



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/17/16

Walk with CSC on Saturday!

- Join us at Legacy Village on Saturday, June 18th as we celebrate the wonderful agency that is Cleveland Sight Center, increasing awareness for our mission and raising important dollars for programs and services! Help CSC take over the sidewalks of Legacy Village (25333 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124) for this year's [White Cane Walk](#) event. There is so much to do...in addition to the [White Cane Walk](#) and 1 Mile Stroll, there are activities for all ages including hands-on education stations of daily living skills, face painting, balloon artists, recreation activities, live music, games, and a raffle, and special appearances by Slider of the Cleveland Indians and Frito Lay's Chester the Cheetah! Bring your family and friends, tell everyone you know!

[Click here](#) to support one of the many fundraising teams in this year's event...and it's not too late to start your own fundraising team [here](#).

CSC Receives Grant from Thomas H. White Foundation:

- The Thomas H. White Foundation recently awarded a grant of \$14,700 to CSC. The Foundation focuses its grant making in education and human services, specifically in supporting programs that address workforce readiness, school retention, and early childhood enhancement in Cleveland, Ohio. The grant dollars will be allocated to CSC's [Early Intervention](#) services.

Educating and Engaging the Community:

- [Alicia Howerton](#) conducted two tours of the agency on Tuesday, showcasing CSC to [Renee White](#), who is here doing a 10-week practicum with [Susie Meles](#) and the [Rehabilitation](#) department, and Chelsey Tanner from UH hospitals. Chelsey previously worked at the Veterans Administration and works with patients who have recently lost his or her vision and wanted more information to give patients as a referring partner. Also on Tuesday, [Sylvia Snyder](#) presented [Early Intervention](#) at the Cole Eye Institute Ophthalmic Technicians Grand Rounds program. On Wednesday, [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Jane Arnoff Logsdon](#) visited Case Western Reserve University to meet the new leadership team of Case for Sight and discuss CSC's programs and services. [Alicia Howerton](#) concludes the week with a tour of the agency for [Kaley Fuddy](#), who is also completing a practicum with [Susie Meles](#).

It's Summertime in CYAS:

- [Bright Futures Summer Day Camp](#) began this week with seven youngsters participating in this five-week program. Elements of the program include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech, teaching of the visually impaired, and orientation & mobility, which concludes on July 14th.
- Let's welcome the 2016 [Summer Youth Work Experience \(SYWE\)](#) team, new staff members and program participants! [SYWE](#) is a summer transitional program for young adults ages 16 – 22 who are blind or have low vision. It is a five-week residential program providing a paid work experience, instruction in job readiness and "soft skills", one-on-one or small group instruction in the areas of orientation & mobility, computer skills, and activities of daily living. For most participants, this program is his or her first real job and first opportunity to experience independent living. The program, which runs through July 15th, has 12 participants.

Special thanks to [Phyllis Solomon](#), [Scott Malone](#), and [Chris Gruber](#) for their great work in painting, cleaning, and readying the [Residence Center](#) for the program participants.



SYWE staff Angela, Karli, Chelsea, and Jeff



Participants complete an art project in the CSC courtyard



SYWE participant at the golf driving range



Participants enjoy the Empowerment Park

- On Wednesday, June 15th the **CYAS** department hosted an ice cream social at Lock 3 of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail in Akron for our families in Summit County and other southern communities. Activities included indoor and outdoor options for our youngest clients and their siblings.



Youngster draws on the sidewalk with chalk

- The annual “[See What’s Possible](#)” workshop for teachers, educators, and those working with students who are blind or have low vision in the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 11th at CSC. The workshop will feature strategies, technology, and demonstrations. The program fee is \$25 and includes all materials, lunch, and certificate. Contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (216-791-8118) to register or for more information.

Items of Note:

- [Deborah Ruffin](#) attended the Medicaid Policy Community Forum on Friday, June 10th at the Global Center for Health Innovation in downtown Cleveland, in which upcoming changes to Medicaid beginning in August 2016 were presented. Among them are highlighted below:
Resigning Disability Determination
 - CSC client groups that may be affected : 65yrs older / Blind / Disable (Medicaid ABD Population)
 - Spend-down option will no longer exist as of August 1st 2016
 - Possible changes may occur to Medicaid ID #'s
 - The income threshold for ABD Medicaid will be increased and individuals will no longer have the ability to spend-down their income to become financially eligible

- Individuals exceeding the income limit will be referred to the FFM (Federally-Facilitated Marketplace) to shop for coverage
 - ABD Medicaid Income Limits Effective 8-1-16: Individual \$733 and Couple \$1,100
 - Individuals who do not meet the new eligibility criteria will be addressed during their renewal with their Case Worker
 - Medicaid conversion will begin July 29-31
- [Dr. Anthony Easley](#) and the [White Cane Walk](#) are featured in the Summer 2016 issue of Sighted Guide Ohio (SGO). Hard copies are expected at CSC soon. [Check out the online publication here at SGO's website.](#)
 - Save the date for the next [Job Club](#) meeting, which will be Thursday, June 23rd 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.
 - You are invited to [Highbrook Lodge](#) for dinner and entertainment (The Chosen Few Band) on Friday July 8th! Cost of this banquet dinner with campers is \$5.00 and RSVPs must be received by Tuesday July 5th. [Click here to email Lindsay Lowe if you would like to attend.](#)

Did You Know?

- Many innovations recognized around the world had their genesis in Cleveland. Below are some inventions created by Clevelanders:
 - LifeSavers candy by Clarence Crane in 1891
 - Whole-body scanner and x-ray machine by Dayton C. Miller of the Case School of Applied Science in 1896
 - Modern golfball by Cobuern Haskell, Joseph Mitchell, Bertram Work in 1899
 - Automatic windshield wiper by Fred & William H. Folberth in 1921
 - Superman comic by Jerry Siegel & Joe Shuster in 1933