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October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month:

-October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). NDEAM is held each October to commemorate the many and varied contributions of people with disabilities to America's workplaces and economy.

Making a Difference in Our Community:

-As staff of Cleveland Sight Center work to provide comprehensive services to individuals of all ages who are blind or have low vision, the agency continues to make a difference in Northeast Ohio. In a world that is designed for the sighted, CSC is committed to ensuring that children and adults with blindness or vision loss have access to the support and education they need to reach their full potential. Clients shared this feedback recently about the great work being done at CSC.

"I am thankful that the Sight Center is available in our area for all who are struggling with their ability to see the world around them."

"Thank you, thank you for giving me the gift of reading back when you came to visit!" -a client who received assistive technology devices and training.

Engaging and Strengthening Partnerships:



-Haley Marblestone (Development Manager) and Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) represented Cleveland Sight Center at the Cleveland Skating Club on Saturday, September 25th. The Skating Club held a fundraiser for CSC through their annual Club Olympics competition. Attendees of the dinner event and members of the Skating Club who participated on teams in the Club Olympics were encouraged to donate to Cleveland Sight Center. Haley and Alicia gave an overview of CSC and answered questions from the lively group.

-The Delta Gamma Cleveland Westshore Alumnae group has long been supporters of Cleveland Sight Center, through volunteering and financial support, as their foundation benefits Service for Sight. After having to skip the event in 2020, the group will be hosting their annual fall fundraiser "Night for Sight" at Around the Corner Saloon & Café in Lakewood this year! Members of the Delta Gamma group will be "celebrity bartenders" that evening and all "tips" made and

profits generated from a 50/50 raffle will go towards CSC through the Delta Gamma Foundation. The event will be on Thursday, October 14th from 6-10pm at Around the Corner in Lakewood, OH (18616 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107). If you're able, join some members of the marketing and development teams and stop by to support the Delta Gammas and CSC! Image of the invitation to the Delta Gamma "Night for Sight" event on October 14th

-Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) Case for Sight club is holding their annual "Dinner in the Dark" on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will dine in the dark in CWRU's Thwing Ballroom at this annual fundraiser for Cleveland Sight Center. Case for Sight has reserved two tables for Cleveland Sight Center and we want you to attend! If you would like more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Haley Marblestone (x4565).

Educating the Community:

-Cleveland Sight Center staff welcomed nearly 40 students from Cleveland State University (CSU) to the agency this week for a "Blindness Basics" training and presentation on the experience of a physical therapist in vision rehabilitation care. The students are enrolled in the Doctors of Physical Therapy program at CSU and engaged with staff members Keith Filip (Orientation and Mobility Specialist), Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) and Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) in their visit.

-Tom Sawyer visited Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson to present an overview of CSC and some assistive technologies to a low vision group there. The 15 attendees are very interested in coming to the Eyedea Shop in the future to look at assistive technology and other low tech product offerings. The group organizer requested additional blindness and low vision resources from CSC to share with staff and well as residents throughout the retirement campus.

-Tom Sawyer presented "Tips, Tools and Techniques" to a group of 35 residents and staff at Council Gardens Independent Living Apartments in Cleveland Heights this week.

What's Happening at CSC:

-The Facilities department completed a large-scale capital improvement project at camp this week, as Smith Lodge, one of the largest buildings at Highbrook Lodge, had a complete re-roofing. A tear-off of the old roofing material was completed, then any bad wood panels and pieces were replaced, then new 30-year shingles, drip edges and ice guards were installed. With this first phase of the project now complete, the second phase of installation of new insulation and ceiling tiles in the dining hall area will be able to be completed over the next couple months.



The replaced roof was well over its expected life span, and the new roof along with the insulation will cut energy costs and help keep Smith Lodge cozy in the cooler months.

Thanks to the Development team for securing grant funding to various costs associated with the improvement project! Image of the back of Smith Lodge with ladders and roofing materials on the grounds by the building



-Students in Bright Futures Preschool enjoyed a field trip to the Lindsey Family Play Area at Edgewater Park. Thanks to drivers Mr. Ted and Ms. Vanessa for taking the class as everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and visit to the park. The weather was more than perfect, the kids were in great spirits and the surroundings were perfect to explore, with beautiful views of Lake Erie and the city of Cleveland from every site they looked! Image of the preschool class and teachers on the white script "Cleveland" sign at Edgewater Park with the lake and city skyline in the background

Upcoming In-Service Education Opportunities:

-The following are upcoming in-service education opportunities open to staff members. For additional information or to sign up, contact Keith Filip (kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org or x8786).

October 28th: "The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints"

Presented by Tony Becker and Erin St. Denis of Cleveland Sight Center's Low Vision Clinic. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered?

November 18th: "The Importance of Visual Acuity"

Presented by Dr. Leah Steele, Optometrist with Madison Eye Care. The importance of visual acuity (Tier 1 of Dutton's frame work of cerebral) and Q&A.

Items of Note:

-From NPR, an article titled "The CRISPR Revolution: A Gene-Editing Experiment Let These Patients with Vision Loss See Color Again" was recently posted on their website. Seven patients with a rare eye disease volunteered to let doctors modify their DNA by injecting the revolutionary gene-editing tool CRISPR directly into cells that are still in their bodies. To read the article, [click here.](#)

-Computers for the Blind (CFTB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization devoted to providing computers to persons who are blind or visually impaired. It is their hope that each person who is visually impaired may experience the information age in a positive and productive manner. The organization believes technology opens new worlds and creates opportunity for greater personal freedom. To learn more about them and their offerings, [click here.](#)

-An interesting tip from a very informative article about a voice-controlled app for android users "Hey Louie." While the Louie app is increasing its capabilities, one user found it more practical to leave the Google Assistant in charge, summon Louie from the home screen with either a shake of the phone or asking Google, "Hey Google, open Louie Voice Control," and from there using Louie for the apps or tasks it is designed for. To read the full article, [click here.](#)

Did You Know:

-Did you know the name "Jeep" came from the abbreviation used in the Army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, or G.P.?