



Keeping You “In the Know...” 4/14/17

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is May 4th:

- CSC’s Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees is Thursday, May 4th from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Corporate College East. The evening will consist of a board meeting, year in review, Partner for Life award presented to Delta Gamma Sorority and Alumnae and featured conversation with friend of CSC and fashion designer Stephanie Nunn.

Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Cleveland Sight Center will be the host site for the first meeting of University Circle Inc.’s (UCI) 2017 Universal Design and Inclusion Series. The meeting will be held Thursday, April 27th at CSC for University Circle stakeholders and other community members and will be an opportunity to learn about the local organizations and resources to improve accessibility and inclusion. Joining CSC will be Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) and ADA Cleveland. Mary Jo Chisnell and Susie Meles will participate in a panel discussion during the event, speaking about CSC, what the agency does and how the agency can help UCI to enhance accessibility to resources in the University Circle community.



Logo for UCI’s Universal Design & Inclusive Access program

- CSC will again be participating in ADA Day Cleveland as part of another Wade Oval Wednesday celebration this July. Last year, over 5,000 people came out to Wade Oval. CSC, as a community partner, will host a table at the event and contribute an engaging display which is accessible to the public and reflective of the agency's mission. More details to come on ADA Day Wednesday, July 26th as planning for the event continues.
- CSC and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History (CMNH) have recently partnered on accessibility projects. CSC is supporting CMNH's March for Science on Saturday, April 22nd. The national march focuses on the importance of science in our lives and the passion associated with exploring ideas and solving the unknown. The Cleveland March is led by a core group of science-based organizations working with the Gund Foundation with a goal being a non-partisan, politics-free event – a march for science, and especially for science in our region. March activities begin at 9:00 a.m. on Public Square. The entire event is family friendly. Any CSC staff, Trustees, clients or volunteers interested in walking, contact Mollie Evans (216-791-8118).
- Students from Gilmour Academy visited CSC on Wednesday, April 12th to meet with Lisa Cellura and Alicia Howerton. The group learned about CSC and discussed how people with disabilities experience discrimination.
- Mollie Evans, Jim Hlavaty and Desmond Kennedy visited the Cleveland Clinic - Langston Hughes Community Health & Education Center on Wednesday, April 12th to discuss ways to make the partnership valuable to both agencies. Desmond Kennedy visited with Mentor Ridge Health & Rehabilitation Center and Ophthalmic Physicians, Inc. to discuss CSC's programs and services on Thursday, April 13th.

What's Happening at CSC and Highbrook Lodge:

- The CYAS department hosted “Spring Fling” last Saturday at CSC for young clients and their families. Attendees enjoyed an egg hunt, visit with the Easter Bunny, arts & crafts, snacks and more! News 5 Cleveland and Cleveland 19 News stopped by to cover the event, which was featured on both stations’ 11:00 p.m. newscasts that evening. [Click here](#) for the Cleveland 19 story. A summary of the event has been posted to the News 5 Cleveland Facebook page [here](#).



A mom and son work on a craft



The Easter Bunny awaits the kids



A youngster smiles through a bunny face



Kids race to collect plastic eggs



Attendees await the raffle basket drawing



Mrs. Tomaszewska and the Easter Bunny

- CSC's Job Club welcomes friend of CSC Robert Campbell, a successful private attorney and Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist for the Cleveland Veterans Administration Office of Resolution Management, to the Thursday, April 20th meeting at CSC. Robert will share his own experience of searching for employment as an individual with a vision impairment and will also provide information regarding the expungement of criminal records. Job Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. Contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118) to RSVP.
- Registration for upcoming summer 2017 camp sessions at Highbrook Lodge is now OPEN! The 2017 schedule with additional information is posted on the Highbrook Lodge pages of CSC's website, [click here](#). Any questions, contact the Camp team at 216-791-8118.
- Dr. Mark Bobofchak and Betsey Hallenburg from EyeCare for Animals will be at CSC on Monday, May 8th. All guide dogs are encouraged to get their annual free eye exam. They will be in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium C from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. that day. Contact Lorie Marsalis (216-791-8118) to schedule an appointment time.



ACVO/StokesRx
National Service Animal Eye Exam logo

National Volunteer Week: April 24 – 28

- This year, National Volunteer Week is April 24-28. During that week, different events and activities are planned to help CSC staff members thank volunteers for all they do for the agency. Volunteers are vital to the success of CSC's programs. Last year, over 800 volunteers registered 13,633 hours, a value of \$321,193 to CSC!

