

# Keeping You "In the Know..." 7/22/16

# FORE! Calling All Golfers:

• This year's CSC Golf Classic will be Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Westfield Group Country Club. For the second straight year, this tremendous fundraising and awareness opportunity is the result of the Employment team's strong partnership with Westfield Group's human resources department. The cost to participate is \$250 per person and includes an 18-hole scramble format, greens fees, golf cart, boxed lunch, awards reception including hors d'oeuvres and beverages, golfer gifts, contests and prizes. Foursomes are available for \$1,250 which includes a hole sponsorship. Contact Steve Frohwerk (216-791-8118) for additional information or click here. Please pass along to those family, friends, colleagues, and business associates who may be interested in teeing it up for a great cause!

### Looking Back, Seeing the Future:

 Spellbound, CSC's annual fundraising gala, celebrates 30 years in 2016! Save the date for this year's fundraiser, Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. This year's theme is "Looking Back, Seeing the Future" and part of the evening will highlight CSC's Early Intervention program. More information, including event invitations, will be available in the near future. Contact <u>Steve Frohwerk</u> (216-791-8118) for additional information.

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- Lisa Cellura and Nicole Kahn represented the agency on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Westfield Group's human resources team's accessible workplace drive.
- Job Club met on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium 10:00am 11:30am. This month, CSC's Human Resources Generalist Tina Pringpuangkeo joined Job Club to discuss the hiring process at Cleveland Sight Center and CSC's Call Center. She shared "do's and don'ts" of job interviewing, resumes, and contacting employers and also led the group in a true-false game that sparked great discussions about interviews and other job search topics. The meeting had a wonderful turn-out and was also joined by Sylvia Snyder and the participants of the Career Exploration program.
- For the hot, hazy month of August, Job Club will focus on the hot and often hazy topic of Social Security benefits. Please join the team on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium as Job Club welcomes Jasmine Chandler, Area V Social Security Area Work Incentives Coordinator. Ms. Chandler will explain SSI and SSDI benefits, discuss working while disabled, and provide advice regarding reporting of income. Bring questions to cool your confusions. For more information about Job Club, contact Nicole Kahn (216-791-8118).



A group of 20 Job Club participants listen to the guest speaker

• Justin Moore, co-founder and COO of NuEyes, presented the NuEyes product to CSC and some partner organizations on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. What is NuEyes? Wearable technology is the future and NuEyes featuring ODG smartglasses brings the future to you in a small, compact yet powerful head worn device. NuEyes featuring ODG smart glasses, finally makes it possible for those with visual impairments to connect with loved ones and others without always having to use a big clunky machine. The removable visual prosthetic helps those with low vision see again while keeping their hands free. For more information, contact Tom Sawyer (216-791-8118) or click here for the NuEyes website.



Justin Moore presents at CSC



Black NuEyes wearable technology glasses

CSC participates in "ADA Day 2016", a celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act and party at Wade Oval Wednesday on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Anthony Easley and Lisa Cellura will represent the agency which will include games, activities, and a resource fair, followed by the WOW concert featuring Mo Mojo & Zydeco, followed by the movie Tomorrowland. For more information about ADA Fest, parking, and accessibility, visit <a href="www.adacleveland.org">www.adacleveland.org</a>.

# Recreation and Highbrook Lodge Happenings:

 CSC extended an invitation to Akron Blind Center (ABC) to join this month's Tandem Bike and Hike program. Several members of ABC participated in bike riding, hiking, and general socializing with CSC clients. The Recreation team is hopeful to continue and expand a friendship/partnership with ABC.

- The 2015-2016 USABA-Anthem National Fitness Challenge has come to a finish, and with 12 partnering agencies (CSC included), more than 373 million steps were recorded over the course of the Challenge that's 170,000 miles! In the fourth iteration of the USABA-Anthem National Fitness Challenge, grant funding from Anthem Foundation enabled USABA and partnering agencies to provide multi-sport camps, weekly sports programming, nutrition experts, in-home strength and conditioning exercise tips, and equipment to aid participants in accomplishing their goals. Partnering agencies also hosted Paralympic Days where participants and members of the community could try new sports and meet Paralympic athletes. The Paralympic Days inspired National Fitness Challenge participants and introduced local communities to adaptive sport. Click here for more information on the program which includes a quote from CSC's Jackie Bumba.
- The "Lowe" Down on Summer 2016 at Highbrook Lodge from Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe:
  - Do: Rock the face paint. From Staff Olympics to the Fourth of July, this summer has seen some spectacular face paint, and the team hopes to see even more.
  - O Don't: Wear a hat in the dining hall. This offense is punishable by performing the humiliating "Squirrely Dance" in front of the whole camp. And this summer, the staff members seem to have a particularly keen eye for any hat offenders. You've been warned!
  - Do: Get those steps in! Fitbits are totally in this summer and totally practical for counselors who are always on their feet! Stop by the office to check the daily and weekly step count leaderboard!
  - Don't: Forget the bug spray. Mosquitoes are out with a vengeance this year.
  - Do: Stop by Highbrook Lodge's new program, Outdoor Living.
    With activities such as orienteering and cooking over the

