



Keeping you “In the Know...” 9/4/15

September Means Spellbound!

- [Spellbound](#), CSC’s annual fundraising gala, is Saturday, September 26th at The Silver Grille at The Higbee Building. This year’s event, which celebrates the 29th Spellbound, will focus on services for seniors and the [Independent Living](#) program. To purchase tickets to this year’s event and for more information, visit the [Spellbound](#) page of CSC’s website [here](#).

Strengthening Partnerships:

- On Thursday, August 27th, Peer Mentor [Nicole Kahn](#) and the [Employment Services](#) staff welcomed Colleen Bennett, Director of Human Resources at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland to CSC. As the guest speaker of August [Job Club](#), Ms. Bennett helped clients learn more about how to read job descriptions and discussed elements they should look for in a job posting, what employers look for when screening resumes and also after individuals are hired, and the purpose of and ways to prepare for different types of job interviews. Ms. Bennett led [Job Club](#) participants in a lively discussion on these topics and shared her personal job search stories with the group. Colleen Bennett received her B.A., summa cum laude, from Baldwin Wallace College in Business Administration and has over 30 years of experience in the law firm industry as an office administrator and human resource professional. She earned her SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) certification in 2009 and is a member of the Society of Human Resource Managers and Association of Legal Administrators.

- A note from Anita Peeples, a new Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, was received after she visited CSC for a tour and meeting with the [Employment Services](#) team:

“I would like to extend a thank you to you and all the staff I met yesterday for providing a wonderful tour, an excellent presentation of services and an a very impressive demonstration of the assessment process during my visit at Cleveland Sight Center yesterday. I appreciate the warmth, enthusiasm, and the knowledge that was shared during the visit.

Thanks again for everything. I was very impressed with the facilities as well as with the quality staff and services that are provided at Cleveland Sight Center.

I look forward to working with Cleveland Sight Center for potential services in the future.”

[Preschool Vision Screeners and Welcome, Dorota!](#)

- [Louise Miller](#) held a training session for the Lake County Christ Child Society on Wednesday, August 26th. There were 50 members in attendance; those new to this group of volunteers were trained in the proper procedure for preschool vision screenings while well-seasoned volunteers were recertified to make sure their skills are up to date. Both groups were treated to a totally revamped presentation and were given copies of CSC’s newly-revised training manual. CSC is very grateful to this organization for helping the agency provide the vision screening service to over 1,200 preschool age children in the Lake County area.
- Let’s welcome [Dorota Tomaszewska](#) to Cleveland Sight Center!

[Dorota](#) has accepted the position of [CYAS](#) Preschool Teacher and started on August 27. Dorota has over a decade of teaching

experience. She has a Master's Degree in Education and is licensed as both an Early Childhood Teacher and as an Intervention Specialist. FUN FACT: [Dorota](#) speaks fluent Polish and is raising the center of her life – her 3 ½ year old daughter – bilingually. [Dorota](#) enjoys cooking, the outdoors and also plays guitar!

Fall Weekend Fast Approaching:

- [Highbrook Lodge's Fall Weekend](#) starts at 6:00pm on Friday, October 9th and continues until 12:00pm on Sunday, October 11th. This weekend is for teenagers or adults looking to experience camp in the fall season. Traditional camp activities will be held and the cost is \$50 per camper. Transportation from CSC to [Highbrook Lodge](#) is available for an additional \$15 per person. Those using this transportation option please note the bus will leave CSC at 5:00pm on Friday, October 9th and will return at 1:00pm on Sunday, October 11th. Spots are filling quickly so RSVP as soon as possible to [Tamara Flowers](#) (x4593). Last day to sign up is Thursday, October 1st.
- **Any CSC staff members** interested in volunteering as a counselor for [Fall Weekend](#), please reach out to [Lindsay Lowe](#) (x 4596).

CARF Corner:

- CARF survey dates have been confirmed for November 12th – 13th, 2015 and the survey team visiting CSC includes::

John F. Dean, BS, MS, MS-Rehab Admin, RN, Administrative
Surveyor Team
Coordinator/Report Compiler
TRADE Industries, McLeansboro, IL

Meaghan E. Johnson, MS, CRC, Program Surveyor
Goodwill Industries – Knoxville, Inc., Knoxville, TN

Matthew W. Hogel, Program Surveyor

Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic – Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialist
BROS, Sunrise, FL

- What local organizations seek CARF accreditation?
Here are the CARF accredited agencies in our neighborhood:
 - Catholic Charities Corporation
 - Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center
 - Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center
 - Magnolia Clubhouse, Inc.
 - ORCA House, Inc.
 - The Emily Program, LLC
 - The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland
 - United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Cleveland, Inc.
 - Veterans Domiciliary at Wade Park

CFO of the Year Nominee:

- Congratulations to [Kevin Krencisz](#) on his recent nomination for the Crain's Cleveland Business 2015 CFO of the Year Award, which recognizes local financial professionals for outstanding leadership in the Northeast Ohio business community. Moving forward, [Kevin](#) and CSC will be included in promotion as a member of the 2015 CFO of the Year Class. A select number of award recipients will be announced at the CFO Awards & Networking Reception on Thursday, October 22nd. Congrats, [Kevin](#) and the entire [Fiscal Management](#) team on their diligence to adhering to sound fiscal responsibility and keeping the agency financially strong!

Dinner in the Dark at Case Western Reserve University:

- Case for Sight, a group of student volunteers at Case Western Reserve University who volunteer in many programs at CSC, will host their annual "Dinner in the Dark" on Friday, September 11th at the Thwing Ballroom on the campus of Case Western Reserve University. Doors open at 5:00pm and the event starts at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25

and available for purchase at tickets.case.edu or by contacting Lisa Cellura (x4536). Funds raised will go towards scholarships for youth to attend Highbrook Lodge next season! For more information, [click here](#).

Update on Construction and Road Work:

- On Tuesday, September 8, crews will **restrict Chester Avenue to one lane in each direction at East 105th Street** for approximately two weeks for installation of an underground electrical vault. In addition, East 105th Street between Chester Avenue and Euclid Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction during off peak hours for the same operation.
- On Monday, August 31, crews began **restricting East 105th Street to one lane in each direction between Cedar Avenue and Carnegie Avenue** through Tuesday, September 8 in order to perform pavement work in the area.
- On Tuesday, September 8, crews will **close East 105th Street to southbound traffic between Carnegie Avenue and Cedar Avenue for a period of 75 days**. Southbound motorists will be detoured via East 100th Street. To check out the detour map click [here](#).
- **East 105th Street remains closed in both directions between Cedar Avenue and Quebec Avenue** until about mid-October 2015. 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.

Items of Note:

- The [Low Vision Clinic](#) went live with the online medical records system on Thursday, September 3rd. The new system will make the [Low Vision Clinic](#) more effective and efficient and provide a better experience for patients, doctors and staff. Thanks and appreciation to all those on the implementation team who have made this tremendous feat possible:

Amy Mullen (quarterbacked much of the project), Charmaine Hunter, Tammy Looney, Dr. Lidija Balciunas, Dr. Anna-Lisa Katz, Dr. Mary Gerhart, Erin St. Denis, Jassen Tawil, Mike McManamon, Charlotte Fornal, Debbie Ruffin, Gloria Medlen and Kevin Krencisz.

- September is National Service Dog Month.
- There's an online petition to maintain audio description in movie theaters for those who are blind or have low vision. [Click here](#) for more information.
- [Click here](#) to read more about the first accessible USA currency, scheduled to debut in 2020.