come see the selection in the [Eyedeas Shop](#) while they last!



Variety of wine bags in holiday patterns and prints

- Can't make it to the [Eyedea Shop](#) at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

CYAS Happenings:

- The annual [CYAS Cookies with Santa](#) event is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at CSC. For more information on this invitation-only event, please contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118). Raffle items and baskets will once again be available. Tickets will be available for purchase the week of December 5th. Some new items this week include:

-O Solo Mio basket including three bottles of wine, pasta, pasta sauce, wine glasses and kitchen items.



Basket of wine, glasses, pasta items and more

-Vera Bradley basket including a robe, slippers and his and hers mugs.



Vera Bradley robe and slippers with his and hers mugs

- How about a Christmas letter in Braille? Until December 16th, parents of children under age 10 can visit the National Federation of the Blind's website and fill out, email or fax (410) 685-2340 a Santa Braille Letter request form. Braille letters from Santa will start going out to boys and girls who are blind across the country. The letter will include a print copy for mom and dad to read and some other fun Christmastime activities. [Click here](#) for the online form.
- Please continue to clip and save Labels for Education UPCs, which can still be found on many Campbell's and Pepperidge Farm products.

The [CYAS department](#) is only 168 points away from 9,000, which would provide a \$100 Visa card for [Bright Futures Preschool!](#)



Items of Note:

- CSC's "go green" effort now includes motion-sensing paper towel dispensers to help limit waste and trash. Installation began earlier this week in which a total of 28 dispensers will be placed in all restrooms of the agency.
- "Be My Eyes" is a Danish-developed smartphone [app](#) that connects via a live-streaming camera to thousands of so-called 'helpers'. The 'Be My Eyes' smartphone app is free to download and currently only available on the iPhone iOS operating system. Developers say they hope to release an Android version in the near future. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- Twin 49-year-olds in Germany, who were born deaf and have lost vision due to diabetes, have a unique bond and way to communicate with each other. [Click here](#) for more.
- To read about a skier who is blind, her guide (and husband), and her success competing, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

- An 1883 innovation by the railroads led to what have become part of ordinary life...time zones. Courtesy about.com, authored by Robert McNamara.

Time zones, a novel concept in the 1800s, were created by railroad officials who convened meetings in 1883 to deal with a major headache. It was becoming impossible to know what time it was.

The underlying cause of confusion was simply that the United States had no time standard. Each town or city would keep its own solar time, setting clocks so noon was when the sun was directly overhead.

That made perfect sense for anyone who never left town.

But it became complicated for travelers. Noon in Boston would be a few minutes before noon in [New York City](#). And Philadelphians experienced noon a few minutes after New Yorkers did. And on and on, across the nation.

For railroads, which needed reliable timetables, this created a huge problem. "Fifty-six standards of time are now employed by the various railroads of the country in preparing their schedules of running times," reported the [front page of the New York Times](#) on April 19, 1883.

Something had to be done, and by the end of 1883 the United States, for the most part, was operating on four time zones. Within a few years the entire world followed that example.

So it's fair to say the American railroads changed the way the entire planet told time.

To read more, [click here](#).