

Keeping you "In the Know..." 7/17/15

## Tee It Up for CSC:

CSC will host a golf outing at <u>Westfield Group Country Club</u> on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>! This tremendous opportunity is the result of the Supported 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 \$1,000 and hole sponsorships cost \$250. Contact <u>Steve Frohwerk</u> at 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!

### **Strengthening Partnerships:**

 After three months of persistent, caring and collaborative services by Sterling Garrett and Jim Hlavaty, a client of CSC's Ticket-to-Work (TTW) program was hired as a custodial worker at a local nonprofit organization. The Social Security Administration awarded a contract to CSC in December 2014 to be an Employment Network (EN) for the federal TTW and Self-Sufficiency Program. The contract allows CSC to provide <u>no-cost</u> vocational services to beneficiaries of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) who are eager to achieve competitive employment and self-sufficiency. Beneficiaries who would like to learn about the Ticket-to-Work program are invited to call Alexis Vinick at 216-791-8118 or learn more <u>here</u>.

### CSC to Host Seminar on Disabilities:

- One out of every seven people in our country has a disability. Two-thirds are unemployed, with a vast majority desiring meaningful engagement in the community. CSC will host a seminar on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> in partnership with <u>Business Volunteers Unlimited</u> focusing on this generally unrecognized pool of volunteers. Participants will:
  - Hear from both managers and volunteers with disabilities on their methods of success.
  - Learn easy and low-cost methods to 'accommodate' various types of disabilities.
  - Develop staff awareness of disabilities and the benefits of inclusion.
  - Obtain the basics: where/how to recruit, interviewing and placement, how to discuss particular needs related to the disability.
  - Challenge misperceptions and barriers.

The morning will start with four short presentations about different types of disabilities and how organizations can be accommodating. Then attendees will have the opportunity to meet individuals with disabilities and the volunteer coordinators that work with them through the course of several "mini meetings." Presenters include:

Mary Sue Tanis, Executive Director, Youth Challenge

Beth Glas, Assistant Executive Director, Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio

Lisa Cellura, Manager - Community Engagement and Donor Relationships, <u>Cleveland Sight</u> <u>Center</u>

Mary Scanlon, Employment Services Supervisor, <u>Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental</u> <u>Disabilities</u>

Irene Tunanidas, Vice President, Ohio Association of the Deaf

### Educating the Community:

 Lisa Cellura presented "making nature accessible" at the Women's Philanthropic Educational Organization meeting in South Euclid on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Lisa visited the St. Basil's Senior Group in Brecksville on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to present the "Aging Eye" program. On Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Lisa presented the history of Cleveland Sight Center to the Wooster Noon Lions Club and followed that with the "Aging Eye" presentation to the Wadsworth Senior Center.

### Highlights from Highbrook Lodge:

- A group of youth ages 8 16 spent Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at <u>Highbrook Lodge</u> for the "Youth Day Away" session, giving them a preview of camp before the Cool Kids, Tweens & Teens sessions. Participants enjoyed the magic of <u>Highbrook Lodge</u> for the day, which included swimming, arts and crafts, recreation activities and a hike in the woods!
- Associates from <u>Lubrizol Corporation</u> spent a day at camp on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> completing tasks such as exterior painting, staining, trail clean up and trail repair, cabin cleaning, gutter cleaning and more.



Group photo of five Lubrizol employee volunteers



A volunteer applies stain to a picnic table



Volunteers apply stain to the pavilion at Highbrook Lodge

 Camp's fourth session of the season, Bright Futures, is this weekend (July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>) for families with children ages 0 to 6 years who have vision loss. The whole family will enjoy family and child-appropriate activities. In addition, adults enjoy education, support and an evening out!

# **CYAS Activities Abound!**

• The Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) program concludes Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. This week, the participants enjoyed a cookout with CSC's young professionals, the Visionaries, held the annual SYWE Talent Show and participated in a Job Fair. Interviewers included Linda Ehrlich from Case Western Reserve University, Barbara Uhl of Marriott Global Reservations, Richard Snyder of Nestle, and CSC staffers Anthony Easley, Greg McGrath and David Magyar. Also concluding this week is Bright Futures Summer Day Camp for preschool-age children.



Group photo at the cookout with the Visionaries



Group photo of the talent show participants



SYWE's Juan flips burgers with Visionary Nate



SYWE's Sam sings and plays ukulele

 Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> begins the second half of summer programming for the CYAS team, including ABC Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 – 8 and the Summer Youth Career Exploration program for teens ages 14 – 16. More information on these programs, which will run through the first week of August, can be found <u>here</u>.

# CARF Corner:

 CARF is interested in how professionals providing comprehensive vision rehabilitation services demonstrate competency-based training in the subjects in which they provide training and services. Training may not be provided within the organization, but may be the result of university training, in-service or experiential learning, distance learning or organization-based training. It is important that those providing vision rehabilitation services demonstrate the knowledge and skills needed to assist persons served in achieving their desired outcomes. CARF surveyors may ask how the agency ensures and documents that new staff complete all requires training and as new technologies, adaptive devices and teaching methods continually develop, current staff members providing services receive ongoing education and training in the use of new methods and tools. • The following are some of the significant highlights in CARF history:

### January 1999

CARF published standards manuals for Adult Day Services programs and also the Veterans Health Administration Comprehensive Blind Rehabilitation Services.

### September 2006

CARF celebrated its 40th anniversary of accreditation services in the human service field. City of Tucson Mayor Walkup presented a plaque to the company.

### Items of Note:

- Correction to the correction: Marjorie Pyles-Hearst is instructor of the CSC-sited ABLE (Adult Basic Literacy Education) class; Marleice Harris is the coordinator from Cuyahoga Community College.
- A reminder that East 105<sup>th</sup> Street will remain closed in both directions between Cedar Avenue and Quebec Avenue until about mid-October 2015. Motorists are detoured via East 100<sup>th</sup> Street. Frank, Arthur, Hudson and Norman Avenues will not have direct access to East 105<sup>th</sup> Street during the closure. These streets have temporarily been made two-way streets to provide full access.
- Come out to the Happy Dog in Gordon Square for some great hot dogs, beverages & live music on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm! As part of the Happy Dog's "Classic Revolution Cleveland" series, friend of CSC Miriam Derai and her cello will be playing along on a few songs with a rotating ensemble of professional musicians (The Oblivion Project) and their students on Tuesday night. The Oblivion Project features the music of composer Astor Piazzola (tango). The Happy Dog is located at 5801 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland.