



Keeping You “In the Know...” 6/22/18

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Larry Benders and Alicia Howerton represented CSC again in Columbus this week, attending the Ohio House Health Committee hearing to provide proponent testimony in support of House Bill 587, which would provide Medicaid coverage for white canes. Larry spoke on behalf of CSC and partner agencies Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, who also attended in support of this bill. CSC is grateful to have the support of bill co-sponsors Rep. Marlene Anielski and Rep. Darrell Kick as the legislative process continues.



Group photo of Rep. Darrell Kick, Rep. Marlene Anielski, Alicia Howerton, Larry Benders and others



Larry Benders gives proponent testimony in support of House Bill 587

- Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted recently announced 12,082 new entities filed to do business in Ohio last month, an increase of 1,370 when compared to the same month in 2017. The total makes May 2018 the third-best month on record for new business filings. This comes just one month after April 2018 set a state record for new filings with 12,874 entities formed. Ohio is currently on track for 2018 to be another record-breaking year for new business filings. Since January, Ohio has seen 56,355 new businesses file, up 3,010 from the same five-month period last year. Congratulations to the Call Center team members working on this campaign for making it easier for people to start and conduct business in the state of Ohio. For the full article, [click here](#).
- CSC was mentioned in an article on Cleveland.com earlier this week that featured Fieldstone Farms Therapeutic Riding Center in Bainbridge Township. Youngsters in CSC's Bright Futures programs enjoy horseback riding during the year. For the full article, [click here](#).
- Tom Sawyer and Alicia Howerton presented the "Aging Eye" program at the Eastlake Senior Center and attended the Medina County Networking meeting this week. Tom Sawyer and Jessica Polack visited

Thompson Hine and presented the “What to Do When You Meet a Person Who is Blind” program. Desmond Kennedy presented the “What to Do When You Meet a Person Who is Blind” program to summer staff members at Highbrook Lodge this week. Desmond also visited with public relations staff at MetroHealth to discuss trying to set up an information table at the main campus and met with staff at Clearvision Centers in Streetsboro this week.

Highbrook Lodge Celebrates 90 Summers!

- The staff members at Highbrook Lodge have been in full swing preparing for the arrival of campers for its 90th summer. Staff training continued this week and the grounds look beautiful in anticipation of the arrival of first campers for the start of summer programs on Monday, June 25th.



Stone water fountain with newly-planted red and white flowers

What's New in the Eyedea Shop:

- When you have that annoying sliver in your finger or need to do a little grooming maintenance, perhaps the Eyedea Shop's 5X magnifying tweezers would be helpful. They are stainless steel with “sure grip” tips

and are precision sharpened. Keep them handy in a cosmetic bag, first aid kit or in a tackle box. The price is \$8.00.



Image of magnifying tweezers

- The Titan Braille Watch is now on clearance for \$20.00. It has a leather band and a rectangular face. If you need a watch for a graduation gift or just for yourself, it's a handsome watch regardless of its Braille feature.



Image of the Titan Braille Watch

- 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:

- The 13 Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) participants have been enjoying the Cleveland area and all that it has to offer. Since arriving on June 10th, they have gone to Beep Baseball, a jazz concert at the Cleveland Museum of Art, had a tour of Lake Erie on the Goodtime III, ridden on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and have gone mini golfing and bowling! Students started their part time jobs this week – teams are working at five different job sites: Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland Botanical Gardens and CSC's Bright Futures Summer Day program.



SYWE group photo outside the train car on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

- The CYAS department hosts their quarterly “BLAST” event for “tweens” with an event on Saturday, June 23rd, at Sweetie’s Golf Land and Candy Warehouse. Mini golf, picnic lunch, ice cream, and shopping and scavenger hunt at the country’s largest candy shop are on the schedule. For more information on the event or the “BLAST” program, contact Kristen Callahan (x8774).

Did You Know?

- Robert Heft, who was living with his grandparents in Lancaster, Ohio, designed the current American flag in 1958. At the age of 17 he took the redesign on as a school project, receiving a B-. He was told he could improve his grade if he could get Congress to accept his design so he did. When President Eisenhower called to tell him his design had been officially selected by Congress out of 1,500 others, the teacher changed his grade to an A.