



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/21/19

Gearing Up for the Opening of Highbrook Lodge!

-All-Staff Training at Highbrook Lodge kicked off on Sunday and continued through the week. The staff has bonded quickly; they are learning and already growing in their roles. The team has focused their time on Orientation and Mobility, Personal Care, Behavior Management, Programming, Team Building and more! They can't wait for the first group of campers to arrive on Saturday. They are ready!



A sign that reads “Welcome Highbrook Staff”



The staff on the lawn at Highbrook Lodge listening to the instructor



Staff members enjoy a game of volleyball on the lawn at Highbrook Lodge

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

-Karen Bain Hiller, Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer made a donor-focused presentation about CSC's programs and services to staff members at Yardi, a global technology company with products and services to serve any size business in any real estate market, in Broadview Heights this week. Staff members at Yardi engage with various nonprofits each year to learn about the organizations and determine where the company's financial support will be directed.

-The Outreach team presented the “Blindness Basics” program and some additional training to the new staff members at Highbrook Lodge in preparation of camp opening this weekend. Scott Williams-Riseng and Taylor Volrich also visited to share their expertise in concepts of Orientation and Mobility and Activities of Daily Living skills. Camp staff learned a lot and enjoyed the interactive talks.

-Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer attended Rockwell Automation’s “Planting the Seeds for Health” employee health fair this week to talk about programs and services offered by CSC.



Alicia Howerton at the CSC information table at Rockwell Automation

-Jennifer Dean, Jim Hlavaty, Allison Horna, Moreed Kamal, Bryan Manthey, Stephanie O’Donnell, Sherry Raymond, Erin St. Denis and Taylor Volrich attended the ScripTalk informational meeting with pharmacists from The MetroHealth Valley View Specialty Pharmacy. Solutions for their medication program for people with visual impairments include audible prescriptions, braille labels and large print labels. They explained that the service is free and you do not need to be a MetroHealth patient to receive your prescriptions from them. If you are interested or you would like to share the program with your clients, brochures are available. Please contact Susie Meles (216-791-8118).

-CSC’s Eyedea Shop will be hosting a “Lunch and Learn” event on Thursday, June 27th from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium A. Jim Sullivan, Central States Territory Manager from Humanware, will be showcasing the below products:

Low Vision: Reveal 16 and Reveal 16i, Explore 5 and Explore 8, Prodigy Connect 12

GPS: Victor Reader Trek

Braille: Brailiant BI 14, BrailleNote Touch Plus

So please bring your lunch and join the group on June 27th. For more information, contact Barbara Piascik (216-791-8118).

-Cleveland Sight Center will be the host site for a Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Question and Answer Forum on Tuesday, September 17th. The forum will be from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and RTA representatives will be present to answer questions about Paratransit, fixed route buses, trains and other public transportation questions. Contact Scott Williams-Riseng (216-791-8118) with any questions.

What's Happening at CSC:

-Congratulations to students Antonio Dobyne and Darnell Jefferson, participants in CSC's Adult Literacy education program in partnership with the Aspire Program at Cuyahoga Community College, who recently received their GED ® degrees at the Ohio Options Adult Diploma and High School Equivalency Graduation Ceremony! Antonio, who was the featured commencement speaker, had his personal story shared on WEWS Channel 5. For the article and video, [click here](#). Congratulations Antonio and Darnell!

-Representatives from the Guide Dog Foundation presented a program to the Summer Youth Work Experience group on June 13th. Students learned about the training process for both dogs and handlers. The highlight of the morning was when the students had the chance to “test drive” one of the three dogs...Agnes, Chino or Mocha, walking around the areas near CSC with the dogs and the representatives.



SYWE participant and Guide Dog Foundation representative walk with one of the dogs on the sidewalk



Guide Dog Foundation representatives and the dogs in CSC's front lobby

-Attendees at Bright Futures Summer Day Camp had a busy second week at CSC, enjoying activities around each day's theme including "Musical Monday," "Tasty Tuesday," "Wet Wednesday" and "Texture Thursday."



