



Keeping you “In the Know...” 10/30/15

CSC Receives Gifts:

- CSC received a generous estate gift through a trust established by Mrs. Helen C. Eyerdam of Strongsville. As she was considering which charitable organizations to include in her estate plan, she was advised by her attorney that CSC is a great organization that holds serving people who are blind or have low vision as its number one priority. She liked the idea and wanted to show her support by including us in her trust. She passed away September 5th, 2015 and the unrestricted trust gift of over \$100,000 was received by CSC on Tuesday, October 27th. Mrs. Eyerdam will be posthumously inducted into CSC’s [Foresight Society](#) which recognizes donors who have included Cleveland Sight Center in their estate plans. We are grateful for her care and concern for the work being done at CSC.
- Baldwin Wallace University’s Disability Services Office made a recent gift in kind of a Juliet Pro 60 double-sided Braille embosser and a new box of embosser paper to CSC. This type of embosser is the workhorse of the braille department and will be used by [Jennifer Dean](#) and the braille volunteers to work on projects for local schools over the coming months – and hopefully years!

Strengthening Partnerships:

- CSC welcomed J. Mark Sutherland, President of the Lubrizol Foundation, to the agency for a tour and conversation on Wednesday, October 28th. Eleanor Smith, wife of Lubrizol co-founder Kelvin Smith, was a long-time member of CSC’s [Board of Trustees](#) and served as

the [Board Chair](#) for a period of years. Because of her philanthropic efforts, the property here at the corner of East 101st Street and Chester Avenue was made possible through a gift from Mr. Smith in honor of his wife's work with the agency. [Larry Benders](#) and [Bill Spiker](#) thanked Mr. Sutherland for CSC's current gift from Lubrizol Foundation for operating support. They also discussed future support from the Lubrizol Foundation so CSC can better meet the needs of clients.

- It's been a very busy week for the [Employment](#) team! October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the team was engaged in MANY activities this week!
- Monday, October 26th:
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) hosted their annual Disability Job Fair for OOD consumers of the Cleveland/Akron area. There were over 600 OOD clients who registered for the event and over 50 employers who participated. CSC had a strong presence transporting close to 30 clients and staff to and from the event. [Nicole Kahn](#) and [David Magyar](#) worked an Employer Table for the [Call Center](#) while the [Employment](#) team of [Carlton Toppin](#), [Sterling Garrett](#), and [Alexis Vinick](#) assisted clients and networked with employers. OOD partnered with CSC prior to the event to identify ways to make the job fair more accessible to individuals who are blind or have low vision.



Nicole Kahn and David Magyar at the OOD Job Fair

- Tuesday, October 27th:
[Alexis Vinick](#) and friend of CSC Derrick Moss presented at Cleveland Clinic's workshop "The Advantages of Making a Difference: Exploring the Benefits of Employing Individuals with Disabilities". UPC (United Cerebral Palsy), Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center, and Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism were also part of the panel. Derrick spoke about his experience with CSC's [Employment Services](#) and his success as a cashier at Target. Corey Starks, Chair of the Disability Task Force at Cleveland Clinic, moderated the discussion.
- Thursday, October 29th:
CSC was one of 31 agencies to participate in the Disability Expo hosted by Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center at Wade Park. The event, which was attended by Veterans, their families, and VA staff, was a great opportunity to promote the agency and gain new clients.



Disability Expo hosted by the VA Medical Center at Wade Park

Also on Thursday, October 29th, Peer Mentor [Nicole Kahn](#) and the [Employment](#) team welcomed hiring recruiters from University Heights Target and Mentor Target to CSC. As our October [Job Club](#) guest speakers, the recruiters presented information about the personality types and skill sets Target looks for when hiring new employees. Target representatives then led a question and answer session about the company's interview process. Following this, [Job Club](#) attendees had the opportunity to meet with recruiters one-on-one

and participate in mock interviews. Recruiters provided valuable feedback and guidance to CSC job seekers.



Target representatives with Nicole Kahn and Phaedra Interested guests listen to Target representatives

Highbrook Lodge Committee Meets at CSC:

- Members of the [Highbrook Lodge committee](#) met this week at CSC with a focus on facilities and strategic planning. Items discussed included updates to the facilities over the last year and upcoming improvements; continued use of volunteer groups to help with upkeep and minor maintenance of the facilities; outside utilization of the facility through rental groups; creation of a marketing plan for [Highbrook Lodge](#); and the potential for more focused camps, such as sports camp which was successfully held this past camp season. Those in attendance included Board Trustees [Frann Zverina](#) and [Howard Lichtig](#), friends of CSC [Lynn Heiligenthal-Showalter](#) and [Cyn Collyard](#), and CSC staff members [Larry Benders](#), [Lindsay Lowe](#), and [Tamara Flowers](#).

Bright Futures Preschool Keeps Busy:

- Youngsters in CSC's [Early Intervention](#) program and [Bright Futures Preschool](#) enjoyed trick-or-treating through the halls of CSC on

Thursday, October 29th. Thanks to all staff who contributed goodies for our young friends.



Preschoolers in costume



Preschoolers get a treat from Paul Rosenberg



Larry Benders passes out candy



Group photo of preschoolers in costume

- As part of an ongoing project of the Lions Club, please bring in any empty medicine bottles to be sent to Malawi. Empty bottles may be given to either [Cathy Javorsky](#) or [Sylvia Snyder](#).



Volunteer Recruitment:

- [Louise Miller](#) and [Megan Koeth](#) continue to make progress in recruiting and training preschool vision screeners. A group of retired teachers are now on board and have been assigned 15 schools in the areas they have requested. One of them has agreed to be the group leader and take care of scheduling schools and volunteers. Special thanks to CSC volunteers (and retired educators) [Mike Musgrave](#) and [Pat Frost-Brooks](#) for their efforts to help recruit friends and colleagues for this important program.

CARF Corner:

- CARF surveyors will be at the agency on November 12th and 13th. 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

- **Questions Surveyors Frequently Ask:**
The following gives examples of questions that are frequently asked by surveyors during interviews with staff. Would **you** be able to answer the questions if asked by a surveyor? (If not, please discuss with your supervisor.)

Administrative and Management Staff:

How do you provide for professional growth for your staff?

Direct Service Staff:

With whom is outcomes information shared?

All Staff:

What is your mission?

Items of Note:

- Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween! Don't forget daylight saving time ends Sunday morning, November 1st. Make sure you turn those clocks back one hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep! Remember, when it comes to changing the clocks...spring ahead...fall back!
- An article in the Washington Post discusses a smartphone app for iOS and Android called [NavCog](#), which helps people who are blind or have low vision navigate their surroundings by whispering into their ears through earbuds or by creating subtle vibrations on their smartphones. [Click here](#) for the full article.
- Prevent Blindness Ohio is hosting some Cleveland area community events in the near future:

Adult Vision Screening and the Eye Watch Program (Eye Watch is their speakers toolkit training program)

Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 – 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

The Nord Family Foundation | 747 Milan Avenue, Amherst, OH 44001

Vision Research Scientific Forum – featuring the 2015 recipient of the Prevent Blindness Young Investigator Student Fellowship Award for Female Scholars in Vision Research

Tuesday, November 17th, 2015

Registration and Refreshments 12:30 pm

Program 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Cleveland Clinic, Cole Eye Institute, Storer Conference Center,
9500 Euclid Avenue, Building i, 1st Floor, Cleveland, OH 44195

Both events are free and open to the public, though registration is requested by e-mailing lauras@pbohio.org.