



Keeping You “In the Know...” 2/23/18

CSC Hosts Sight Center Day at Statehouse in Columbus:

- Cleveland Sight Center visited the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday, February 21st for a blindness and low vision advocacy day that focused on white canes for independence. The visit also included meetings with members of the Ohio House of Representatives, Ohio Senate and informational and activity stations that allowed state legislators and their staffs to experience “hands-on” activities, including usage of the white cane. The day also included a meeting with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). The Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio joined CSC in the day to further support advocacy efforts and highlight the work being done by vision rehabilitation agencies. Thanks to Larry Benders, Lisa Cellura, Steve Frohwerk and Alicia Howerton for their participation and representing CSC on this outreach and advocacy initiative.



Rep. Dave Greenspan, Larry Benders and a staff aide



A visitor tries on vision simulation goggles



Alicia Howerton and Rep. Stephanie Howse



White cane demonstration on tile and carpet



Larry Benders and Rep. Marlene Anielski



Alicia Howerton and Rep. Darrell Kirk



Visitors use vision simulation goggles



Lisa Cellura instructs a white cane demonstration

The Cleveland Foundation to Support CSC's Electronic Medical Record Project:

- Cleveland Sight Center received word this week that the Cleveland Foundation has agreed to support CSC's electronic medical record (EMR) project with a \$100,000 grant! With funding from the Cleveland Foundation and Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation to support client-centered programming, the EMR system will allow staff from every service area to access each client's comprehensive plan; enable efficient, coordinated provision of services; and support refinement of service delivery as needs and outcomes change.
- The EMR project management team had a kickoff call with Compulink earlier this week and the IT team is nearing completion of the infrastructure installation at the agency's main building.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- CSC was featured in Crain's Cleveland Business magazine's marketing and creativity section in an article that discusses online accessibility standards. CSC Senior Assistive Technology Trainer Randy Knapp discussed best practices and useful tips when making websites user-friendly and compliant. [Click here for the full article.](#)
- CSC partnered with MetroHealth this week to arrange meetings over the course of two days with clients and MetroHealth staff members to use and provide feedback on the ScripTalk machine, which reads aloud all the directions on bottles of medication



A user tests the ScripTalk machine while MetroHealth staffer observes

- Desmond Kennedy made visits to Clarkson Eyecare in Rocky River and the Eye Center of Middleburg Heights this week, also dropping off CSC brochures and information to Grant Vision Care in Cuyahoga Falls.
- A student from Laurel School visited CSC this week and met individually with Andre Anderson, Alicia Howerton, Cathy Javorsky and Avenue to learn about vision loss, blindness and gather information for a school project. A thank you note received stated “Thank you so much for letting me comes over today! I learned a lot about CSC as well as vision loss. I look forward to formulating a project based on what I learned!”

Words from a Grateful Client:

- The following encouraging words were made by a client this week during his visit to the agency, expressing how grateful he is for the services CSC provides:
 - About his Low Vision Clinic visit and appointment: “I have never had an examination that was so thorough. They made me feel so comfortable and did not rush me.”

-About working with Annette Jakse: “She sat there for an hour and a half going through all the things with me. I’m so grateful for the help. It gave me encouragement to do something other than sit in bed all day which was what I was doing. I didn’t care. Now I’m starting to care because of you guys [people from CSC].”

What’s Happening at CSC:

- The Call Center team held an in-service training day on Monday, February 19th.



Larry Benders speaks to the Call Center team

- CSC welcomes two new volunteers to the ranks! Welcome to Lily (left in photo below), who will be helping with the BLAST program and to Mia (right in photo below), who will be assisting with off-site audio editing for clients who request audio books. Welcome to the CSC team!

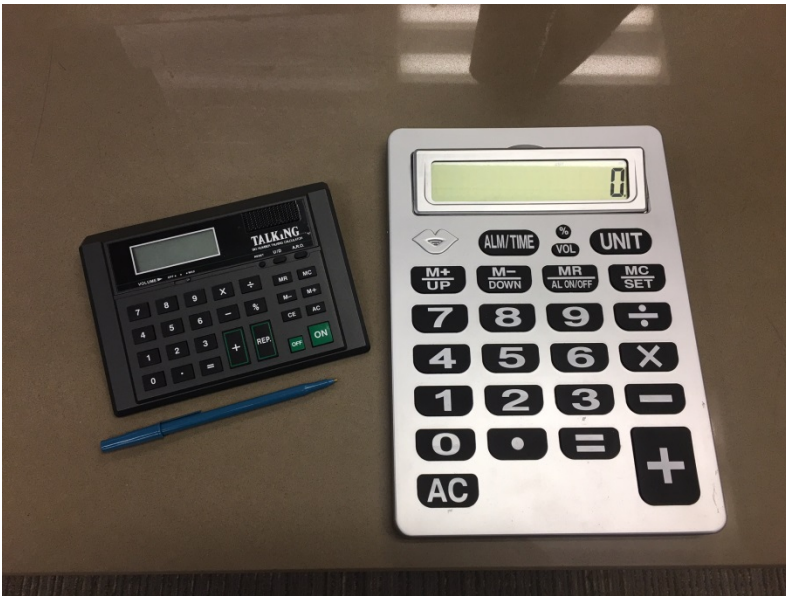


New volunteers Lily and Mia

- Vivian Mooney from Eschenbach Optik of America will visit CSC on Wednesday, March 21st for an assistive technology discussion and presentation of handheld magnifiers and video magnifiers including Smartlux, Visolux, Visolux XL and ML Zip, as well as a question and answer session. The event will be from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium at CSC. For additional information, contact Tom Sawyer (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Talking Calculators

- Is it “that” time of year yet again??? Tax time is upon us! If you are brave enough to file your own taxes, you may need a good calculator. The Eyedeas Shop offers two to choose from. They both are talking calculators and have large buttons and big displays. The smaller size calculator is \$16.00 and the jumbo size calculator is \$28.00. Stop in or call the Eyedeas Shop (x4666) with any questions.



Small calculator and jumbo calculator

- 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!

Wellness Squad's Tip of the Month:

- What do you find yourself listening to? On your commute, working out, as you make the night's dinner...try a podcast! It's now easier than ever to find, subscribe and listen to literally thousands of podcasts on every topic from news, arts, comedy, politics, sports, music, health and much more. Podcasts can be found on platforms like iTunes, Google Play, Sticher as well as a variety of other podcasting directories and apps – you can also sync the content across your platforms (phones, iPad, desktop computers, etc.) to listen to them wherever, whenever! Still not convinced? Here are 5 reasons why you should give listening to podcasts a try!
 - Get inspired about one of your passions!
 - Stay educated and informed
 - Personal/professional growth
 - Give yourself an escape from the day
 - Optimize your time

What will you find to take you to your happy place? To search podcasts by category, [click here](#).

Items of Note:

- Early Intervention is in need of empty coffee cans...plastic or metal. Please bring in and drop off to Lorie Marsalis in the CYAS department.



Image of Chock Full o' Nuts coffee can

- Do you have a sweet tooth? The National Federation of the Blind of Ohio presents their Malley's Easter candy Fundraiser, which will aid the organization to provide scholarships to deserving blind students and assist members to the 2018 National and State of Ohio Conventions and preserve the mission of the Affiliate. [Click here for the order form](#).

Did You Know?

- Arizona and Hawaii are the only states that do not observe daylight savings time.