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Over \$32,000 Raised on #GivingTuesday!

-Tuesday, November 30th was #GivingTuesday - a global generosity movement that inspires people to give and collaborate.

Thanks to the generosity of our staff, Board of Trustees and donors, we surpassed our \$25,000 #GivingTuesday goal, raising over \$32,000 which will go directly to our beloved Highbrook Lodge camp for much-needed renovations!

To all staff, a special thank you. An overwhelming number of you donated, shared this initiative on social media and asked friends and family to support Cleveland Sight Center. Because of you, we not only surpassed our goal, but provide excellent services to clients each and every day.

Thank you!

CSC to Host Surveyors from CARF International on December 6th and 7th:

-As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, Cleveland Sight Center is looking forward to hosting 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 will be visiting CSC on December 6th and December 7th, 2021.

We invited the surveyors 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. The on-site surveyors will interview people who receive services, their families, our staff and others.

Thanks to CSC CARF Team including Charlotte Fornal, Marcia Houston, Susie Meles and Judith Weyburne who have prepared CSC for the upcoming survey. Thanks to all of you for continually providing outstanding services to our clients and their families.

What's Happening at CSC:



-Fall Weekend, held at Highbrook Lodge November 12th - 14th, was a roaring good time! Campers were kept busy with awesome activities including a talent show and making holiday wreaths, but also had the opportunity to sit, relax and reflect on their lives and the joy that camp brings. Campers also got to share the things that they are thankful for, and at the top of every list was: "Camp! Cleveland Sight Center! And all of you."

Special thank yous go to Ted Sanders and Curtis Smiley for driving the group out to camp and back, as well as to Tony Becker for cooking magnificent food and for being Leisure & Lifestyle Services right-hand man for the weekend! You are all so appreciated and we can't wait to get back to Highbrook Lodge! Group photo of campers, staff and volunteers in their Halloween costumes

Image of a camper holding up a holiday wreath he made that has frosted pinecones and red and green bows on it

-Check out these upcoming exciting events being hosted by the Leisure & Lifestyle Services (LLS) team. For more information, contact Bobbie Szabo (Leisure and Lifestyles Manager) at x4597.

Friday, December 10th: Holidays at Highbrook

The holidays are all about community, so what better way to celebrate than by going to camp? We'll be making winter-themed crafts, enjoying the beauty of Highbrook during winter and focusing on finding comradery and being thankful for our opportunities to commune.



Friday, December 17th: Shopping for the Holidays at Aurora Farm Outlets

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. LLS will host "Shopping for the Holidays" so that clients can participate in the tradition of gift-giving and celebrate the holidays with a little retail therapy.

-Alicia Howerton (Manager of Strategic Partnerships) coordinated a virtual presentation for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland to describe in detail various aspects of Cleveland Sight Center, including the CSC registration process presented by Jim Hlavaty (Manager of Registration), the inner workings of case management presented by Ralph Johnson (Manager of Social Work) and an agency overview with some helpful tips on blindness and low vision presented by Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist). The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, founded in 1905, is the fifth-oldest legal aid organization in the United States. They operate four offices in the area and serve residents of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties.

-Thanks to the Delta Gamma Cleveland East Alumnae for preparing and delivering snowman craft kits for use in Bright Futures Preschool and Leisure & Lifestyle Services activities during the upcoming holiday season!

-The holidays are on their way...so don't forget your holiday cards! The Eyedea Shop has two new cards this year from artist Mike Sager. The store has many other returning favorites as well. Each card is a \$1.00 and all proceeds from card sales benefit services at the Cleveland Sight Center. Stop into the Eyedea Shop today or take a look on our website www.eyedeashop.com. And check out the cool video promoting Holiday Cards courtesy of Tony Becker (Optician), Leah Griffith (Business Coordinator) and Megan Schaefer (Marketing Manager). Happy Holidays to all!

-The December edition of "The Senior Years" newspaper, with circulation coverage throughout Lorain County, features a write-up about Cleveland Sight Center programs and services and on how we can help people through the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Independent Living Older Blind program.

Items of Note:

-What is someone's go to accessory for measuring something? Most likely a tape measure! Whether it's for measuring space in someone's living room to make sure a couch fits or to see how wide a shirt is, a tape measure is something that people go for for such purposes. However, tape measures (or rulers and yardsticks!) are manual and require use of both hands in many cases. Moreover, they are usually good for measuring straight distances between point A and B.

Rollova 2.0 aims to make measuring a lot simpler and convenient. Small enough to fit in one's pocket, its rollover motion can easily measure any surface, be it straight or curvy and at any angle up to 10 meters in metric mode and 83 feet in inches mode. All it takes is pressing the button in the back and running it on the surface. Plus, it requires the use of just one hand. To read more, [click here](#).

-Ziqun Hua, a postgraduate student from Loughborough's School of Design and Creative Arts has created Buzz, an inclusive product design for instrumental ensemble practice for visually impaired people. For her main degree project, she wanted to make a product that was affordable and something that would help make music education more accessible for those with a visual impairment. To read more, [click here](#).

-Take a minute to check out all the information available on the Resources page of the Cleveland Sight Center website, which is updated with new content on a regular basis:<https://www.clevelandsightcenter.org/resources>

-We are hiring! Cleveland Sight Center is currently hiring in a number of departments. [Click here](#) to review our open positions and help us recruit great new talent to the team.

Did you Know:

-Did you know today's date - 12/3/21 - is a palindrome...the same forwards and backwards.