



Keeping you “In the Know...” 12/11/15

Telling Our Story and Educating the Community:

- In case you missed it, CSC was featured on WEWS Channel 5’s “Kaleidoscope” program with Leon Bibb on Sunday, December 6th. [Larry Benders](#) and [Steve Frohwerk](#) talked about CSC’s programs and services. Thanks to Board Trustee [Christine Somosi](#) for facilitating the opportunity to help spread our message and tell CSC’s story! [Click here](#) for the video – CSC’s feature begins at the 7:30 mark.
- Students from Hawken School visited CSC on Tuesday, December 8th to learn about the agency as part of their journalism class, which is currently focusing on empathy and perspective. Students Alex, Becky, and Nathan spent time with [Lisa Cellura](#) and [Alicia Howerton](#) asking questions and learning about CSC. Also on Tuesday, [Anthony Easley](#) had seven visitors from Westshore Neighborhood Family Services Center (part of Cuyahoga Job and Family Services) for a tour of the agency, learn more about CSC, and further our collaboration. Hawken School returned to CSC on Thursday as 20 students visited the agency for a discussion of art and the senses. [Lisa Cellura](#) presents “[Blindness Basics](#)” on Friday to Eliza Bryant Village.

What’s New in Employment:

- [Sterling Garrett](#), [Nicole Kahn](#), [Judy Post](#), and [Carlton Toppin](#) attended Supported Employment/Individual Placement and Support (SE/IPS) regional training on Wednesday, December 9th where they learned about model principles, the Fidelity Tool, and benefits advocacy to better serve our clients. Learning objectives included areas for change and the impact of earnings.

- Cleveland Sight Center welcomes “rapmedian” COOL TLC and any CSC clients to the [Job Club](#) holiday party on Thursday, December 17th from 10:00am – 11:30am in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). A native of Cleveland, COOL TLC has shared the stage with comedy legends including Bernie Mac, Mo’nique, and Ricky Smiley. He has made numerous television and radio show appearances as well as entertained internationally for U.S. troops. Now, Cool TLC will show our clients how he has changed the game of comedy! An excerpt from his bio: “Diagnosed with diabetes over ten years ago and being in denial led to his total vision loss. COOL TLC is turning this negative into a positive: he gives a different way of seeing life more clearly. COOL TLC continues performing and educates about diabetic awareness from personal experience...” Stop by for some laughter and a break from the holiday stress!

Getting in the Spirit of the Season:

- Thanks to everyone who attended last week’s [Staff Holiday Party!](#) It was a great way to kick off the holiday season with friends and colleagues at the agency! Thanks to the holiday party planning committee, who made this year’s event fun for all: [Toni Catron-Andrews](#), [Alicia Howerton](#), [Charmaine Hunter](#), [Cathy Javorsky](#), [Amy Mullen](#), [Tina Pringpuangkeo](#), and [Steve Frohwerk](#).



Kevin Krencisz picks up the spare

Desmond Kennedy shows off the swag won in the White Elephant game



Bill Spiker and Wilbert Turner enjoy a game of chess Nick Rothermel rolls the dice

Holiday Happenings in the Recreation Department:

- Board Trustee [Andy Sikorovsky](#) arranged Gesu Parish's annual volunteer day at [Highbrook Lodge](#) on Saturday, December 5th. The group painted furniture in [Palda Cabin](#) and cleaned out the front flower beds of the property.
- The [Braille Notes Choir](#) performed at this week's [Winner's Club](#) social gathering on Tuesday, December 8th, which was a holiday-themed fun-filled afternoon at the agency. It was a great turnout as nearly 70 guests enjoyed the December lunch event. The [Braille Notes Choir](#) continued their holiday touring schedule with a performance at the Solon Pointe Nursing Home on Wednesday, December 9th.

Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedeas Shop](#): Topaz PhD CCTV. Battery powered and offers the comfort and productivity features of a desktop video magnifier but folds away like a laptop! Come check it out in the [Eyedeas Shop](#). The product costs \$2,485.

- Looking for a unique holiday gift? Check out these individualized ornaments from Board Trustee [Sara Parish](#). [Click here](#) for the Facebook page with details or contact the [Eyedea Shop](#) for more information.

Item of Note:

- What's happening as part of the Cleveland Opportunity Corridor project:

NEW!! Beginning Tuesday, December 8th East 105th Street traffic will be restricted to a single lane in the southbound direction near Chester Avenue. In the upcoming weeks the southbound lane closure will extend through Chester Avenue toward Euclid Avenue. Work will occur in the curb lane. This restriction will continue into January 2016.

East 105th Street remains closed in both directions between Cedar Avenue and Quebec, through mid-December. Motorists are detoured via East 100th Street. Frank, Arthur, Hudson and Norman Avenues will not have direct access to East 105th Street during the closure. These streets have temporarily been made two-way streets to provide full access.

Through late December, East 105th Street is closed to southbound traffic between Carnegie and Cedar Avenues. Southbound motorists are detoured via East 100th Street. Detour map [here](#).

What's next for Opportunity Corridor?? This winter, upon reopening of East 105th Street to all traffic, those in the vicinity should be alert for occasional off-peak lane closures as crews perform utility work including waterline work, signal work and lighting work throughout the entire project area between Quincy and University Circle. This will continue through the spring.

Did You Know?

- In Fiscal Year 2015, the [Low Vision Clinic](#) served over 1,600 patients, up 14% from the prior year, and the [Eyedea Shop](#) had nearly 3,000 customers!