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Cleveland Sight Center Operations Update:

-Cleveland Sight Center continues to be open for services, offering in-person and remote services as available. Please contact your service manager/provider for any protocols specific to your appointment, service or program by calling 216-791-8118.

Walk for Cleveland Sight Center on Saturday!

-Tomorrow is the 16th Annual White Cane Walk! There is still time to participate and support the clients of Cleveland Sight Center in this special event! We are 92% to our \$50,000 fundraising goal so please join us by making a donation at the link below and taking a walk on a route and time of your own choosing on Saturday...or at any time this weekend! View the event page here: whitecanewalk.org.



**WHITE CANE
WALK**



Donations for the event will be accepted through Wednesday, June 30th. Let's make this the most successful White Cane Walk yet!

Image of White Cane Walk logo

Strengthening Partnerships and Educating the Community:

-Alicia Howerton and Tom Sawyer participated in a virtual meeting to connect with the Right at Home Care and Care at Home business owners that serve people living in Medina and Summit Counties, discussing Cleveland Sight Center programs and services.

-The Outreach team also provided an agency overview to Employment Services Job Coaches Alicia Keig, Michelle Williams and Early Intervention Program Coordinator Caley Haehn. The group also learned Human/Sighted Guide and how to properly interact with people who are blind or have low vision.

-New volunteers for some summer Leisure & Lifestyle Services programs were on-site at the agency this week. Alicia Howerton provided a tour of the agency and the volunteers were very impressed at the depth and breadth of all we do for our clients and how we impact the lives of those with vision loss to become empowered to live without vision.

What's Happening at CSC:

-During the last few weeks of May, Volunteer Services welcomed seven new volunteers to CSC! Joining to help with Leisure & Lifestyle Services programs including summer field trips and line dance classes, Radio Reading and Share the Vision peer mentoring program, new volunteers are ready and excited to begin in their roles with the agency. A warm welcome and thank you to our newest volunteers!

-The facilities team at Highbrook Lodge, including Camp Manager Kevin Pye and Director of Facilities Chris Gruber, has been busy keeping camp in beautiful condition during the spring and summer months. Recent work has included upkeep of the grounds, laying mulch, planting flowers, tree removals and stump grinding. Various interior renovations have been made to some cabins and other buildings/gathering areas. A complete deep cleaning of all building interior areas and rooms was recently done as well.

Image of a walkway to Smith Lodge with Smith Lodge in the back left

Image of the flag pole, painted white with a red tip resembling a white cane, and a flower garden in the background



Image of the main lawn, pool and poolside pavilion at Highbrook Lodge

Image of Nan's Garden outside Smith Lodge



-Bright Futures Preschool Day Program is for children entering or returning to preschool and will begin Monday, June 14th and the ABC Day Program for children 5-8 years old begins Monday, July 12th. Both programs run for four weeks from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and include outdoor play, crafts, sensory and literacy activities and educational based therapies. We look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the children throughout the summer.

-The Leisure & Lifestyle Services department is excited to bring back Recreation Tuesdays at Cleveland Sight Center! This schedule begins June 1st and ends August 7th. For more information, visit the CSC website here: <https://www.clevelandsightcenter.org/highbrook-lodge/camp-schedule> Clients need to RSVP by reaching out to Bobbie Szabo, at bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org or 216-658-4597.

Items of Note:

-Beginning June 13, the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) will implement changes in bus routes according to the 2019 System Redesign Study by Jarret Walker + Associates. The name of the bus system redesign is NEXT GEN RTA. The system redesign reflects the priorities of the community to add more frequent bus service but to continue serving all areas where RTA currently provides service. To view interactive maps and new NEXT GEN RTA bus schedules, visit RTA's website:

<http://www.riderta.com/nextgen> NEXT GEN RTA does not include changes to RTA's Red Line or HealthLine service.

-As part of the NextGen RTA changes coming in June, all bus fares for all riders will be waived June 13th - 19th.

-A workout at I/O Fit in Cleveland Heights is being planned in memory and tribute of friend of CSC Gabe, the youngster who passed away last year. For more information, click here: <https://www.iofitcle.com/> for the organization's website or visit their Instagram page here <https://www.instagram.com/p/COqcd8JJVT6/>

Did You Know:

-Did you know the city of San Francisco is mostly water? The 232 square miles that make up this Bay Area city are only 20% land and 80% water.