Coffee, Doughnuts and Conversation, Client Hub

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Invite the volunteers you work with to enjoy a cup of joe with you before or after their volunteer shift (or invite them to come even if they are not scheduled)! Enjoy the time together smashing on some delicious doughnuts, getting to know the volunteer who works for you better, and meet volunteers from other departments. This quality time is sure to make the volunteers who work with you feel appreciated and full!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Clyde E. Williams Jr. Auditorium

Thursday 4/27, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This special dinner is designed to help volunteers understand that CSC values them for all they do. Activities will include a lovely dinner, a special thank you to retiring Braille Transcriber volunteers and a raffle! Volunteers must RSVP to Melissa Bresnahan x4581. Any staff members able to serve the volunteers at this event and any department who would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Melissa Bresnahan at mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org or at 216-791-8118.

Thank You Day!, Client Hub

Friday 4/28 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This event is open to anyone who appreciates volunteers (Board Trustees, staff, clients, volunteers who appreciate other volunteers, etc.)! Stop by the Client Hub as your schedule allows: listen to some

fun music, tap into your creative side, and make or write a beautiful thank you card for a volunteer you know (or donate one to volunteer services to give to a CSC Volunteer).

Photo Challenge, Due 4/28 5:00 p.m.

What group of staff members or clients can take the cutest or funniest picture to thank volunteers for all they do?! Submit entries to Melissa Bresnahan at mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org by 5:00 p.m. on 4/28 for your chance to win a pizza party! Photos will be based on creativity, tie in to volunteer impact/CSC mission, and inclusion of department members/clients.

- Do you have a volunteer who deserves some praise for all they do? Nominate that volunteer for Feel Good Friday! Feel Good Friday will take place the first Friday of every month debuting in May. All volunteers nominated for Feel Good Friday will receive a thank you call from the Volunteer Manager. One volunteer selected as the winner for each month will get free coffee/tea and some one-on-one time with CSC staff and be featured in "In The Know." Nominations for Feel Good Friday are due by the last Monday of every month; get yours in today for the period April 7th – 24th and see if your volunteer is featured in the Friday, May 5th "In The Know", the first Feel Good Friday! [Click here](#) to get started or contact Melissa Bresnahan (216-791-8118).

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week: Talking Weight Scale

- Trying to keep an eye on your weight with summer coming? The Eyedeas Shop has a talking weight scale that will help keep you on track. Seeing the display an issue? No longer! The scale will verbally speak your weight in pounds or kilograms, with a weight capacity up to 440 lbs. The scale is easy to use and constructed of tempered glass, making it easy to wipe clean. Cost is \$56.00.



Talking weight scale

- 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!

Items of Note:

- As a 111-year-old institution, CSC provides critical programs and services to Northeast Ohio. An article in The Columbus Dispatch discussed the ongoing need for vision rehabilitation services in central Ohio. [Click here](#) for the article.
- The Art Therapy Studio is hosting VSA Ohio's traveling art show, Accessible Expressions, which will be displayed in the Fairhill Partners building from May 5 - June 28 during building hours. Artwork displayed in the show has been created by individuals with disabilities from Ohio, and it is traveling to several sites throughout the year. The VSA Ohio website has more details: <http://www.vsao.org/programs/aeo>.

On May 20th the organization is hosting an opening reception and workshop for artists and others who may work with artists in the area. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Fairhill Partners Building, located at 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland OH 44120.

-Opening Reception, May 20th, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

-Workshop, "Pricing Your Art," May 20th, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The "Pricing Your Art" workshop is presented by Daric Gill, an accomplished interdisciplinary artist from Ohio. More information is available at www.daricgill.com.

For more information, call the Art Therapy Studio at 216-791-9303, email info@arttherapystudio.org, or visit www.arttherapystudio.org.

- Tickets are now on sale for "A Night at the Races" benefiting CSC hosted by Delta Gamma Cleveland East, held at CSC on Saturday, April 29th from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. To purchase tickets, sponsor a horse or race, place an ad or make a donation, [click here](#).

Did You Know?

- Dyngus Day, or Wet Monday (Polish Śmigus-Dingus or lany poniedziałek) is the name for Easter Monday. Historically a Polish tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the observance of Lent and the joy of Easter. Over the decades, Dyngus Day has become a wonderful holiday to celebrate Polish-American culture, heritage and traditions. On April 17th, 2017 Cleveland celebrates its 7th annual celebration of Dyngus Day. Tens of thousands come to celebrate Dyngus Day in the western neighborhoods of Cleveland - Gordon Square Arts District, Hingetown, Ohio City and Tremont. The headquarters of the festival in the Gordon Square Arts Neighborhood boasts an outdoor stage with live music all day, ethnic Polish food and of course, piwo (beer), and the Dyngus Day parade. For more information, [click here](#).