A day camper plays with the rubber duck in the wading pool



A little girl smiles as she glides in the swing on the playground

-Social Recreation activities this week included Line Dance, Crochet, Game Day, Music Group and Yoga. Thanks to new volunteer Heaven Vincent who started with Game Day this week and has been a lovely addition to the team.

-CSC welcomed two new volunteers this week...Craig Kearns, who will be helping clean equipment in the Low Vision Clinic and Mark Maguth, who will be assisting with various administrative tasks in Rehabilitation Services. Welcome to the CSC team Craig and Mark!



New volunteers Craig and Mark in the front lobby at CSC

-Ryan Ellis, Recruiting Manager from Lincoln Electric, presented to the Job Club group meeting at CSC this week. Ryan informed attendees about job opportunities available at Lincoln Electric and discussed general information about the company. For more information on upcoming Job Club events, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).

The Call Center is Hiring!

-Do you have low vision or blindness and would enjoy working in an inbound call center position? Do you know someone who might be a good fit? CSC's Call Center is looking for motivated difference-makers to join the team! Applicants who are part of the community we serve are preferred, but all are welcome to apply. To learn more, [click here](#).

Eyedeas Shop's Product of the Week: Taggie Blankies

-If you have a "little one" or even a "bigger one" maybe the Eyedeas Shop's

new "Taggie Blankies" are just the thing. They are a soft snuggly piece of fabric with ribbon tags on all sides to offer comfort to a fussy baby or toddler or even an adult on one of those bad days. You can hang a small rattle or toy to one of the ribbons or just leave it as it is to provide a bit of comforting. There are several designs and colors to pick from, they measure approximately 10" x 12" and are handmade by loving hands. The price is \$5.00 for each and all proceeds benefit CSC!



"Taggie Blankies" in a variety of colors and formats

Items of Note:

-Effective July 1st, 2019 in the state of Ohio, there will no longer be sales tax on prescriptive eyewear. The general rule is that any corrective glasses (including the frames, lenses, etc.) and contact lenses requiring a prescription are tax exempt. Furthermore, repair or replacement parts for these items are tax exempt. Prescription lenses sold alone are exempt, as are sunglasses with a prescription. Reading glasses prescribed by a doctor and made specifically for an individual patient are exempt as well. Anything available for sale without a prescription, however, is taxable. Sunglasses

without a prescription and generic, over-the-counter reading glasses are taxable.

-A documentary film about a guide dog called “Buddy” shows next weekend at the Cleveland Institute of Art Cinematheque, located at 11610 Euclid Avenue. Admission is \$10. Showings will be Saturday, June 29, at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 30, at 8:40 p.m. Additional information about the film:

“BUDDY”

Netherlands, 2018, Heddy Honigmann

Six service dogs and their owners are the subjects of the new film by veteran Dutch documentarian Heddy Honigmann. This poignant, philosophical work explores the close bond between animals and humans. “An audience favorite! A tender tribute to tail-wagging treasures.” – *Hollywood Reporter*. Cleveland premiere. Subtitles. DCP. 86 min.

<http://grasshopperfilm.com/film/buddy/>

<https://www.cia.edu/cinematheque/film-schedule/2019/06/buddy>

-The Cleveland Scrappers are a blind and visually impaired baseball team that competes all around the United States against other blind and visually impaired baseball teams. They are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, July 13th and will be playing a game against members of The Greater Cleveland Senior Softball League. The game is at 2:00 p.m. at 21410 Lunn Road in Strongsville, across from Volunteer Park. No admission will be charged to this game but donations are welcome. Drinks and snacks will be sold and a raffle will be held with all proceeds going to The Cleveland Scrappers team. For more information, contact Cathy Javorsky (216-791-8118).

-Last call for White Cane Walk funds! Be sure to turn in any additional donations for the White Cane Walk by TODAY, Friday, June 21st in order to qualify for the additional paid time off incentive!