



Keeping You “In the Know...” 2/22/19

Highbrook Lodge Earns Another Year of Accreditation:

-Highbrook Lodge has earned another year of accreditation from the American Camp Association! This means CSC’s camp continues to meet recognized operational standards and that its current practices reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation.



American Camp Association Accredited logo

-CSC hosts Adult Winter Weekend at Highbrook Lodge starting this evening through Sunday, February 24th. Campers will enjoy activities including sledding, arts and crafts, table top games, delicious food and improv comedy sketches.

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

-CSC partners with the Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired and the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio to host another “Sight Center Day at the Ohio Statehouse” advocacy event on Wednesday, March 13th. Representatives of the three agencies will participate in meetings with state officials and legislators to continue to advocate for vision rehabilitation

programs and services. The day will conclude with a reception to continue dialogue on opportunities to improve services to those with blindness and low vision.

-The Outreach team met with Leslie Edwards Humez, Founder of PATS, which stands for Perceiving Art through Sculpture, this week to learn more about how she started this project to help people who have vision loss experience art. In addition to Recreation activities this week, the team attended a Cleveland Accessibility Meet-Up where they presented on Assistive Technology and Barriers to Accessing Accessibility Tools and Products. The week concludes with the Outreach team partnering and co-presenting with Angela Sciara from Registration for a “Tips Talk” and activities under blindfold to a group of 125 seniors at the Medina Recreation Center.

- Volunteers and partners from Delta Gamma at Case Western Reserve University celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day (February 17th) by making a variety of delicious treats as a way to say thank you to CSC staff. They dropped off the goodies at CSC on Monday, February 18th. Thank you, DGs!



Two members of Delta Gamma in front of CSC lobby sign holding a box of goodie bags

-CSC is providing large print and braille materials for an upcoming Inclusion Service at the Temple-Tifereth Israel in Beachwood happening today, Friday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Jewish Disability

Awareness & Inclusion Month. Karen Bain Hiller will be stopping by the event with CSC materials. All are welcome to attend this inclusion and accessibility event which will include music and readings. For more information, contact Ron Ross at rross@titi.org.

Because of You:

-For those donors, staff members, friends and families who made gifts to this year's #GivingTuesday campaign, support from the initiative is helping families obtain glasses for little ones in need of child-friendly frames. Thanks for your support for CSC's youngest friends, including 2-year-old Zelda!



A smiling Zelda wearing her purple flexible frame glasses

What's Happening at CSC:

-Cleveland Sight Center's Board of Trustees will be meeting Monday, February 25th at Noon in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. CSC staff members are asked to please be prepared to park as directed by the Facilities Department in order to accommodate guests.

-The Fitbit Group in the Anthem/USABA National Fitness Challenge met this week at CSC to receive their team t-shirts, check in on program updates and continue to cheer each other on.



Group photo of the Fitbit team in their USABA t-shirts

-The participants in the Anthem/USABA National Fitness Challenge have made it to Peru! As of Thursday (2/21) they made it to the town of Chimbote, Peru – a city full of unique frogs and best known for its fishing harbors. The group is now less than 300 miles from the world famous Machu Picchu. If members of the group were to detour to climb the world famous trail, they would have to hike up a whopping 13,766 feet! At Machu Picchu there are over 100 flights of stairs (with more than 3,000 stairs total) carved into a single stone slab. To practice for the virtual trip to Machu Picchu, be sure to take the stairs whenever you can this week!

-The Employment Services department's Job Club met at CSC this week and heard from Adrienne Shadd, M.Ed, Sr. Workforce Development Professional for University Hospitals Health System. Topics of discussion included:

- What gets a job seeker in the door with applications and interviews
- What does the staff look for in the interview
- Why hiring assessments aren't used by University Hospitals

For more information on upcoming Job Club meetings, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).

-What a short week...but busy week...in Bright Futures Preschool! Even with Monday off to celebrate Presidents' Day the class had plenty of activities to remain busy. The class welcomed a new student, Gabe, and new teacher, Ms. Lotty. Students learned from the Cat in the Hat book Inside Your Outside about the body and its organs and made skeletons and looked at some x-rays on a light box while learning about bones and muscles. They also learned about other organs – especially the heart which pumps blood (over one gallon per minute – did you know it that?). The classmates also still had time to practice their cutting and made a few Dr. Seuss crafts. Stay tuned – next week they will have their own doctor office in the classroom and they will get ready to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss!



Ms. Lotty reads a book to preschoolers



New preschooler Gabe with a sign that reads “watch out preschool here I come!”

-Rhythm and Rhyme: It's Poetry and Bingo Time! Join Winners Club at CSC on Thursday, February 28th for lunch, poetry, socialization, games, fun and more! The event starts with coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m. followed by activities including a poetry workshop, lunch, Bingo and more! RSVPs are required to Alicia at 216-791-8118 so food can be ordered.

- CSC will host a large group of students from Cuyahoga Community College on April 10th for a “Day with CSC” to learn about the agency, programs and services. This is the second “Day with CSC,” building off the success of the November 2018 event. The students are currently in areas of study including Optical Technology and Early Childhood Education.

-CSC is hiring for a variety of staff positions and volunteer roles! Know someone who might be a good fit? Check out the agency's [available staff opportunities here](#) and [volunteer opportunities here](#).

Items of Note:

-Earlier this week there was a roundtable discussion on an employment initiative in Cuyahoga County for people with disabilities featured on ideastream's “Sound of Ideas” program. Host Mike McIntyre and the panel talked about the changing expectations surrounding employment

opportunities for people with disabilities and the active work to match these candidates with jobs in Northeast Ohio. To listen to the program, [click here](#).

-Copy machines capable of producing documents accessible to those with low vision or other sight impairment will soon be in place across the campus at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. It's the start of a campaign to ensure these machines are readily available for the campus community. When scanning a document, most copy machines produce a PDF image that's undecipherable to screen-reading technologies. The new functionality allows copiers to scan a document to create a PDF file that can be read by these technologies using optical character recognition, or OCR. To read more, [click here](#).

-A woman from Oxford (England) has become the first person in the world to have gene therapy to try to halt the most common form of blindness in the Western world. Surgeons injected a synthetic gene into the back of Janet Osborne's eye in a bid to prevent more cells from dying. It is the first treatment to target the underlying genetic cause of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). To read the full article, [click here](#).

-Recently CSC changed recycling service providers to Republic Services. Reference the All Staff Email sent this week for a list of what's recyclable and what is not. The link below has information from Republic Services, so please check it out:

<https://www.republicservices.com/customer-support/faq>.

-Please note the Question and Answer Forum with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) initially scheduled for April has been postponed until further notice. Details will be shared as they become available.