

## APRIL IS NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH!

During his first flight to Cleveland, Jae Heo waited to take his first excursion to Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) to begin his freshman year. A man came rushing down the aisle, and he quickly sat in the seat next to Jae. This man, Dr. Rhee, was the Department Chair of Ophthalmology at University Hospitals. Upon hearing Jae's interests during that flight, Dr. Rhee told Jae that he should look into an organization called Case for Sight, a vision advocacy group at CWRU aimed at spreading eye care awareness throughout the CWRU and Cleveland communities. Jae has been with Case for Sight for over three years since.

Case for Sight frequently partners with Cleveland Sight Center (CSC) on programs, events and volunteer support. Jae has now been involved with CSC in a variety of ways, beginning his personal volunteer experience with CSC by serving in the Therapeutic Recreation department as a Walking Club volunteer and extended his services to CSC's Bright Futures Preschool.

In Fiscal Year 2017 at Cleveland Sight Center, **457** volunteers contributed **11,820 hours** to the agency. This equals a value of **\$285,335** (based on the Independent Sector's value of a volunteer hour - \$24.14/hr)! The passion, dedication and tireless support comes from volunteers of all kinds – corporate groups, small organizations, individuals and many more. Volunteers are often found assisting in a variety of programs held at CSC every day, or within a department of the agency helping staff continue to serve those who are blind or have low vision.

Are you interested in learning about more volunteer opportunities available at CSC? [Click here](#) to find out how you can become more involved today!