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Engaging the Community:

-With the school year upon us and students back in the classroom, check out some "do's" and "don'ts" for teachers, educators and staff to keep in mind in a short video created by the Marketing and Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) teams along with two students. The full video can be accessed here.

-Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) visited the Great Lakes Science Center and gave a training in "Blindness Basics" to staff as part of their staff development initiative. Tom also presented a "Tips Talk" which included a CSC overview of programs and services and the Independent Living Older Blind (ILOB) programs for individuals and groups to residents and staff at The Westerly/Barton Senior Apartments in Lakewood. Finishing out the week, Tom as CSC member representative at ADA Cleveland's March for Access this Saturday at Public Square, will provide any needed assistance to anyone desiring help during the event and along the march route. The ADA Cleveland member organizations serve people with disabilities of all ages in different ways, from recreation to employment.

-Volunteer Services is looking for support for upcoming Recreation programs at Cleveland Sight Center this fall. Below are some opportunities; if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact Gabriella Drago (Leisure & Lifestyles Specialist) at x4598 or gdrago@clevelandsightcenter.org.

Generally, these programs will occur at Cleveland Sight Center on either Tuesdays or Thursdays between 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. but can be flexible based on the availability of the volunteer(s).

Dance or Exercise Instructors

Are you a student, expert, or professional in the fields of dance, exercise science, personal training, or any other movement practice? We are seeking an individual to provide a weekly or biweekly movement-based class for adult clients who are blind or visually impaired. General timeline is one 1-hour class per week

Beginner Group Piano Instructor

We are seeking someone to provide a weekly piano class for approximately 6 adults who are blind or visually impaired. Students will learn music by ear and through group and individual instruction. Volunteer must be able to meet the musical needs of each individual in the group, while helping participants grow in their abilities. General timeline is one 1-hour class per week.

Art Instructor

Are you an art student, an artist, an expert crafter, or perhaps a retired art teacher? We are seeking a volunteer to run a once monthly art class for adult clients who are blind or visually impaired. This individual would work with the leisure and lifestyle specialist to identify potential art projects and select needed materials within a given budget. Volunteer must be comfortable with providing, or learning to provide, clear verbal instructions to ensure client success with art projects.

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.

Beloved Cleveland Artists' Bequest Best Art Works to CSC:

Cleveland's Gilded Age tradition of philanthropy continues with a recent gift of brilliant paintings from the Estate of Joseph and Algesa O'Sickey. Cleveland Sight Center is delighted to partner with Neue Auctions of Beachwood to offer this incredible collection of historic, fine art to the community to raise funds for CSC programming.

The O'Sickey estate donated 22 works by Joseph including many brightly colored, over-sized oil paintings for which he is best known. Two-hundred charming and never-before seen paintings, sketches and studies by Algesa also complete the collection. View the amazing life's work of these prolific artists online.

This generous donation is an important way to augment the Cleveland Sight Center's mission and to add a vibrant and colorful work of art to your life.

Please call Cynthia at Neue Auctions at (216) 245-6707 regarding availability and purchase.

SAVE THE DATE to Join Cleveland Sight Center and Neue Auctions for The O'Sickey Collection Viewing Party on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Neue Auctions inside the Ohio Design Center in Beachwood. More details will be available soon!

Items of Note:

-Cleveland Sight Center is hiring for several great opportunities! Please visit the "Jobs at CSC" tab on the Cleveland Sight Center website for openings.

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

- -Researchers and entrepreneurs have developed an implant made of collagen protein from pig's skin, which resembles the human cornea. In a pilot study, the implant restored vision to 20 people with diseased corneas, most of whom were blind prior to receiving the implant. To read the full article from Science Daily, click here.
- -When making hashtags on social media, remember to capitalize the first letter of each word. Hashtags are not accessible without the first letter of each word being capitalized and screen reading software has difficulty recognizing as such. For example, a hashtag for "disability and inclusion" should read "#DisabilityAndInclusion" not "disabilityandinclusion"

Did You Know:

-Did you know Monopoly is the most played board game in the world? Over 275 million Monopoly board game sets have been sold worldwide. It has also been translated into 47 other languages apart from English.