- campfire, there is always a new skill to learn. The staff thinks campers will agree when they say it's not to be missed!
- Don't: Miss out on anything, really! Aside from Outdoor Living, programs and activities also offered include Music and Drama, Nature, Art, and Sports and Recreation, all led by an outstanding staff! The adaptive programming is unrivalled, so make sure to be there!
- Do: Sign up for a field trip! Whether it's canoeing and fishing, horse grooming, or camping out on the fantastic 63 acres, the camp staff makes sure everyone is active at Highbrook Lodge!
- Don't: Sell yourself short. As part of the recreational therapy approach this summer, individual goals are made for every camper and charted carefully. The camp goal is to see everyone benefit from the services camp provides!
- On: Rub the rock! The mystic golden rock has quite an interesting history at Highbrook Lodge, which the staff will be happy to share at campfire. Regardless of whether or not you're familiar with the rock's history, make sure to stop and rub it whenever you pass it, as it is famed to bring good luck! Don't believe it? The staff and participants rubbed the rock everyday before the NBA Finals Game Seven. 'Nuff said.
- Join the team for a day of fun in the sun on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Family & Friends BBQ to celebrate the end of summer at Highbrook Lodge! Tours, s'mores, cornhole and more will be happening throughout the day along with a delicious BBQ lunch. Everyone is invited to this event, which is from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a \$5 donation is asked for attendees' lunches. Highbrook Lodge is located at 12944 Aquilla Road in Chardon, OH 44024. For more information or to RSVP contact Tamara Flowers (216-791-8118).

## Still Busy in CYAS:

 This week began more programming for the CYAS team. The ABCs Day Camp (A = Activities of Daily Living, B = Braille & Books, C = Cane travel, s = socialization) for kids ages 5 – 8 and the Career Exploration program for teens 14 – 16 are both off to a fast start! This week's focus in ABCs Day Camp was "A" for animals, and next week it will be "B" for baking. The Career Exploration students interviewed staff members about their jobs, visited the Art Museum, spent time in PREP cooking lunch, and volunteered at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Next week's agenda includes job shadowing, visiting the Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Ohio School for Broadcasting, as well as continued volunteering at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

- Save the dates for these exciting upcoming events for the Career Exploration students:
  - Car Wash: Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting)
  - o Bake Sale: Friday, August 5th
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Survey Says:

- CSC conducted a telephone survey of parents whose children had graduated from Early Intervention to determine their satisfaction with the services their child received. The surveys indicated that:
  - 100% agree/strongly agree that they have a better understanding of their child's needs after participating in this program.
  - 93% agree/strongly agree that they were made aware of their child's developmental strengths and weaknesses throughout the year.

- 100% agree/strongly agree that they were given ways to help their child compensate for his/her visual impairment in order to help him/her reach developmental goals.
- 100% agree/strongly agree that they were able to take what they learned and apply it in their daily routine at home.
- 100% agree/strongly agree that CSC staff enabled them to share their concerns and questions in a safe and supported way.
- 100% agree/strongly agree that they are a better advocate for their child after having participated in this program.

### Calling All Artists:

• Are you or do you know an artist who has blindness or low vision? Submissions are now being accepted for artwork to be on the cover of some of CSC's 2016 Holiday Cards! Please submit entries to Barbara Piascik in the Eyedea Shop by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Entries will be presented to a selection committee and are limited to two (2) per artist. If original artwork is not submitted, high resolution images of the artwork will be accepted. Artwork that is selected for Holiday Cards will be displayed in the Eyedea Shop and in the main lobby at CSC with the option to be sold. Interested buyers will be directed to the artist. Artwork that is not selected will be returned to artist.

### Did You Know?

• The City Club of Cleveland, opened in 1912, was the first ongoing forum for free speech. Carl Stokes in 1967 became the first African-American mayor of a major city. In 1968, the Greater Cleveland Rapid Transit Authority started the first rail service from airport to downtown. The first National Football League Monday Night Football game was played at Cleveland Municipal Stadium, with the Cleveland Browns defeating the New York Jets, 31-20, in 1970. Cleveland is the first city to be awarded five All-American City Awards (1949, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1994).