



Keeping You “In the Know...” 5/25/18

White Cane Walk is One Week Away!

- There is still time to get involved in White Cane Walk! Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's or Board Trustee's team or create your own a team (adults \$15 includes event t-shirt; children 10 and under are free) at www.whitecanewalk.org. White Cane Walk is CSC's annual event to raise critical dollars needed to support our mission and raise awareness of our agency and the services we provide.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Register to walk, join a CSC staff member's team or create your own a team! Share the event with everyone you know! Spread the word on social media, send emails to friends and share the event brochure with others. Can't make it on June 2nd? Please consider a donation to this year's CSC team.

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Youngsters in CSC's Bright Futures program, their families and CSC staff and Board Members enjoyed an end-of-school-year celebration at the agency on Thursday, May 24th. The Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium was filled with guests as the youngsters presented their “Super Heroes” program with songs, sing-a-longs and other fun activities. Thanks to the entire CYAS staff for their hard work on another successful school year which included help from volunteers Mrs. Linda, Mr. Jae and Mr. Mike! Thanks to CSC's Board Trustees who attended on Thursday, including Fred Jones, Howard Lichtig and Andy Sikorovsky.



Sylvia Snyder gives welcome remarks to a full auditorium



Volunteers Linda, Mike and Jae show their superhero strength as they flex to show off their new CSC bracelets



Jaykob shows his superhero pose as Miss Monica holds his cape

- Lisa Cellura and Alicia Howerton presented the “Blindness Basics” program and information about CSC to a second group of students from Hawken School. Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer represented CSC at a Senior Network Meeting in Summit County on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Alicia and Tom held a Senior Talk at Ehrnfelt Strongsville Senior Center. To cap off the week, they visited low vision support groups at Independence Village in Avon Lake and St. Mary of the Woods in Avon on Thursday, presented the “Blindness Basics” program at Liberty Residence II assistive living facility in Wadsworth and presented the “Tips Talk” at Renaissance on Friday. Desmond Kennedy met with the organizers of Parade the Circle (Saturday, June 9) to go over final details for the day of the parade and attended the 29th Annual Cleveland Senior Day in Public Hall on Thursday, presenting information on CSC’s programs and services.

- CSC's Volunteer Services department welcomed nine new volunteers to the agency with orientations the last two weeks. Welcome to new CSC Visionaries Joe Schafer, Erin Chelune, Alexandra Bea, Alisa Boles, and Allison Prelosky...welcome to Low Vision Clinic Volunteer Sarah Baron, Radio Reader Annie Hogsett, Golf Volunteer Eileen McCarthy and Social Recreation Volunteer Landy Marine!



Pictured left to right: Joe Schafer, Erin Chelune, Landy Marine and Annie Hogsett.



Pictured left to right: Sarah Baron, Alexandra Bea, Eileen McCarthy, Allison Prelosky and Alisa Boles.

- CSC's Volunteer Services department is now accepting nominations for the Most Treasured Volunteer Award, an annual award presented by the Center for Community Solutions. Last year, Share the Vision Volunteer Linda Jenkins received the award for her dedication to the Share the Vision program in spite of personal challenges she herself experienced. You can learn more about Linda and her volunteer story

[here](#). Nominations for any volunteer you think should be considered for this award are due to Melissa Bresnahan in the by Wednesday June 6, 2018. Please send an e-mail to mbresnahan@clevelandsightcenter.org with a brief 2-3 paragraphs explaining the impact that volunteer has on your area and on CSC. Be sure to mention if the volunteer you nominate applies any innovative approaches to their volunteer role, if they have overcome any unusual challenges overcome, or have any outstanding accomplishments that should be noted.



Linda Jenkins receiving the 2017 MTV Award

From Your Friends in the Eyedea Shop:

- The Eyedea Shop's featured product of the week is the new Otllite Revive LED Floor Lamp. The Revive is a natural daylight illumination lamp and reduces eyestrain by 51%. It has a touch activated on/off button, three points of adjustments, three brightness settings and is a modern attractive looking lamp. The price is \$85.00.



Image of the OttLite Revive floor lamp

- The Eyedea Shop is featuring a clearance product this week – large print calendars. Keep the rest of 2018 organized with this great calendar at a reduced price of only \$7.00.



Image of large print calendar

- If you are or someone you know is an artist who is blind or has low vision, consider submitting artwork to grace the cover of some of the 2018 Holiday Cards. The requirements for this year's cards are as follows: artist must be blind or have low vision; two submissions per artist; if submitting in digital format, artwork must be 300 DPI, entry window is May 7, 2018 – August 10, 2018; submit entries to bpiascik@clevelandsightcenter.org. Cleveland-themed entries always do well. Any questions, please contact the Eyedea Shop (216-791-8118).
- 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:

- Cleveland Sight Center will be closed on Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day.
- Highbrook Lodge camper spots are filling quickly as the team gears up for quite the 90th summer! A few staff members are still in need to help the team create a transformative summer for CSC's amazing campers. Do you or someone you know love helping others and being outside – AND looking for summer employment? Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity...for more information and to apply [click here](#). Please spread the word! The Highbrook Lodge camp team of Lindsay Svarovsky and Mollie Evans will officially re-locate to Highbrook Lodge starting June 1st.
- Glaucoma is one of the leading causes of vision loss worldwide, affecting nearly 60 million people. Treatment can slow its progression, but there is no cure. It has long been thought that lifestyle choices do not play a role in glaucoma, but several recent studies show that lifestyle factors can influence eye pressure, which is a major risk factor for the disease. The [American Academy of Ophthalmology](#) wants to

remind people that certain habits may help minimize the risk of losing vision, beyond drugs and surgery. [Click here for the full article.](#)

Did You Know?

- The very first “In The Know” was distributed on Friday, March 15, 2013.