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Strengthening Partnerships:

-Cleveland Sight Center partners with The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve for their newest exhibit titled "W/O Limits: Art, Chronic Illness, & Disability" curated by Megan Alves and Mindy Tousley. One of the pieces being featured is by artist and friend of CSC Chapelle Letman, Jr., who's "Vertical Predator" sculpture is being loaned to the exhibit from its permanent home at Highbrook Lodge. Several of Letman's sculptures will also be on display. The exhibition will feature braille tags, large text hand-outs and a selection of touchable sculptures for visitors to explore. Descriptive tours are available by appointment for those with visual impairments. Information about the gallery and hours is as follows:

The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve 1834 E. 123rd Street, Cleveland OH 44106 Gallery Hours: Wed - Fri 10:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m., Sat 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information, visit https://www.artistsarchives.org/event/w-o-limits/, email Megan Alves, programs@artistsarchives.org or call 216-721-9020

-A resident from University Hospitals visited CSC this week to shadow low vision specialist Dr. Annalisa Schloss and talked with Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) while touring the facility to learn more about how CSC empowers clients to become independent.

-Colin Montoya, a braille instructor for the Foundation for Blind Children, and his wife recently moved to the Cleveland area from Phoenix, Arizona. They visited CSC this week to learn more about the agency, had a tour with Alicia Howerton (Strategic Partnerships Manager) and understand what events and braille services might need help with going forward.

What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:



-Students in preschool wrapped up another week of classes, practicing safety including a fire drill and lockdown drills. Thanks to Officer Adam who was a huge help! Students also visited the Cleveland Museum of Art and enjoyed the displays and exhibits, then spent time on some art projects of their own in the classroom.

Remember, preschool open enrollment is ongoing. For more information, contact Susie Meles (x8747).

Image of two preschool students using red and pink paint to create their artwork

Image is a smiling preschool student with Officer Adam kneeling next to him

-The Leisure and Lifestyle Services (LLS) department is excited to announce the fall program schedule! Programs are slated to begin September 27th. Please join us in person or virtually.

**Please note: due to limited capacity, individuals interested in attending programming must call or email Gabriella Drago (Leisure and Lifestyle Specialist) at 216-658-4598 or gdrago@clevelandsightcenter.org.

Tuesday

11:00-12:00 Braille Notes Singing Group

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Piano Class

2:00-3:00 Ballroom Dancing (weeks 1 and 3)

2:00-3:00 Line Dancing (weeks 2 and 4)

3:00-4:00 Art Class

4:00-5:00 Yoga (hybrid in person and virtual)

Wednesday:

10:00-11:00 Coffee Chat (virtual)

4:00-5:00 Trivia League (virtual)

Thursday:

1:00-3:00	Book Discussion (2nd Thursday starting in November, will be hybrid in person and virtual)
2:00-4:00	Cooking Class (sign up only)
4:00-5:00	Music Group (start date TBD)

-Volunteer Services is looking for General Program Assistants to support these Recreation programs at Cleveland Sight Center this fall. If you know anyone that might be interested, please contact Gabriella Drago (Leisure & Lifestyles Specialist) at x4598 or gdrago@clevelandsightcenter.org.

General Program Assistants

Assistants will help in any program time that they are available. They may help clients participate in art projects, learn dance or exercise movements being taught by an instructor, escort clients to the various locations in the building, and serve as someone with whom clients can socialize and engage.

Items of Note:

- -A group of US-based chemists have transformed scientific charts and images into tactile materials that are accessible to blind and visually impaired researchers. This could help to reduce barriers faced by people with low vision who wish to study and work in science. To read more, click here.
- -Cleveland Sight Center is hiring for several great opportunities, including Vision Rehabilitation Manager! Please pass this opportunity along to anyone who you know may be qualified and interested! Positions and applications posted at: https://recruitingbypaycor.com/career/CareerHome.action? clientId=8a7883d0620df5d50162208078d04254

Did You Know:

-Did you know months that begin on a Sunday will always have a Friday the 13th.