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## **Golf Event at Topgolf Raises \$20,000 for CSC!**

-Cleveland Sight Center's Annual Golf Classic was held at Topgolf Cleveland in Independence on Thursday evening. The event had 120 attendees including members of the Board of Trustees, CSC staff, corporate partners and many friends of the agency who enjoyed a unique twist on the golfing experience while networking and learning about Cleveland Sight Center! Joining the event was Mayor Justin Bibb of the City of Cleveland and various members of his staff, who were guests of Cleveland Sight Center Board Chair Bonnie Teeuwen.

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Capitol Partners, Gallagher, HW&Co., KeyBank, Kinzua Environmental, Littler, OTIS Elevator, Strategy Design Partners, Topgolf, Vocon, Westfield Bank, Larry Benders, Ralph Johnson, Beth Smith, Bonnie Teeuwen, Judy and Steven Willensky.

Proceeds from this event allows Cleveland Sight Center staff to provide the blind and visually impaired community with the tools and trainings through the Empowerment Fund, a donor-funded client financial assistance program.

Thank you for your support of Cleveland Sight Center!

Image is a group photo of Larry Benders, Judith Weyburne, Susie Meles, Mayor Justin Bibb, Board Chair Bonnie Teeuwen, Kevin Krencisz and Jassen Tawil

Image is two golfers lined up to hit their shots with the Topgolf range in the background  
Image of the Topgolf board room area where attendees are seated at tables enjoying food, beverage and air conditioning

Image is a participant at the top of her backswing as she hits the ball into the range



## Annual Educators Workshop Scheduled for August 11th:

-Cleveland Sight Center and the Children & Young Adult Services team hosts the annual Workshop for Educators at Cleveland Sight Center on Thursday, August 11th. The workshop is designed for professionals (general education, intervention specialists, administrators, therapists, and support staff) who will be working with children with low vision, cortical visual impairment and/or blindness during the 2022-23 school year. The presentations and topics are aimed to equip educators with the knowledge, resources and strategies to help them meet their students' needs. The event will begin with a general introduction and overview of working with students with low vision and blindness. Areas of the expanded core curriculum will be introduced, along with information about recreational, pre-employment and transitional services for students with low vision and blindness. To view the sessions offered including topics along with registration information, [click here](#). For more information or questions, contact Kristen Callahan at 216-658-8774 or [kcallahan@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:kcallahan@clevelandsightcenter.org).



## What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:

-Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) moderated two conference call group interviews For CSC clients and first-year medical students from the School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University as part of their Chronic Conditions Field Experience program. The objective of the interview sessions with people living with a chronic condition is an attempt to better understand how the medical system and doctors can better meet their needs.



In addition, Tom was interviewed on ADA Cleveland's podcast, "Disability in the Land," to talk about CSC's programs and services with emphasis on the impact CSC has in the disability community and how our work aligns with ADA Cleveland's mission and directives. ADA Cleveland, formed in August 2014, is a coalition of agencies and organizations from Greater Cleveland who share in the mission to provide greater access and opportunity for individuals

with disabilities. Along with their various constituencies, all of the agencies and organizations share a commitment to engaging the community at large in order to continue to spread awareness about the ADA and to ensure access for individuals with disabilities.

-Check out the 2022 Highbrook Lodge camp report, which was recently published and posted to the Highbrook Lodge main page of the CSC website. There are two versions - visual and text. To reach the page, click [here](#). Some feedback from campers includes:

"This is the highlight of the year" - Longtime Camper

"We loved how everyone was so nice and helpful. Thank you for everything!" - New Bright Futures Family

"I've grown so much personally and professionally this summer" - First Time Staff Member

"After all these years, the magic is still here. The people may change, but Highbrook is forever." - Former Camper and Current Staff Member

-Check out this product in the Eyedea Shop - the Headband Illuminating Magnifier! Having trouble looking at your stamp collection or can't see the date on that wheat penny? Or maybe just reading the newspaper has become more of a struggle? The Eyedea Shop may have a solution for you or a friend or family member and it is the Headband Illuminating Magnifier, a head-mountable magnifier that is adjustable to fit your head comfortably. The adjustable LED light will shine exactly where you need it for that project or to just to read those instructions or paying your bills. Enclosed with the Headband Magnifier are five different strength plates that can be snapped into the front of the magnifier to get the best magnification for each individual. Or two plates can be inserted for even stronger magnification. The plate combinations range in strength from a 1.0X through a 6X magnification. The light box can be removed to use as a separate light source as well. This magnifier includes the three triple-A batteries and a storage box for the lenses. The price is \$50.00. Stop in and check it out!

Image of the headband illuminating magnifier shining the light with the case of magnification lenses next to it



## Items of Note:

-Check out this article on the Visual Bucket List Foundation, a nonprofit in the Richland County area that grants children facing blindness visual wishes to have meaningful experiences of their own.

-The Vision Buddy is a wearable device for people with low vision. Imagine a scuba face mask which has a collection of tactile buttons on the outside and under edge. The Vision Buddy will let you magnify texts at a normal reading distance. To learn more, [click here](#).

-Assistive apps for smartphones could help seniors with low vision regain some of their independence and relieve caregiver burden at the same time. But there's a problem: many older Americans who could benefit from apps designed for those with visual impairment do not use them. In fact, while 15.2% of people over the age of 75 reported having vision loss that could not be corrected through prescription lenses, only 6% of older smartphone users take advantage of these types of apps. Initial findings from a study cited in the Review of Optometry listed two reasons for this. First, most people who could benefit from the apps didn't even know that they existed. Second, those who did know about the apps were unclear on how to use them and needed assistance to learn. To read the full article, [click here](#).

## Did You Know:

-Did you know Alaska is the westernmost AND easternmost state in the United States, due to the fact that it stretches so far from the west that it falls into the eastern hemisphere. In fact, Semisopochnoi Island, part of Alaska's Aleutian Islands, is technically the easternmost spot in all of North America.