

Keeping You "In the Know..." 7/29/16

CSC Offers iPhone Training:

• The first "iPhone for Beginners" group training began earlier this month. The training, funded through the Senior Independence Fund, provided four two-hour group training sessions to eight seniors ranging in ages from 55-82 participated with varying vision diagnoses and degrees of vision loss. Erin St. Denis and Randy Knapp were cotrainers with the assistance of CSC Intern Renee White. Participants were trained in basic iPhone landmarks, gestures, settings and how to use Siri. A brief introduction to Voice Over was also provided. After the training, participants who had never used their iPhone before were able to make and answer a phone call and use Siri to check the weather and set an alarm. Participants with better initial skills were able to solidify their basic knowledge, use Siri to open and close apps, read and send e-mails and texts, and use their phones to play music. All participants stated how excited they were to learn how to use their iPhone more efficiently and how much they enjoyed the group setting. The training will conclude with individual time spent with each participant focusing on their own personal needs.

Advanced iPhone training will be offered in the future as well as another introductory course scheduled to begin in October. If you know of anyone 55 and over who may be interested in iPhone classes, please contact Susie Meles (216-791-8118). Participants must own an iPhone 5 or greater and have their own mobile phone service.

American Camp Association Visits Highbrook Lodge:

 The American Camp Association visited Highbrook Lodge on Wednesday, July 27th as part of the annual accreditation process. The visitors commented how everything was very well organized and they could tell it was a well-run camp. The Highbrook Lodge team is looking forward to receiving the final report in October. Kudos to Camp Manager Lindsay Lowe, Camp Ranger Kevin Pye, Camp Coordinator Mollie Evans, Director of Facilities Chris Gruber and the rest of the Highbrook Lodge team who committed to helping during the process. CSC is fortunate to have such a great and dedicated staff, fulltime and seasonal, committed to Highbrook Lodge.

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

- John Naples, Jassen Tawil, and Alexis Vickers visited The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo on Friday July 22nd, where they met with the agency's Executive Director Stacey Butts and Program Manager Dani Moran. The group discussed Call Center opportunities and hiring needs. The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio is excited to partner with CSC to help individuals who are blind or have low vision gain employment through the Call Center. With the help of CSC, The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio will host a Call Center recruiting event in September. For more information, contact Alexis Vickers (216-791-8118).
- Lisa Cellura and Kevin Krencisz met with friends of Board Trustee Bob Englander on Monday, July 25th. The visit included lunch and a tour to learn more about CSC. On Tuesday, July 26th the group from Urban Squash Cleveland returned to CSC for a follow-up on adaptive sports, which included an introduction to Goal Ball, and an on-site volunteer project.
- CSC participated in "ADA Day 2016", a celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act and party at Wade Oval Wednesday on July 27th. Anthony Easley and Lisa Cellura represented the agency which included games, activities, and a resource fair.

 CSC staff received training on the OrCam, a device designed for people with low vision that translates visual into audio for text, learned products, learned faces, and paper currency on Thursday July 28th. The training will allow CSC to provide training for OrCam devices. OrCam devices also qualify for CSC Empowerment Funds. For more information, contact Tom Sawyer (216-791-8118).

Summer Programs Continue:

- Thank you to all who participated in the Career Exploration 2016 Car Wash on Tuesday. The program's eight students hand washed and dried at least 25 cars...and 1 motorcycle...during the event. Your support of this activity is greatly appreciated!
- Calling all sweets lovers! The annual Bake Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 5th from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Career Exploration students will be located in both the upstairs and downstairs HUBs and will have lots of goodies for sale.



Cars lined up and being washed



Participants untangle the hose



Keith Winn shows the participants which parts of the motorcycle to wash

 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.

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 1st, 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.

Items of Note:

- Join the team for a day of fun in the sun on Sunday, August 7th 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).
- This year's CSC Golf Classic will be Monday, August 15th 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 <u>Steve Frohwerk</u> (216-791-8118) for additional information or <u>click here</u>. Please pass along to those family, friends, colleagues, and business associates who may be interested in teeing it up for a great cause!
- 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 18th 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).
- Spellbound, CSC's annual fundraising gala, celebrates 30 years in 2016! Save the date for this year's fundraiser, Saturday, September 24th 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.

Where Do the Glasses Go?

 CSC receives donations of eyeglasses throughout the year. Same for several Lions Clubs in the area. Used eyeglasses are then contributed to the Lions Eye Program at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. An organization called Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) collects the glasses statewide, cleans them, measures the prescription, labels, then boxes them. Unusable parts of the glasses are recycled. Volunteer groups travel to other countries, often Latin America, where they set up clinics to distribute to people who cannot afford eyecare.

Did You Know?

 Seven United States presidents were born in Ohio. They are: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William H. Taft, and Warren G. Harding.