

# Keeping You "In the Know..." 5/20/16

## We Want YOU at White Cane Walk!

Join us for this year's White Cane Walk, which is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Legacy Village. The event will again feature the White Cane Walk, a 5K Run, and NEW THIS YEAR, a 1-Mile Stroll!!! Click here to register and don't forget to start your own fundraising team as well! For more information, contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118).



White Cane Walk event logo

# Educating the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

• On Monday, Lisa Cellura and Alicia Howerton hosted students from Hawken School for a hands-on experience of vision and adaptive technology. Tuesday was another busy day as Lisa Cellura spoke to the Victory Circle group and Grasselli Committee at the new home of the Chagrin Valley Land Conservancy, then presented the "Aging Eye" program to the Gates Mills Villa Apartments for Seniors, and Alicia Howerton and Bill Spiker hosted lunch and a tour for a group of friends and associates brought in by Board Trustee Fred Jones.

- Chagrin Falls High School student Eleanor Juergens presented a program on CSC to an audience of 80 people on Wednesday at her school, summarizing her week spent at CSC as a volunteer. Eleanor is the granddaughter of Board Trustee Mary Bookman.
- The Employment Team met with OOD Vocational Rehabilitation of Recovery Resources on Wednesday. This was CSC's first co-agency meeting with the organization and their counselors and was a great opportunity to put faces to names, discuss program updates and outcomes, and gain valuable feedback regarding employment services. The Recovery Resources team, which consisted of four coordinators and a supervisor, found value in the meeting and are looking forward to make it a recurring event.
- Progressive: Part Two. A second team of volunteers from Progressive, this time from their IT and Specialty Lines divisions, visited Highbrook Lodge on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The crew cleaned cabins, restrooms, and windows, pulled weeds, planted bulbs, and organized basements. In addition, volunteers spent time painting, cleaning up the trails, cleaning and organizing firewood stacks, and cleaning and sorting linens. Said Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe, "We have worked with the Special Lines/IT departments at Progressive for the last three years and we are always impressed by the quantity and quality of the work they get done! They were able to help us check a handful of things off our list before the camp season kicks off!" Said Dan Kamionkowski, Research and Development Manager at Progressive, who has been participating in the project for several years, "We love coming out here and it's amazing to see the results of our work at the end of the day!"





Volunteers move stacks of shingles via flatbed Volunteers shovel mulch from a truck to wheelbarrow

- Volunteers and Delta Gammas Linda Hardman and Laura Olsen will staff a CSC information table at Foundation Fighting Blindness' Annual VisionWalk at Edgewater Park on Saturday.
- CSC is mentioned in a recent cleveland.com article featuring friends of CSC Josh Foreman and his education assistant Joe Langa. <u>Click here</u> for the full feature.
- As part of University Circle Inc's Circle Walk program, a pillar with CSC information was recently installed next to the sidewalk along Chester Avenue in front of CSC's building. A history of the agency, description of services, and opportunities to support CSC is included with some photos. An app with audio description is in the process of being created for each stop along the Circle Walk.



Image of the pillar along Chester Avenue

## Row, Row, Row:

 Recruitment is underway for the 2016 rowing season. Again this year, CSC partners with the Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRA). Rowers are being recruited to join the CSC rowing team. Contact <u>Desmond Kennedy</u> (216-791-8118) for more information.

## Highbrook Lodge to Add Therapeutic Recreation Model:

Stop by the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium C on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:00pm to learn more about the recreation therapy profession from CSC's Recreation Therapy (RT) Intern Shelby Rieger! This summer the camp team will focus on using a therapeutic recreation model at Highbrook Lodge. Shelby and Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Lindsay Lowe are excited to share more about the profession and how RT can be used in the camp setting to increase a camper's quality of life and overall wellness. Please check with your supervisor before attending.

# May Job Club Meeting:

The May Job Club meeting was held on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – 11:30am at CSC in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium and featured consultant and trainer, Steve Shober, BS, LSW from the Center for Evidence Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University. Mr. Shober presented the group via phone and reviewed key information about SSI, SSDI, and certain Medicaid programs. Participants were given several informational handouts and all had many chances to clarify questions about these complicated topics.

Save the date for the next Job Club meeting, which will be Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at CSC and Curtis Scruggs from the Northeast Ohio Reentry Coalition will be the guest speaker. He will discuss ways to overcome the challenges of a legal history during the search for employment.

#### Reminders from CYAS:

 Labels for Education is offering DOUBLE POINTS for the month of May! Please bring in any eligible UPCs and bottle tops to Lorie Marsalis as we help raise funds for Bright Futures Preschool!





May is Twice as Fun graphic with flowers

- Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Bright Futures
  Preschool graduation. The program begins at 10:00am in the Clyde E.
  Williams, Jr. Auditorium and the theme will be based on the book "The
  Very Hungry Caterpillar."
- With summer just around the corner, contact Sylvia Snyder (216-791-8118) for more information on the Summer Youth Work Experience

(June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>) and Stepping Stones for Success career exploration (July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>) programs. More information, including flyers for both programs, is on the <u>CSC website here</u>.

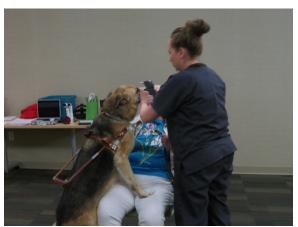
• CSC's annual Teacher Workshop will be Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Click here for workshop details.

#### Item of Note:

 Thanks to Dr. Mark Bobofchak and Betsey Hallenburg from Eye Care for Animals in Akron, as they provided free exams for guide dogs on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. This marks the fifth year in a row the exams were provided. Thanks to Lorie Marsalis for coordinating the schedule.



Dr. Bobofchak examines a dog



Betsey Hallenburg examines a dog

## Did You Know?

 A palindrome is a word, phrase, number, or other sequence of characters which reads the same backward or forward...like noon, mom, dad, 2112, race car, never odd or even...what's your favorite?