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Cleveland Sight Center Hosts Surveyors from CARF International:

-As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, Cleveland Sight Center hosted surveyors from Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) International. CARF is an independent, nonprofit organization focused on advancing the quality of services used to meet our needs for the best possible outcomes. Meeting CARF standards demonstrates our commitment to being among the best multi-faceted private agencies providing educational, rehabilitative, preventative and support services for over 10,000 people in the Greater Cleveland area who are blind or visually impaired.

CARF surveyors visited CSC on December 6th and December 7th, 2021 to evaluate how well we meet international standards for quality. The survey will tell us what we are doing well and ways we might improve. As a result of this survey, we are confident that we will continue to provide top-notch services to consumers, families, funders and referring agencies.

Thanks to CSC CARF Team including Charlotte Fornal, Marcia Houston, Susie Meles and Judith Weyburne who have prepared CSC for the survey, as well as those who spent time meeting with the surveyors and in various conversations this week. Thanks to all of you for continually providing outstanding services to our clients and their families.

Results of the CARF survey are expected in early 2022.

What's Happening at CSC:

-Cleveland Sight Center recently received a \$10,000 grant from The Rite Aid Foundation to support Early Intervention programs. CSC is one of The Rite Aid Foundation's KidCents charities in which shoppers can "round up" their purchases to support local non-profit organizations. The Rite Aid Foundation is a charitable, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity established by Rite Aid in 2001. Its mission is to raise funds to support charitable activities in the various communities that Rite Aid serves, with a sharpened focus on addressing racial inequities and health disparities while driving meaningful progress and sustainable change on these key issues. Learn more about KidCents here

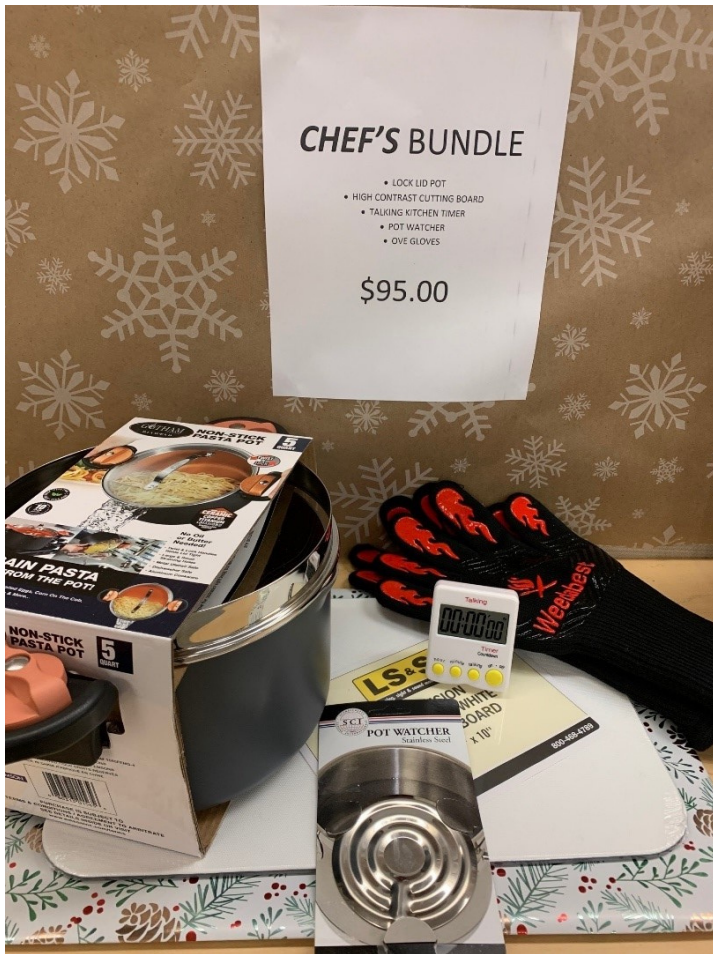
Graphic of the KidCents logo with "Kid" in blue text and "Cents" in green text



-The holidays are all about community, so what better way to celebrate than by going to camp? Today the Leisure & Lifestyle Services (LLS) team hosts clients for "Holiday at Highbrook." The group will enjoy the beauty of Highbrook Lodge and it's 63 acres during winter, making winter-themed crafts and focusing on finding comradery and being thankful for the opportunity to gather and celebrate.

-LLS will host "Shopping for the Holidays" on Friday, December 17th so that clients can participate in the tradition of gift-giving and celebrate the holidays with a little retail therapy. Many clients do not have the opportunity to shop for gifts for their family members because of a number of different barriers, ranging from a lack of transportation to the inability to have a non-family member take them shopping. If you're interested in helping out - or would like more information about attending - contact Bobbie Szabo (Leisure & Lifestyles Manager) at x4597. Image of the "FUN"-dle with games and activities like Bingo, playing cards and crossword puzzles





-The Eyedea Shop is featuring “Holiday Bundles” in the store and on the Eyedea Shop website. There are four different bundles with some great items including: the Reader’s Bundle, the Writer’s Bundle, the Chef’s Bundle and the “FUN”-dle. Visit the store or website here to check out the amazing bundles!

Image of the “Chef’s Bundle” including items like a cooking pot, kitchen timer and over mitts

Items of Note:

-While guide dogs may be adorable, friendly and social, it is important to remember that for their visually impaired owners, they function as an essential piece of medical equipment. It is up to the discretion of the individual dog handler how and when they permit interaction with their guide. Please remember to always be respectful, mindful and courteous when interacting with a guide dog team.

Here are some friendly “dos” and “don’ts” to keep in mind for interacting with guide dogs:

Do: ask before petting or interacting.

Don’t: talk to or make eye contact while the dog is working (this is a distraction).

Do: remember that a distracted guide dog is a threat to the handler’s safety.

Don’t: give commands to the harnessed dog such as “sit, stay, or forward.”

-An update from the Ohio Department of Transportation:

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has extended the face mask requirement for all transportation networks, including public transportation, through March 18, 2022. TSA’s initial face mask requirement went into effect on February 1, 2021, with an initial expiration date of May 11, 2021. It was first extended through September 13, 2021, and then to January 18, 2022.

While this announcement extends the date of enforcement, all other aspects of the requirement remain unchanged, including exemptions and civil penalties.

TSA also issued a statement on the face mask extension. Learn more about FTA's guidance to the transit industry on the Federal mask requirement for public transit at the FTA Transit Mask Up webpage.

Links

[TSA Face Mask Requirement Extension Press Release](#)

[TSA Security Directive](#)

[CDC Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs](#)

[TSA Statement on the Face Mask Extension](#)

[FTA Transit Mask Up Webpage](#)

Did you Know:

-Did you know the word "strengths" is the longest word in the English language that contains only one vowel.